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# Transport Fare Watch

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## METHODOLOGY

Fieldwork is done solely by over 700 NBS Staff in all States of the federation supported by supervisors who are monitored by internal and external observers.

Prices are collected across all the 774 local governments across all States and the FCT from over 10,000 respondents and locations and reflect actual fare households state they actually paid for those services.

The average of all these fares is then reported for each state and the average for the country is the average for the state.

NBS audit team subsequently conducts randomly selected verification of fares recorded.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Transport Fare Watch for January 2026 covers the following categories: bus journey within the city per drop constant route; bus journey intercity (state route) charge per person; air fare charge for specified routes single journey; journey by motorcycle (Okada) per drop; and water way passenger transport.

The average fare paid by commuters for bus journeys within the city per drop decreased by 3.48% from ₦1,229.78 in December 2025 to ₦1,186.98 in January 2026. On a year-on-year basis, it increased by 29.10% from ₦919.42 in January 2025.

In another category, the average fare paid by commuters for bus journey intercity per drop was ₦8,504.39 in January 2026, indicating a decrease of 1.98% on a month-on-month basis compared to ₦8,676.06 in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the fare increased by 12.29% from ₦7,573.28 in January 2025.

For air travel, the average fare paid by air passengers for specified routes single journey was ₦151,355.55 in January 2026, showing a decrease of 37.90% compared to December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the fare rose by 19.26% from ₦126,907.71 in January 2025.

The average transport fare paid on Okada transportation was ₦878.60 in January 2026 which shows a decrease of 1.94% when compared with the value recorded in December 2025 (₦895.98). On a year-on-year basis, the fare increased by 51.09% when compared with January 2025 (₦581.51).

For water transport (waterway passenger transportation), the average fare paid in January 2026 was ₦2,085.88 which indicates an increase of 1.09% on monthly basis. On a year-on-year basis, it increased by 34.49% from ₦1,550.95 in January 2025.

On state profile analysis, for intercity bus travel (state route charged per person fare), the highest fare was recorded in Oyo with ₦9,580.01, followed by Ogun with ₦9,563.11. The least fare was recorded in Kwara with ₦6,101.43, followed by Edo with ₦7,429.29. Lagos state recorded the highest bus journey within the city (per drop constant route) in January 2026 with ₦1,566.03 followed by Kwara with ₦1,393.23. On the other hand, Abia recorded the least with ₦649.00 followed by Adamawa with ₦695.59. Similarly, Cross River recorded the highest air transport charges (for specified routes single journeys) with ₦176,940.35, followed by Ogun with ₦175,000.81. Conversely, Gombe recorded the least fare with ₦130,500.07, followed by Bauchi with ₦133,406.25. Also, Lagos State had the highest motorcycle transport fare in January 2026 with ₦1,384.62, followed by Yobe with ₦1,209.25. Adamawa recorded the least fare with ₦628.29, followed by Akwa-Ibom with ₦645.45. Similarly, water transport fare was highest in Rivers with ₦6,838.34, followed by Bayelsa with ₦5,247.77, while the least fare was recorded in Borno with ₦872.49, followed by FCT with ₦1,025.46.

For Analysis by zone in January 2026, transport fares of bus journeys within the city recorded the highest in the South-West with ₦1,323.56, followed by North-Central with ₦1,203.99, while the South-East recorded the least with ₦1,088.67.

In terms of bus journey intercity, the South-East had the highest fare with ₦8,880.82 followed by the South-West with ₦8,760.26 while North-Central recorded the least with ₦8,142.80.

Air transportation in January 2026, the South-South recorded the highest fare with ₦161,055.48 followed by the South-West with ₦157,041.69 while the North-East had the least with ₦144,251.77.

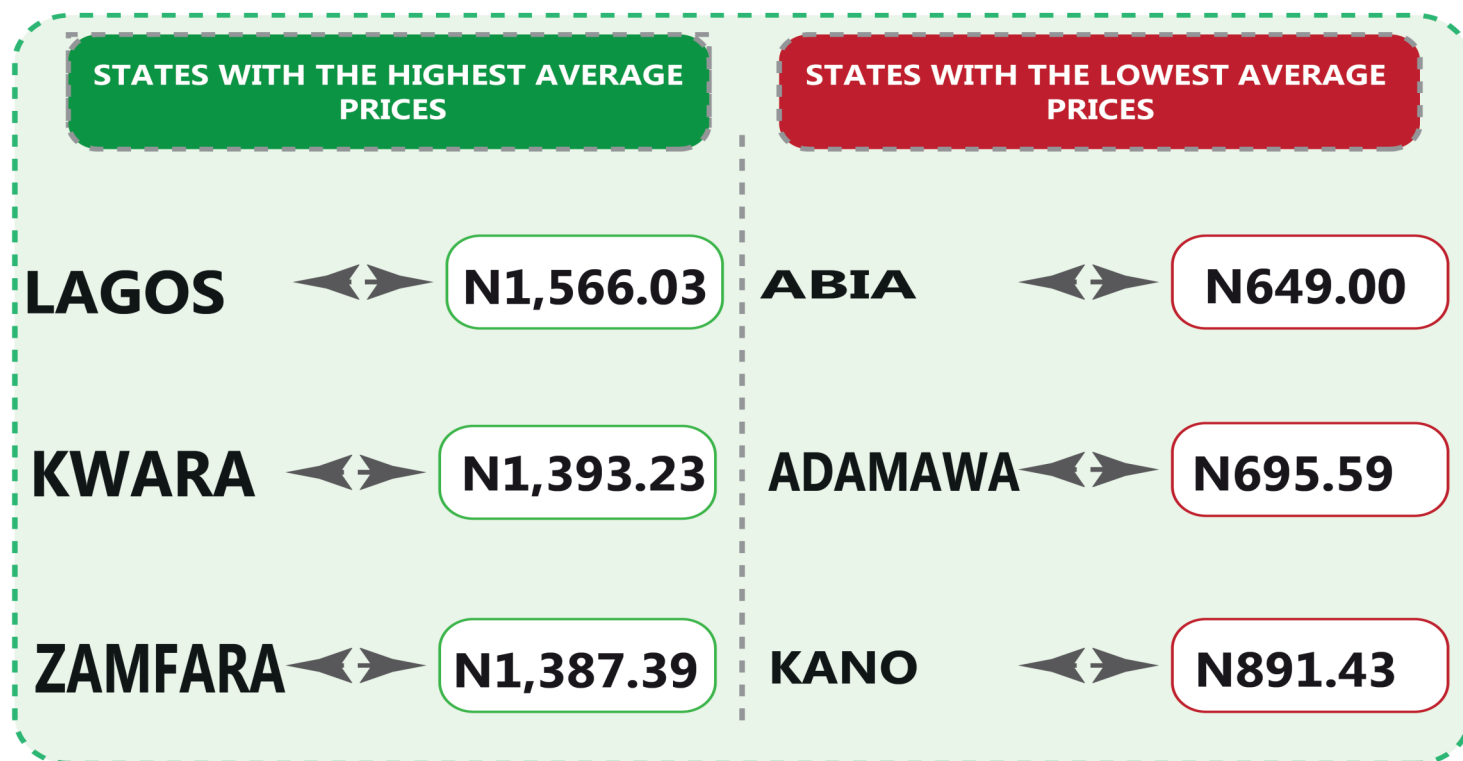
Also, commuters on a motorcycle (Okada) paid the highest fare in the South-West with ₦1,004.09 followed by North-East with ₦892.98, while the North-West recorded the least with ₦842.16.

The South -South zone had the highest fare on water transport with ₦4,880.49, followed by the South-West with ₦2,061.36, while the North-East had the least with ₦1,246.75.

# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -JANUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare Across States

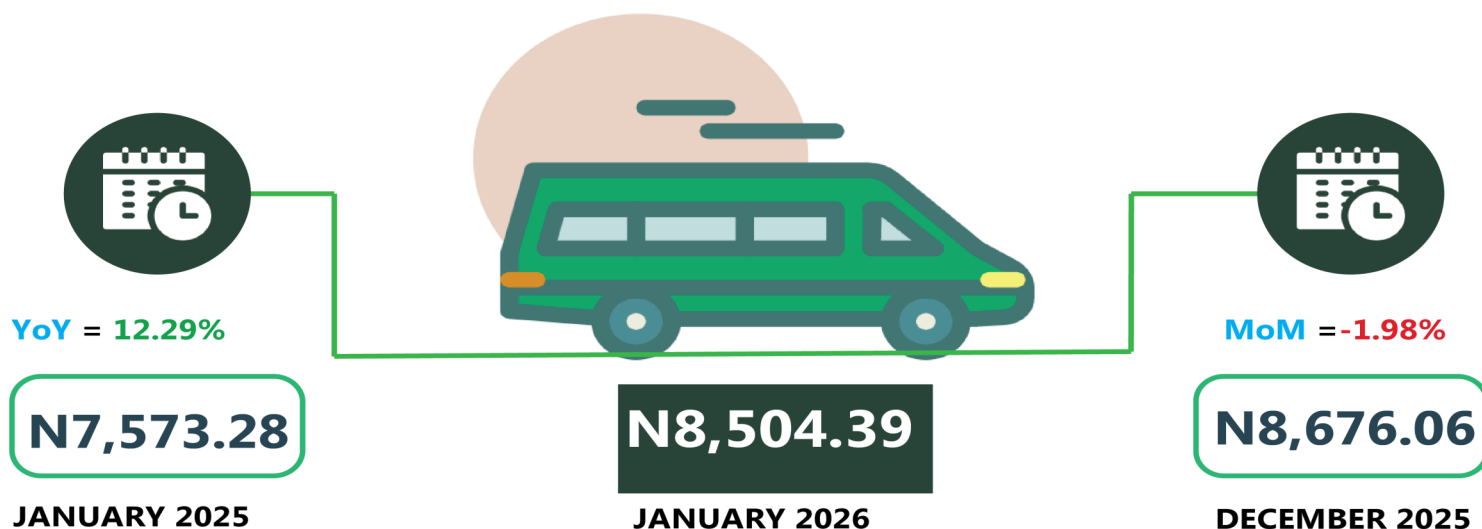
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# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - JANUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare Across States

-Bus Journey Intercity, State Route, Charge Per Person

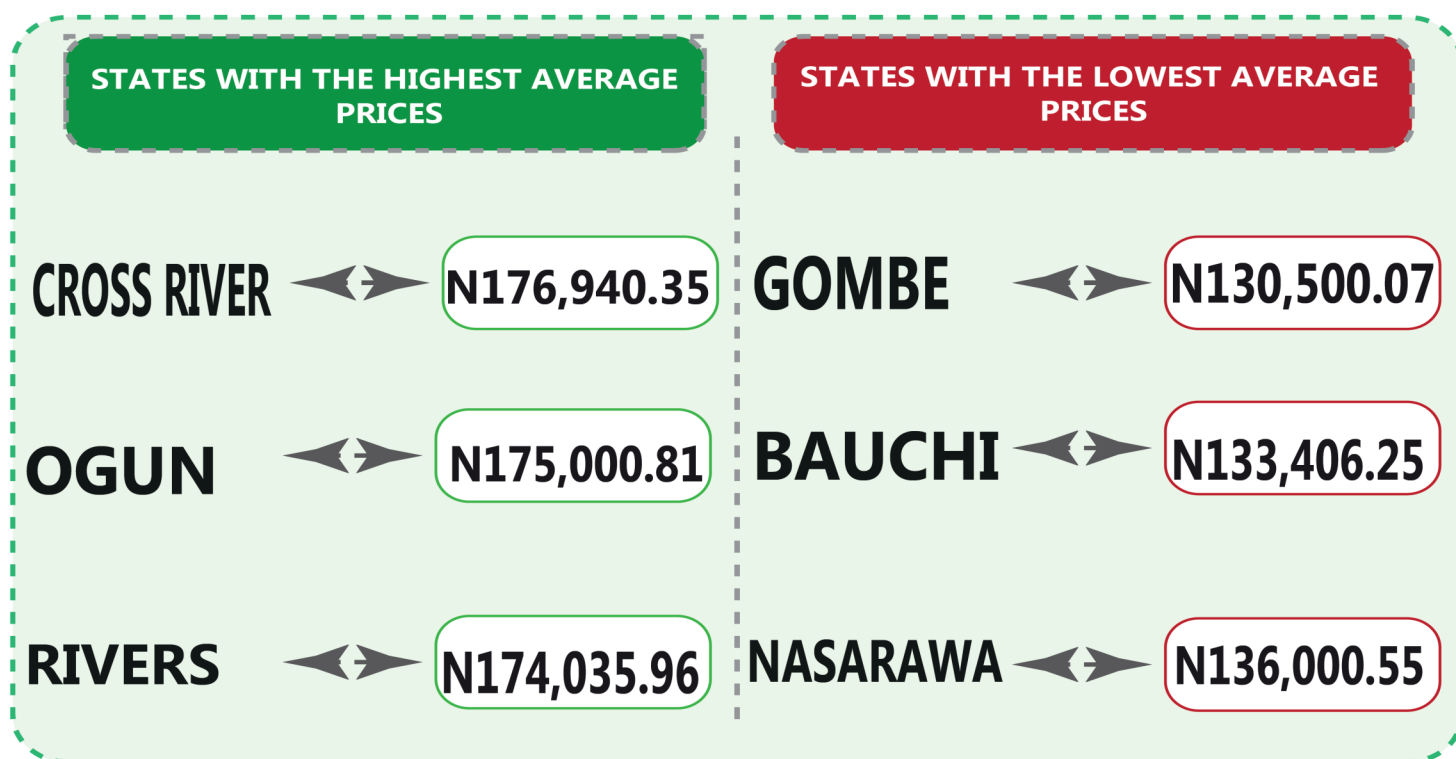


STATES WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE PRICES		STATES WITH THE LOWEST AVERAGE PRICES	
OYO	N9,580.01	KWARA	N6,101.43
OGUN	N9,563.11	EDO	N7,429.29
GOMBE	N9,499.67	EBONYI	N7,429.95

# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -JANUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare Across States

-Air Fare Charge For Specified Routes Single Journey



# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - JANUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare Across States  
-Journey by Motorcycle (Okada) Per Drop



YoY = 51.09%

**N581.51**

JANUARY 2025



MoM = -1.94%

**N895.98**

DECEMBER 2025

**N878.60**

JANUARY 2026

## STATES WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE PRICES

**LAGOS** ↔ **N1,384.62**

**YOBE** ↔ **N1,209.25**

**OGUN** ↔ **N1,172.88**

## STATES WITH THE LOWEST AVERAGE PRICES

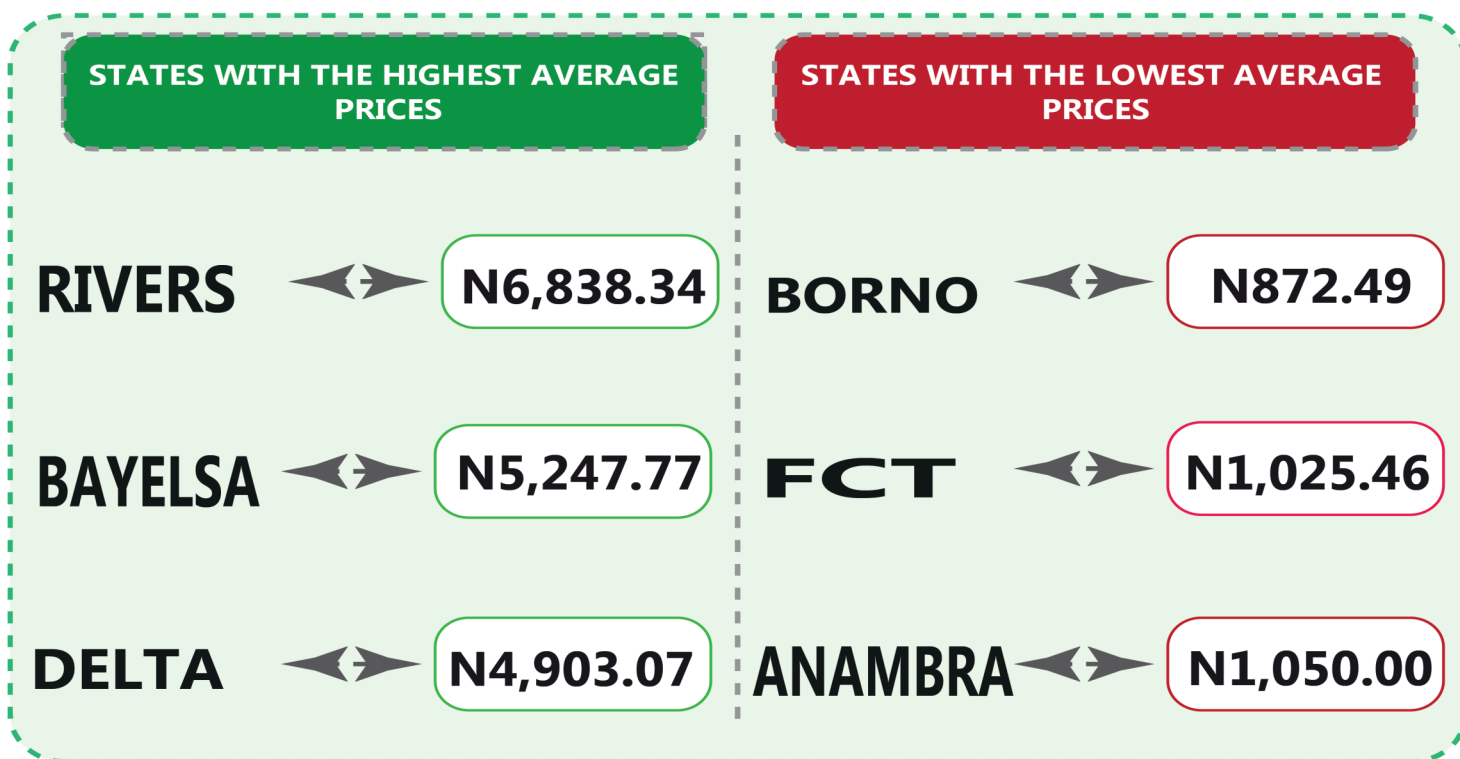
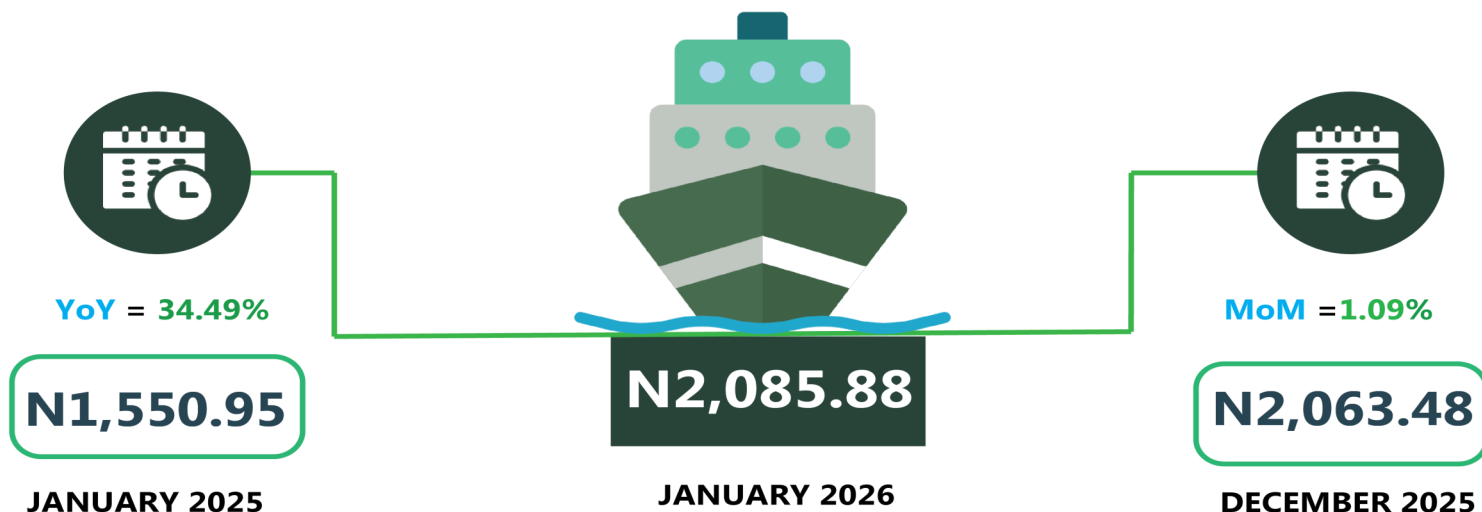
**ADAMAWA** ↔ **N628.29**

**AKWA IBOM** ↔ **N645.45**

**SOKOTO** ↔ **N672.32**

# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - JANUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare Across States  
-Waterway Passenger Transport



# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -JANUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories  
NORTH CENTRAL

LOREM IPSUM



## BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



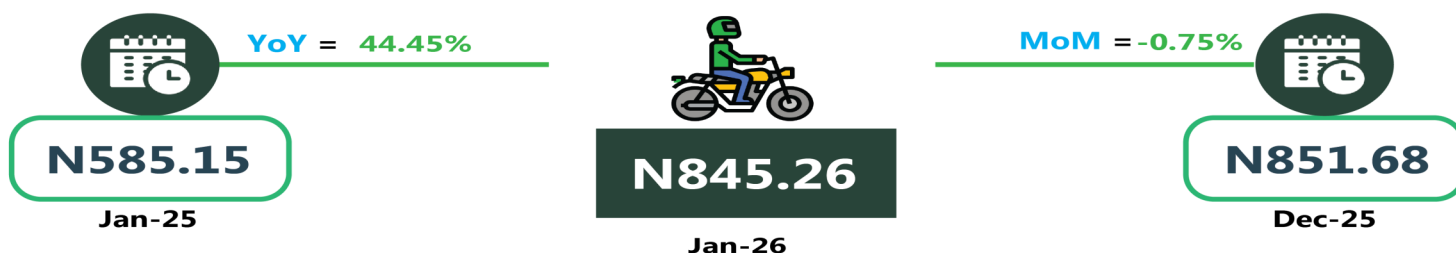
## BUS JOURNEY INTERCITY, STATE ROUTE, CHARGE PER PERSON



## AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



## JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



## WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - JANUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories  
NORTH EAST

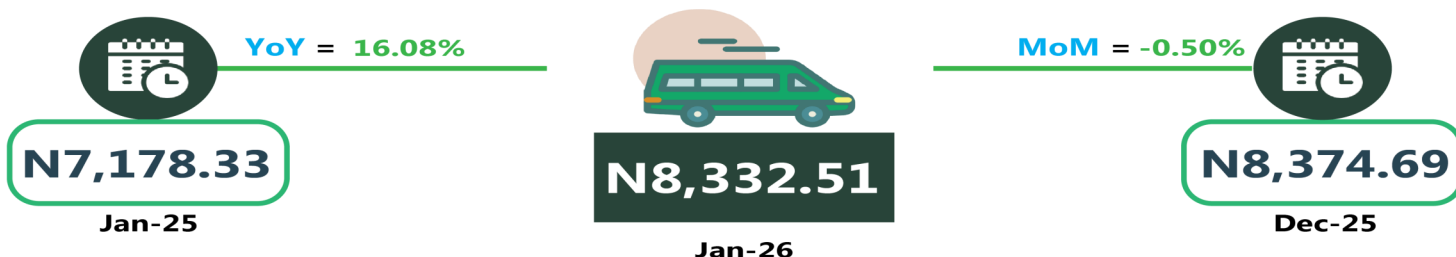
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## BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



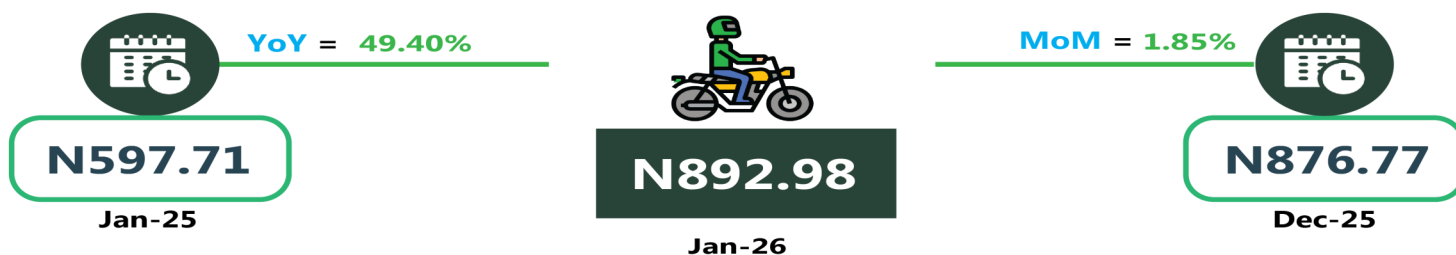
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## WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - JANUARY 2026

## Average Transport Fare by Categories NORTH WEST

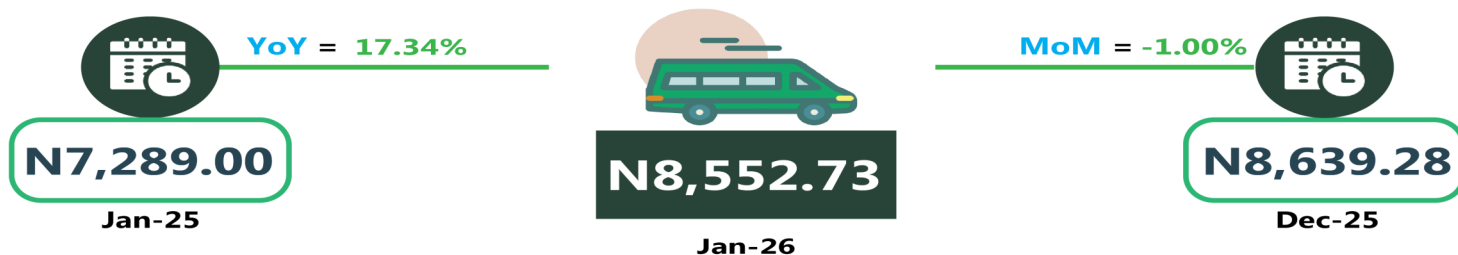
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### BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



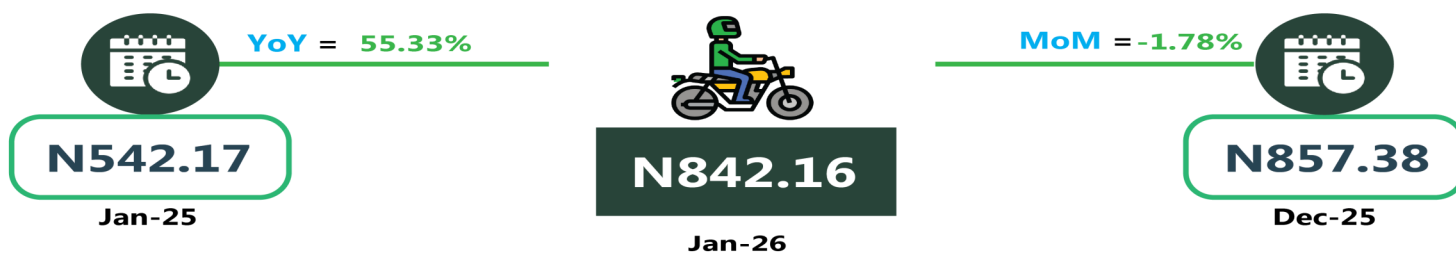
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### WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -JANUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories  
SOUTH EAST

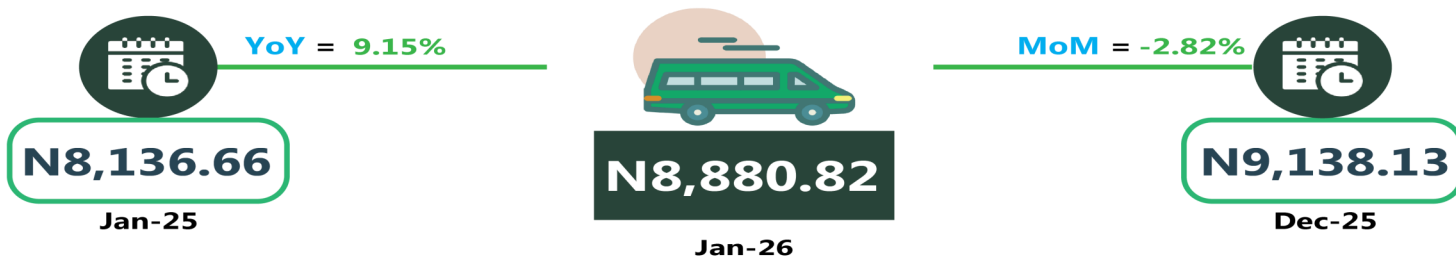
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## BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



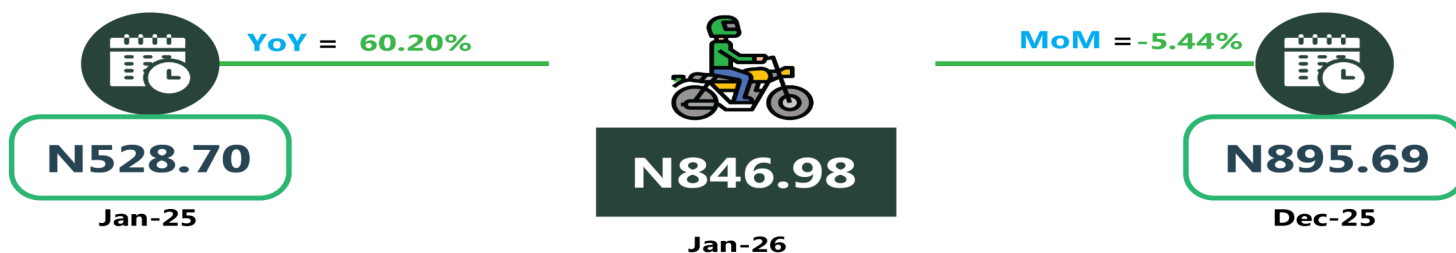
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## AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



## JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



## WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -JANUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories  
SOUTH WEST

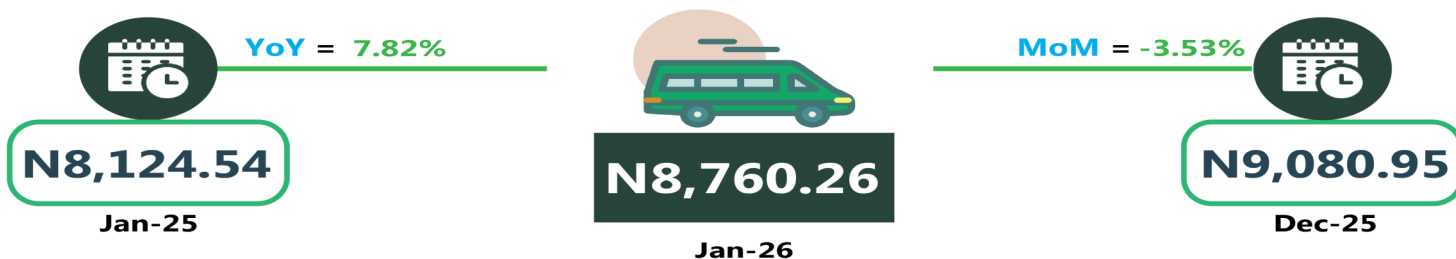
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## BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



## BUS JOURNEY INTERCITY, STATE ROUTE, CHARGE PER PERSON



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## JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



## WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



# TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -JANUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories  
SOUTH SOUTH

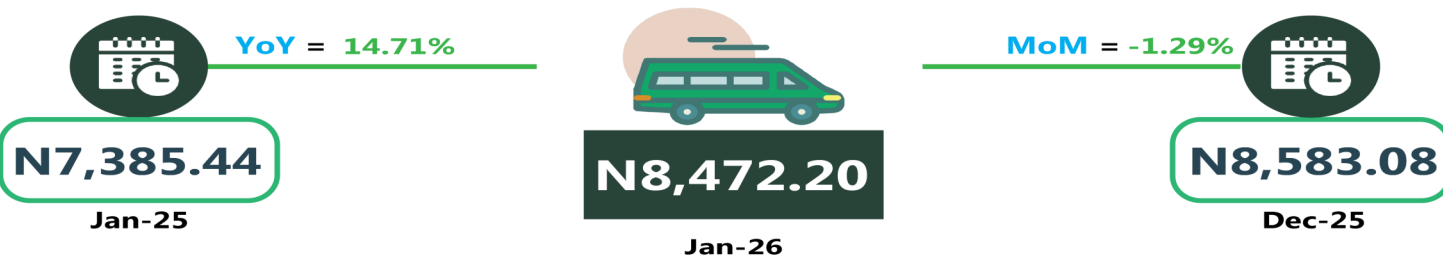
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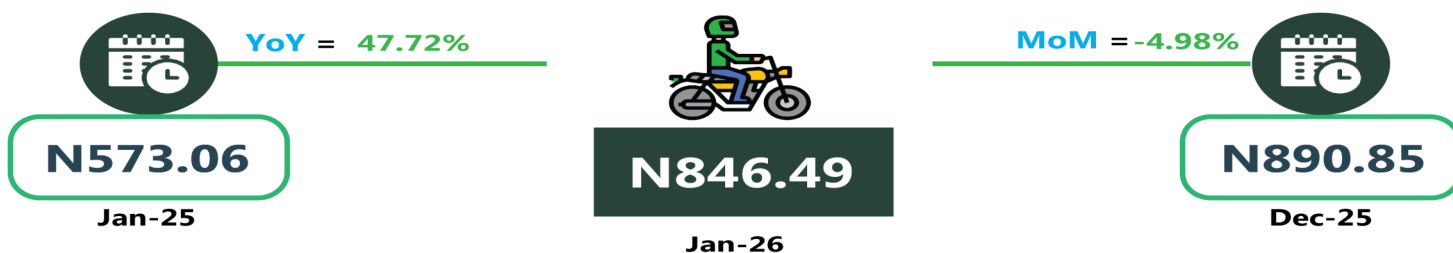
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## AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



## JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



## WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



## APPENDIX

Zone	Average of Jan-25	Average of Dec-25	Average of Jan-26	MoM	YoY
<b>Air fare charg.for specified routes single journey</b>	<b>126907.71</b>	<b>243744.59</b>	<b>151355.55</b>	<b>37.90</b>	<b>19.26</b>
NORTH CENTRAL	126644.42	207658.58	146434.67	29.48	15.63
NORTH EAST	127141.67	226682.88	144251.77	36.36	13.46
NORTH WEST	126830.00	230426.61	151392.01	34.30	19.37
SOUTH EAST	126740.00	275536.57	148254.99	46.19	16.98
SOUTH SOUTH	126055.56	282793.24	161055.48	43.05	27.77
SOUTH WEST	128063.49	252902.35	157041.69	37.90	22.63
<b>Bus journey intercity, state route, charg. per per</b>	<b>7573.28</b>	<b>8676.06</b>	<b>8504.39</b>	<b>1.98</b>	<b>12.29</b>
NORTH CENTRAL	7482.16	8373.73	8142.80	2.76	8.83
NORTH EAST	7178.33	8374.69	8332.51	0.50	16.08
NORTH WEST	7289.00	8639.28	8552.73	1.00	17.34
SOUTH EAST	8136.66	9138.13	8880.82	2.82	9.15
SOUTH SOUTH	7385.44	8583.08	8472.20	1.29	14.71
SOUTH WEST	8124.54	9080.95	8760.26	3.53	7.82
<b>Bus journey within city , per drop constant rou</b>	<b>919.42</b>	<b>1229.78</b>	<b>1186.98</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>29.10</b>
NORTH CENTRAL	974.51	1291.79	1203.99	6.80	23.55
NORTH EAST	891.50	1269.90	1194.80	5.91	34.02
NORTH WEST	908.57	1141.53	1147.05	0.48	26.25
SOUTH EAST	912.00	1142.78	1088.67	4.73	19.37
SOUTH SOUTH	866.67	1216.77	1151.24	5.39	32.84
SOUTH WEST	954.67	1305.75	1323.56	1.36	38.64
<b>Journey by motorcycle (okada) per drop</b>	<b>581.51</b>	<b>895.98</b>	<b>878.60</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>51.09</b>
NORTH CENTRAL	585.15	851.68	845.26	0.75	44.45
NORTH EAST	597.71	876.77	892.98	1.85	49.40
NORTH WEST	542.17	857.38	842.16	1.78	55.33
SOUTH EAST	528.70	895.69	846.98	5.44	60.20
SOUTH SOUTH	573.06	890.85	846.49	4.98	47.72
SOUTH WEST	659.44	1017.28	1004.09	1.30	52.26
<b>Water transport : water way passenger transportat</b>	<b>1550.95</b>	<b>2063.48</b>	<b>2085.88</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>34.49</b>
NORTH CENTRAL	1124.29	1539.70	1568.77	1.89	39.54
NORTH EAST	895.00	1248.05	1246.75	0.10	39.30
NORTH WEST	987.14	1434.68	1415.18	1.36	43.36
SOUTH EAST	1102.00	1442.05	1431.64	0.72	29.91
SOUTH SOUTH	3763.33	4780.45	4880.49	2.09	29.69
SOUTH WEST	1524.17	2024.50	2061.36	1.82	35.25

State	Air fare charg.for specified routes single journey	Bus journey in- tercity, state route, charg. per per	Bus journey within city , per drop constant rou	Journey by mo- torcycle (okada) per drop	Water transport : wa- ter way passen- ger transportat
ABIA	163000.00	9464.09	649.00	785.00	1150.00
ABUJA	155031.01	9374.32	1007.77	843.65	1025.46
ADAMAWA	150980.15	8179.54	695.59	628.29	1660.00
AKWA IBOM	160046.71	8075.69	1110.92	645.45	3200.00
ANAMBRA	140193.61	9230.72	1166.25	730.00	1050.00
BAUCHI	133406.25	7792.38	1222.80	816.28	1370.55
BAYELSA	162072.04	8083.98	1081.67	846.59	5247.77
BENUE	140979.24	8113.90	1247.43	825.38	1803.14
BORNO	140025.11	9042.13	1326.04	900.00	872.49
CROSS RIVER	176940.35	9152.11	1230.18	925.13	4787.61
DELTA	152237.20	9241.33	1228.17	826.43	4903.07
EBONYI	140000.65	7429.95	1103.04	849.61	1806.11
EDO	141000.65	7429.29	1283.04	740.61	4306.12
EKITI	150090.07	8142.03	1185.34	768.57	1396.02
ENUGU	144000.00	8874.90	1308.02	758.01	1500.03
GOMBE	130500.07	9499.67	1165.31	935.25	1150.86
IMO	154080.68	9404.43	1217.04	1112.27	1652.04
JIGAWA	140077.72	8466.64	1325.97	875.06	1500.38
KADUNA	144613.47	8443.87	1370.33	956.00	1240.00
KANO	150852.00	8281.53	891.43	945.18	1298.99
KATSINA	160000.77	8000.84	1148.82	827.34	1340.00
KEBBI	152200.13	8584.97	955.39	692.03	1224.76
KOGI	150084.09	8450.18	1125.12	904.05	2000.00
KWARA	152874.45	6101.43	1393.23	810.34	1800.00
LAGOS	170850.40	8400.79	1566.03	1384.62	2700.00
NASARAWA	136000.55	7599.07	1338.08	816.62	1358.83
NIGER	150072.67	8125.00	1170.67	751.67	1289.00
OGUN	175000.81	9563.11	1376.77	1172.88	2745.23
ONDO	145616.47	8521.73	1379.62	989.84	2273.77
OSUN	140688.45	8353.88	1127.51	848.63	1863.17
OYO	160003.95	9580.01	1306.09	860.00	1390.00
PLATEAU	140000.68	9235.71	1145.59	965.13	1705.00
RIVERS	174035.96	8850.81	973.47	1094.75	6838.34
SOKOTO	142000.00	8840.60	950.00	672.32	1770.09
TARABA	160000.46	7462.14	1378.55	868.83	1055.77
YOBE	150598.59	8019.20	1380.48	1209.25	1370.83
ZAMFARA	170000.00	9250.63	1387.39	927.15	1532.02
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>151355.55</b>	<b>8504.39</b>	<b>1186.98</b>	<b>878.60</b>	<b>2085.88</b>

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