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Transport Fare Watch

(FEBRUARY 2026)



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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 February 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 increased to 0.74% from ₦1,186.98 in January 2026 to ₦1,195.75 in February 2026. On a year-on-year basis, it increased by 26.71% from ₦943.68 in February 2025.

In another category, the average fare paid by commuters for bus journey intercity per drop was ₦8,108.81 in February 2026, indicating a decrease of 4.65% on a month-on-month basis compared to ₦8,504.39 in January 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the fare increased by 6.13% from ₦7,640.34 in February 2025.

In air travel, the average fare paid by air passengers for specified routes single journey was ₦153,647.95 in February 2026, showing an increase of 1.51% while compared to previous month (January 2026). On a year-on-year basis, the fare rose by 21.38% from ₦126,586.38 in February 2025.

The average transport fare paid on Okada transportation was ₦920.95 in February 2026 which shows an increase of 4.82% when compared with the value recorded in January 2026 (₦878.60). On a year-on-year basis, the fare increased by 53.26% when compared with February 2025 (₦600.93).

For water transport (waterway passenger transportation), the average fare paid in February 2026 was ₦2,097.30 which indicates an increase of 0.55% on monthly basis. On a year-on-year basis, it increased by 31.66% from ₦1,593.02 in February 2025.

On state profile analysis, for intercity bus travel (state route charged per person fare), the highest fare was recorded in Abia with ₦9,490.95, followed by Ogun with ₦9,402.26. The least fare was recorded in Kwara with ₦6,190.50, followed by Edo with ₦6,650.00. Lagos state recorded the highest bus journey within the city (per drop constant route) in February 2026 with ₦1,537.09 followed by Taraba with ₦1,405.36. On the other hand, Abia recorded the least with ₦699.17 followed by Adamawa with ₦700.00. Similarly, Kano recorded the highest air transport charges (for specified routes single journeys) with ₦187,742.40, followed by Ogun with ₦175,500.00. Conversely, Gombe recorded the least fare with ₦131,290.00, followed by Bauchi with ₦135,650.88. Also, Kaduna State had the highest motorcycle transport fare in February 2026 with ₦1,500.00, followed by Lagos with ₦1,416.67. Adamawa and Akwa Ibom recorded the least fare with ₦650.00, followed by Sokoto with ₦688.70. Similarly, water transport fare was highest in Rivers with ₦6,560.01, followed by Bayelsa with ₦5,338.49, while the least fare was recorded in Borno with ₦880.00, followed by Taraba with ₦1,055.77.

For Analysis by zone in February 2026, transport fares of bus journeys within the city recorded the highest in the South-West with ₦1,326.80, followed by North-Central with ₦1,233.51, while the South-East recorded the least with ₦1,116.10.

In terms of bus journey intercity, the South-East had the highest fare with ₦8,507.45 followed by the South-West with ₦8,466.25 while [North-East](#) recorded the least with ₦7,709.98.

Air transportation in February 2026, the South-South recorded the highest fare with ₦159,930.64 followed by the South-West with ₦157,565.53 while the North-East had the least with ₦146,570.01.

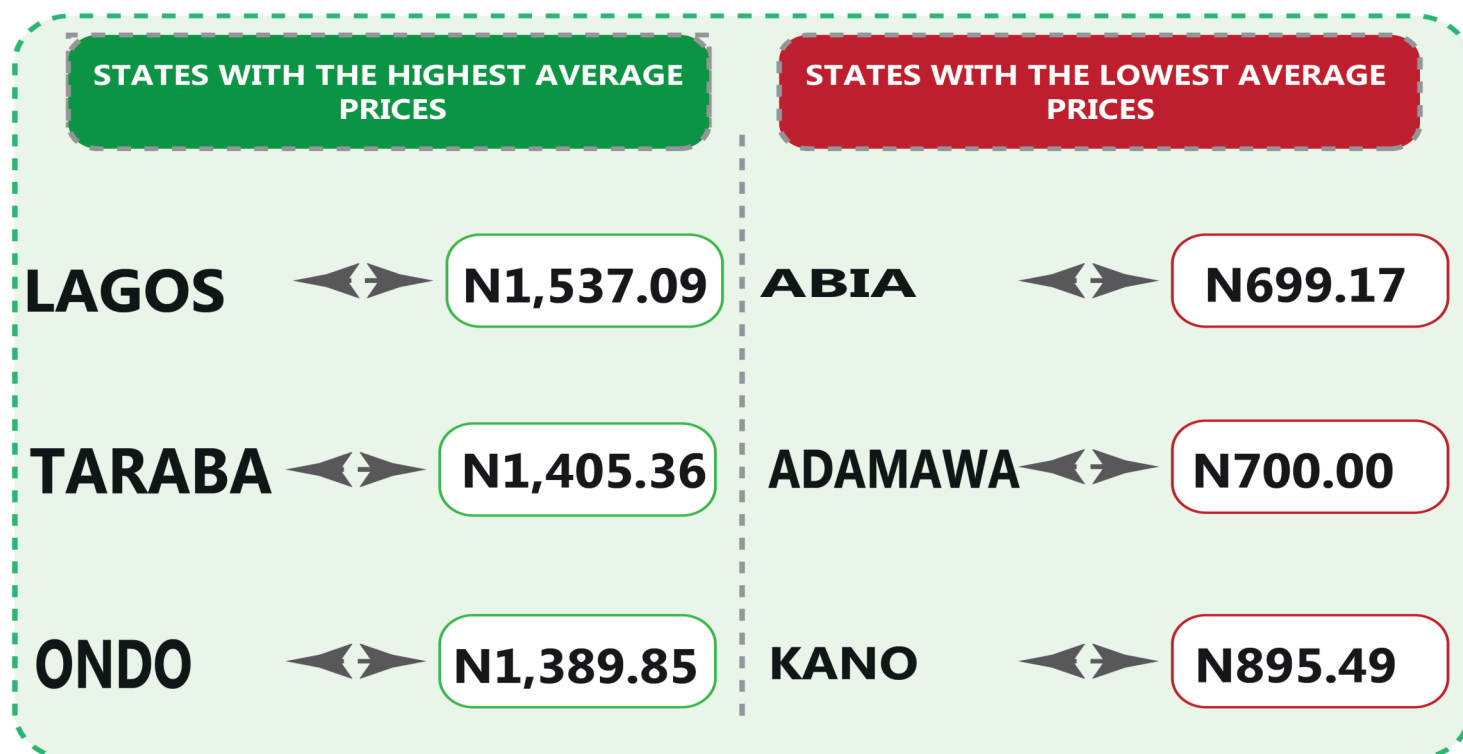
Also, commuters on a motorcycle (Okada) paid the highest fare in the South-West with ₦1,017.15 followed by South-East with ₦980.24, while the North-Central recorded the least with ₦850.78.

The South -South zone had the highest fare on water transport with ₦4,862.32, followed by the South-West with ₦2,072.13, while the North-East had the least with ₦1,260.78.

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Average Transport Fare Across States

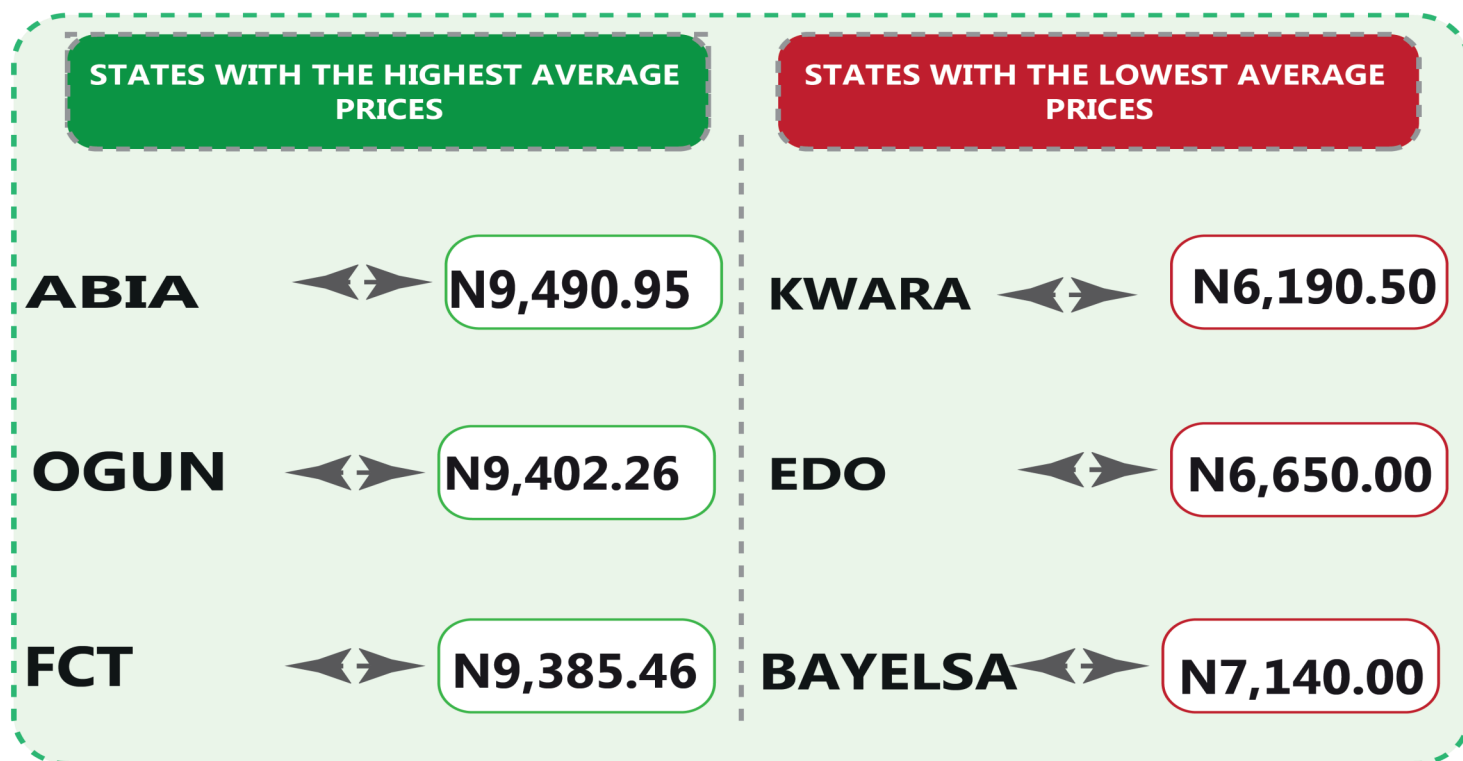
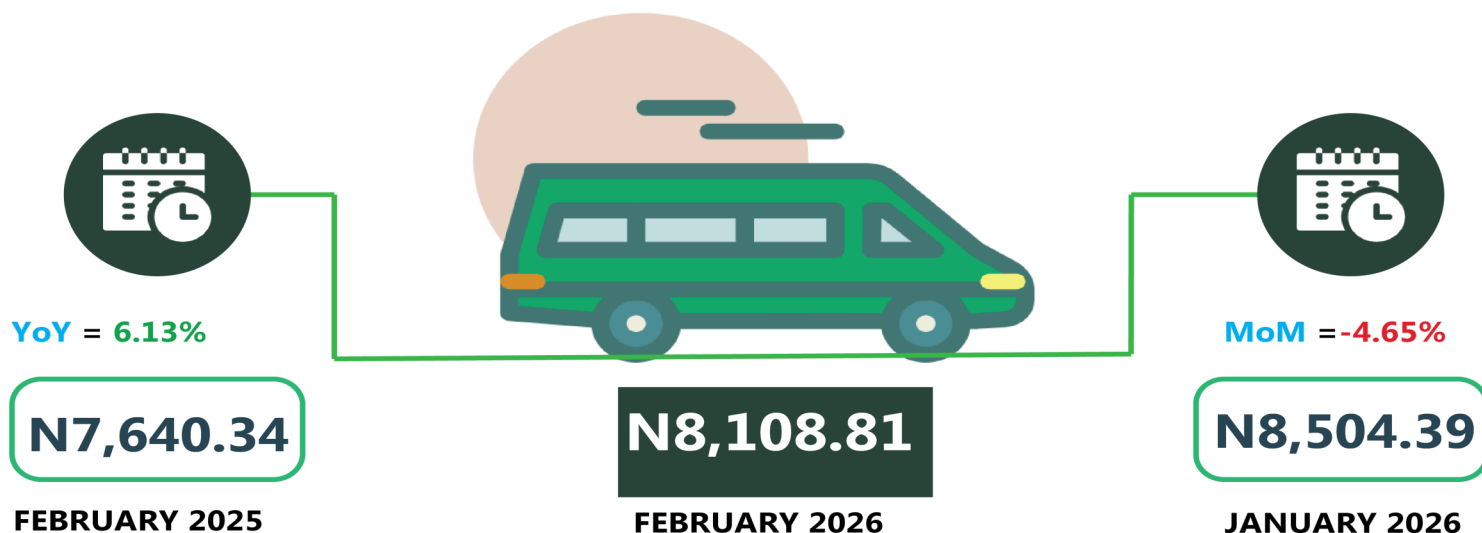
-Bus Journey Within City , Per Drop Constant Route



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Average Transport Fare Across States

-Bus Journey Intercity, State Route, Charge Per Person



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -FEBRUARY 2026

Average Transport Fare Across States

-Air Fare Charge For Specified Routes Single Journey



STATES WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE PRICES		STATES WITH THE LOWEST AVERAGE PRICES	
KANO	N187,742.40	GOMBE	N131,290.00
OGUN	N175,500.00	BAUCHI	N135,650.88
RIVERS	N174,300.10	NASARAWA	N137,000.45

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



YoY = 53.26%

N600.93

FEBRUARY 2025



MoM = 4.82%

N878.60

JANUARY 2026

N920.95

FEBRUARY 2026

STATES WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE PRICES

KADUNA

N1,500.00

LAGOS

N1,416.67

ABIA

N1,409.16

STATES WITH THE LOWEST AVERAGE PRICES

**ADAMAWA/
AKWA IBOM**

N650.00

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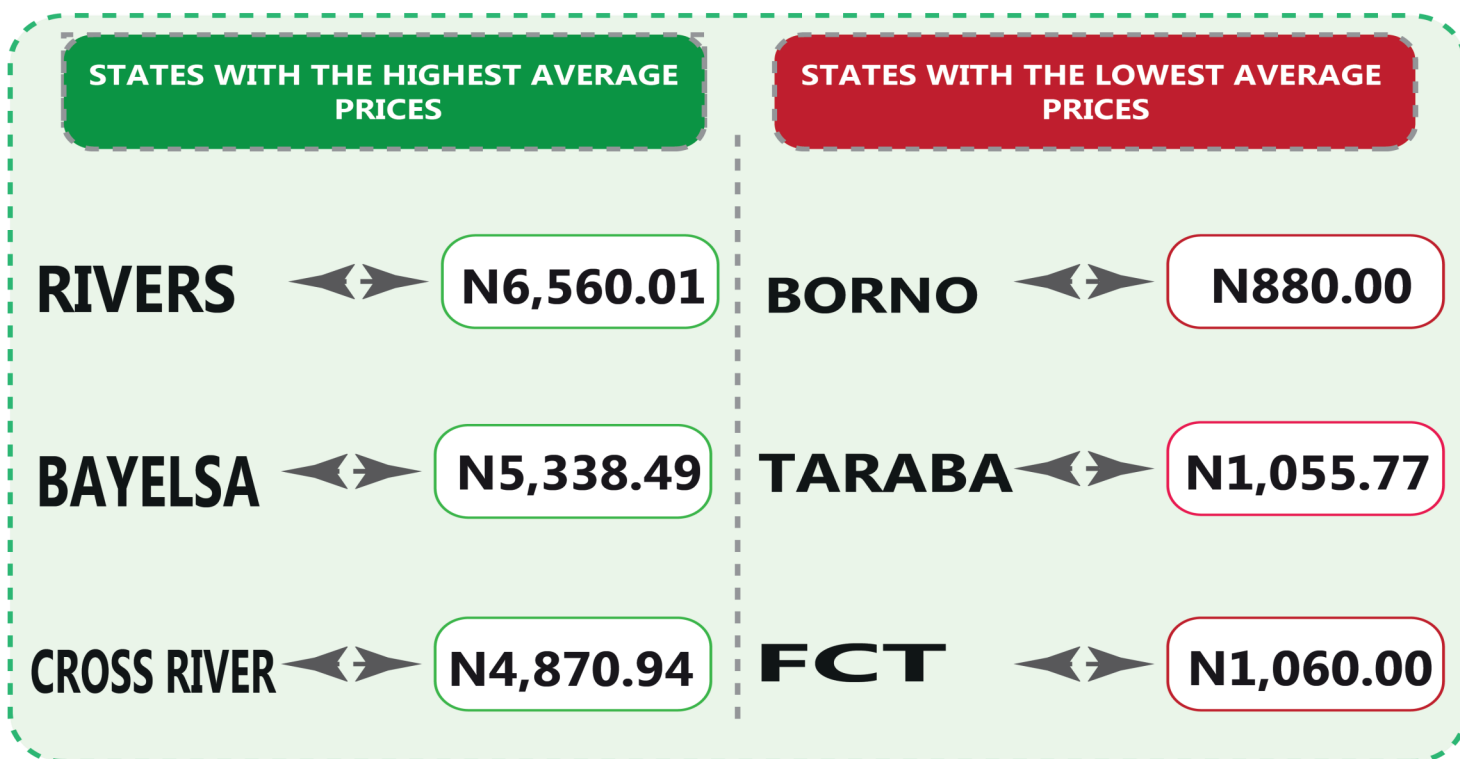
N688.70

KEBBI

N700.00

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Average Transport Fare Across States
-Waterway Passenger Transport



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Average Transport Fare by Categories NORTH CENTRAL

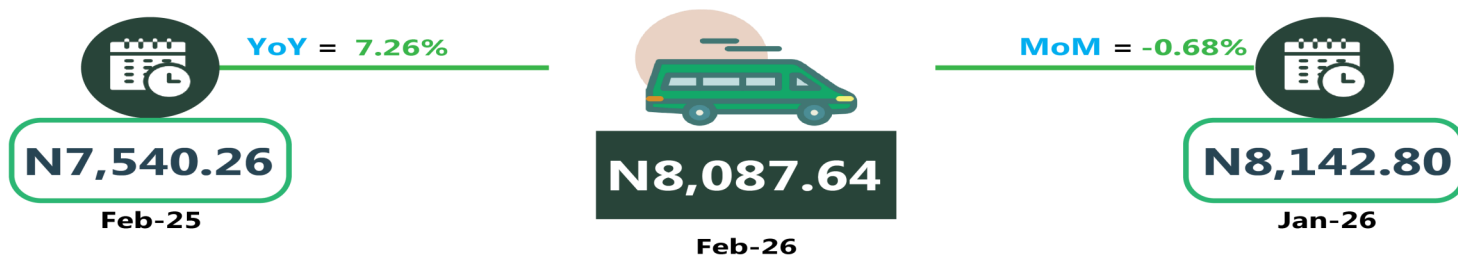
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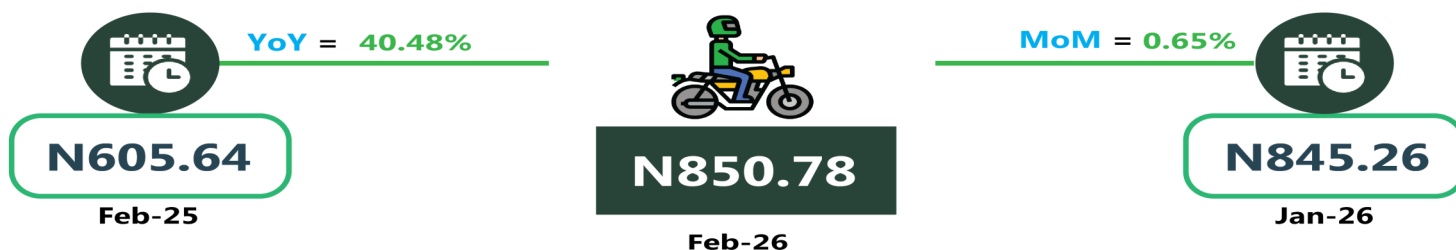
BUS JOURNEY INTERCITY, STATE ROUTE, CHARGE PER PERSON



AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



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Average Transport Fare by Categories NORTH EAST

Current Period



BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



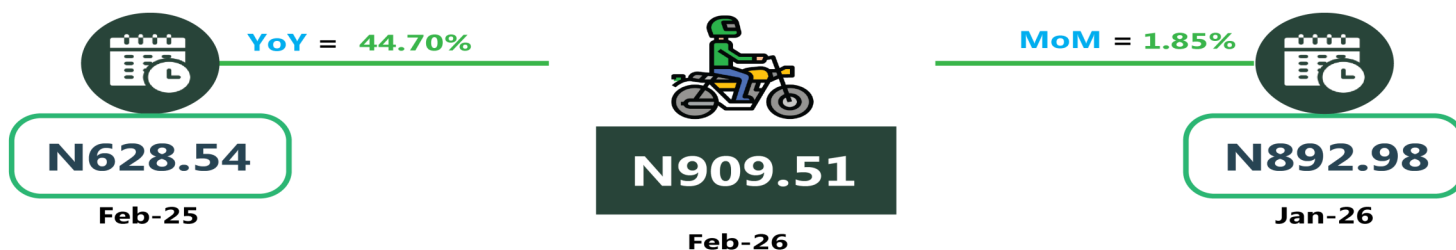
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WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



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Average Transport Fare by Categories
NORTH WEST

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BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



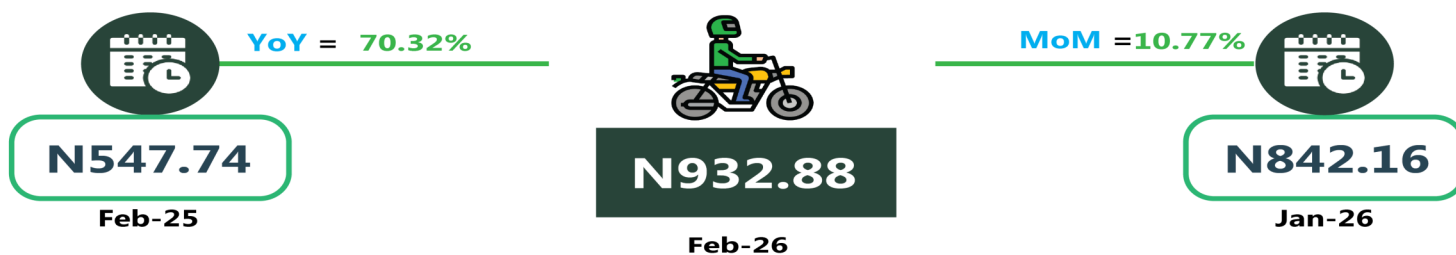
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AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



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Average Transport Fare by Categories
SOUTH EAST

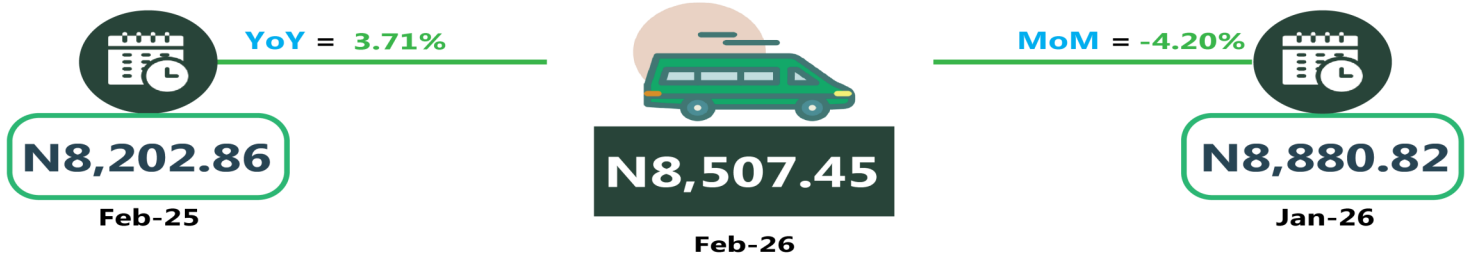
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BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



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



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Average Transport Fare by Categories
SOUTH WEST

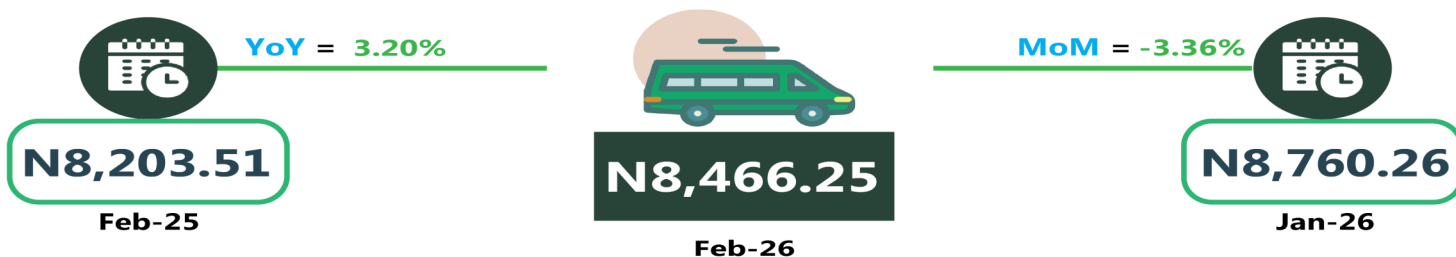
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BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



BUS JOURNEY INTERCITY, STATE ROUTE, CHARGE PER PERSON



AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



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Average Transport Fare by Categories SOUTH SOUTH

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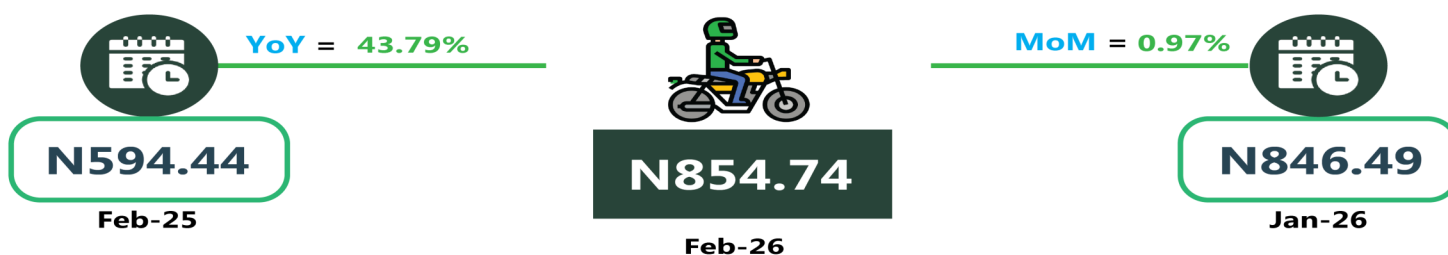
BUS JOURNEY INTERCITY, STATE ROUTE, CHARGE PER PERSON



AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



APPENDIX

Zone	Average of Feb-25	Average of Jan-26	Average of Feb-26	MoM	YoY
Air fare charg.for specified routes single journey	126586.38	151355.55	153647.95	1.51	21.38
NORTH CENTRAL	127574.49	146434.67	149087.52	1.81	16.86
NORTH EAST	128163.33	144251.77	146570.01	1.61	14.36
NORTH WEST	122757.14	151392.01	156670.59	3.49	27.63
SOUTH EAST	125440.00	148254.99	152054.05	2.56	21.22
SOUTH SOUTH	126343.89	161055.48	159930.64	0.70	26.58
SOUTH WEST	129521.91	157041.69	157565.53	0.33	21.65
Bus journey intercity, state route, charg. per per	7640.34	8504.39	8108.81	4.65	6.13
NORTH CENTRAL	7540.26	8142.80	8087.64	0.68	7.26
NORTH EAST	7281.67	8332.51	7709.98	7.47	5.88
NORTH WEST	7310.66	8552.73	8199.79	4.13	12.16
SOUTH EAST	8202.86	8880.82	8507.45	4.20	3.71
SOUTH SOUTH	7468.47	8472.20	7736.54	8.68	3.59
SOUTH WEST	8203.51	8760.26	8466.25	3.36	3.20
Bus journey within city , per drop constant rou	943.68	1186.98	1195.75	0.74	26.71
NORTH CENTRAL	973.57	1203.99	1233.51	2.45	26.70
NORTH EAST	921.33	1194.80	1191.54	0.27	29.33
NORTH WEST	936.14	1147.05	1129.68	1.51	20.67
SOUTH EAST	925.00	1088.67	1116.10	2.52	20.66
SOUTH SOUTH	898.33	1151.24	1168.30	1.48	30.05
SOUTH WEST	1000.83	1323.56	1326.80	0.24	32.57
Journey by motorcycle (okada) per drop	600.93	878.60	920.95	4.82	53.26
NORTH CENTRAL	605.64	845.26	850.78	0.65	40.48
NORTH EAST	628.54	892.98	909.51	1.85	44.70
NORTH WEST	547.74	842.16	932.88	10.77	70.32
SOUTH EAST	561.12	846.98	980.24	15.73	74.69
SOUTH SOUTH	594.44	846.49	854.74	0.97	43.79
SOUTH WEST	669.52	1004.09	1017.15	1.30	51.92
Water transport : water way passenger transportat	1593.02	2085.88	2097.30	0.55	31.66
NORTH CENTRAL	1160.00	1568.77	1578.80	0.64	36.10
NORTH EAST	927.50	1246.75	1260.78	1.13	35.93
NORTH WEST	1052.98	1415.18	1437.85	1.60	36.55
SOUTH EAST	1128.00	1431.64	1462.43	2.15	29.65
SOUTH SOUTH	3824.32	4880.49	4862.32	0.37	27.14
SOUTH WEST	1550.00	2061.36	2072.13	0.52	33.69

State	Air fare charg. for specified routes single journey	Bus journey in-tercity, state route, charg. per per	Bus journey with- in city , per drop constant rou	Journey by mo- torcycle (okada) per drop	Water transport : wa- ter way passen- ger transportat
ABIA	165000.00	9490.95	699.17	1409.16	1200.00
ABUJA	158000.78	9385.46	1223.10	860.00	1060.00
ADAMAWA	154480.15	7560.00	700.00	650.00	1690.00
AKWA IBOM	162146.71	8268.68	1197.18	650.00	3272.20
ANAMBRA	145800.00	8770.00	1173.38	750.00	1100.00
BAUCHI	135650.88	7459.25	1276.55	830.00	1380.55
BAYELSA	163072.04	7140.00	1089.30	850.00	5338.49
BENUE	144550.24	8242.69	1249.47	850.00	1760.67
BORNO	140000.00	8014.71	1389.33	920.00	880.00
CROSS RIVER	165196.55	8559.30	1205.27	940.00	4870.94
DELTA	153667.76	7680.76	1295.01	854.74	4782.29
EBONYI	141550.23	7461.85	1140.91	850.57	1810.11
EDO	141200.65	6650.00	1294.62	750.00	4350.00
EKITI	148650.00	8354.77	1190.34	787.14	1406.02
ENUGU	143420.00	8211.62	1340.85	768.33	1520.00
GOMBE	131290.00	8244.14	1149.08	948.76	1180.00
IMO	164500.00	8602.86	1226.21	1123.13	1682.04
JIGAWA	141500.72	8467.41	1076.53	880.00	1500.00
KADUNA	146650.50	8487.86	1325.33	1500.00	1250.00
KANO	187742.40	7391.51	895.49	947.75	1300.86
KATSINA	162000.46	8286.79	1152.72	848.19	1350.00
KEBBI	152300.03	8100.55	1157.26	700.00	1324.97
KOGI	151000.09	8360.48	1140.13	910.00	2000.00
KWARA	153732.56	6190.50	1316.95	815.45	1850.10
LAGOS	171552.54	8463.16	1537.09	1416.67	2714.00
NASARAWA	137000.45	7600.44	1343.52	820.00	1360.83
NIGER	149528.52	8280.67	1172.38	750.00	1300.00
OGUN	175500.00	9402.26	1380.74	1163.00	2755.23
ONDO	146502.21	8700.65	1389.85	1000.00	2283.07
OSUN	141688.45	8000.00	1220.53	856.25	1874.44
OYO	161500.00	7876.65	1242.25	879.83	1400.00
PLATEAU	149800.00	8553.21	1189.05	950.00	1720.00
RIVERS	174300.10	8120.48	928.44	1083.68	6560.01
SOKOTO	142500.00	8344.98	945.09	688.70	1789.11
TARABA	160000.46	7309.45	1405.36	870.00	1055.77
YOBE	157998.59	7672.36	1228.92	1238.31	1378.35
ZAMFARA	164000.00	8319.43	1355.35	965.54	1550.00
Grand Total	153647.95	8108.81	1195.75	920.95	2097.30

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