Country Profile: Liberia

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Read the Department of State <u>Background Notes</u> on Liberia for additional information.

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Country Name:	Liberia
Continent:	Africa
Capital City:	Monrovia
Boundary Countries:	Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Monrovia, Yekepa, Zwedru, Greenville, Harper, Harbel, Buchanan, Robertsport, Tubmanburg, Voinjama, Gbamga
Country Size:	111,370 sq km
Population:	3,195,931

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English 20% (official), some 20 ethnic group languages, of which a few can be written and are used in correspondence			
Currency:	Liberian Dollar (LRD)			
Predominant Religions:	Christian 40%, Muslim 20%, indigenous beliefs 40%			
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 26 July (1847)			
Economic Status:	Despite nearly four years of peace and a renewal of economic growth, Liberia is still one of the poorest countries in the world and many basic services (public power, water and sewage, land line phones) are either limited or unavailable.			
Security:	Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL): Army, Navy, Air Force			
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Monrovia 502 Benson Street Monrovia Phone: (+231) 77-677-7000			
Major Airports:	Airports: 53 Airports w/paved runways: 2 Monrovia Spriggs Payne Airport (MLW/GLMR) Monrovia, Spriggs Payne, Liberia, PO Box 3817, Spriggs Payne Airport, Monrovia, LIBERIA Tel: +231 47 541603			

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