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Transport Fare Watch

(MARCH 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 March 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 by 14.86% from ₦1,195.75 in February 2026 to ₦1,373.49 in March 2026. On a year-on year basis, it increased by 41.33% from ₦971.80 in March 2025.

In another category, the average fare paid by commuters for bus journey intercity per drop was ₦9,564.12 in March 2026, indicating an increase of 17.95% on a month-on-month basis compared to ₦8,108.81 in February 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the fare increased by 23.86% from ₦7,722.02 in March 2025.

In air travel, the average fare paid by air passengers for specified routes single journey was ₦157,224.05 in March 2026, showing an increase of 2.33% while compared to previous month (February 2026). On a year-on -year basis, the fare rose by 22.42% from ₦128,432.80 in March 2025.

The average transport fare paid on Okada transportation was ₦1,004.34 in March 2026, which shows an increase of 9.05% when compared with the value recorded in February 2026 (₦920.95). On a year-on-year basis, the fare increased by 57.37% when compared with March 2025 (₦638.19).

For water transport (waterway passenger transportation), the average fare paid in March 2026 was ₦2,193.56, which indicates an increase of 4.59% on monthly basis. On a year-on-year basis, it increased by 32.89% from ₦1,650.66 in March 2025.

On state profile analysis, for intercity bus travel (state route charged per person fare), the highest fare was recorded in Kaduna with ₦11,499.36, followed by Abia with ₦10,996.17. The least fare was recorded in Edo with ₦7,808.75, followed by Kwara with ₦7,879.83. Zamfara state recorded the highest bus journey within the city (per drop constant route) in March 2026 with ₦1,721.77, followed by Lagos with ₦1,694.47. On the other hand, Abia recorded the least with ₦850.18 followed by Adamawa with ₦911.16. Similarly, Kano recorded the highest air transport charges (for specified routes single journeys) with ₦187,830.84, followed by Ogun with ₦175,871.00. Conversely, Gombe recorded the least fare with ₦135,594.33, followed by Nasarawa with ₦138,754.47. Also, Kaduna State had the highest motorcycle transport fare in March 2026 with ₦1,660.50, followed by Lagos with ₦1,568.25. Adamawa recorded the least fare with ₦710.50, followed by Akwa Ibom with ₦720.70. Similarly, water transport fare was highest in Rivers with ₦6,764.63, followed by Bayelsa with ₦5,468.51, while the least fare was recorded in Borno with ₦980.09, followed by FCT with ₦1,125.09.

For Analysis by zone in March 2026, transport fares of bus journeys within the city recorded the highest in the South-West with ₦1,499.87, followed by North-Central with ₦1,404.09, while the South-East recorded the least with ₦1,290.66.

In terms of bus journey intercity, the North-West had the highest fare with ₦10,065.40, followed by the South-West with ₦9,902.15, while South-South recorded the least with ₦9,111.72.

Air transportation in March 2026, the South-South recorded the highest fare with ₦163,133.43, followed by the North-West with ₦160,851.22, while the North-East had the least with ₦151,541.49.

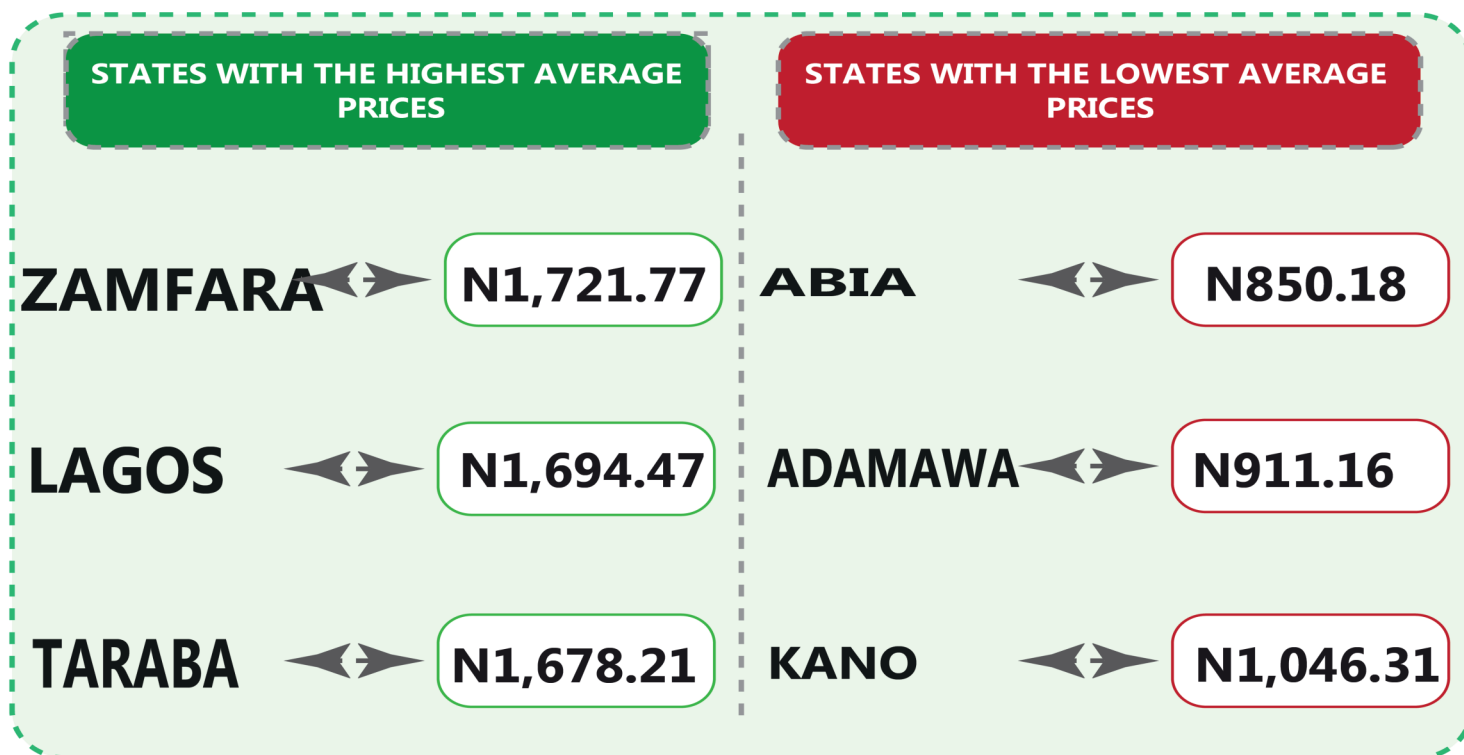
Also, commuters on a motorcycle (Okada) paid the highest fare in the South-West with ₦1,091.58, followed by South-East with ₦1,069.79, while the North-Central recorded the least with ₦930.26.

The South -South zone had the highest fare on water transport with ₦5,016.85, followed by the South-West with ₦2,166.82, while the North-East had the least with ₦1,355.30.

TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MARCH 2026

Average Transport Fare Across States

-Bus Journey Within City , Per Drop Constant Route



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - MARCH 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	
KADUNA	N11,499.36	EDO	N7,808.75
ABIA	N10,996.17	KWARA	N7,879.83
FCT	N10,944.89	BAYELSA	N8,189.98

TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MARCH 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	N187,830.84	GOMBE	N135,594.33
OGUN	N175,871.00	NASARAWA	N138,754.47
LAGOS	N174,654.66	BAUCHI	N141,796.63

TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - MARCH 2026

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



YoY = 57.37%

N638.19

MARCH 2025



MoM = 9.05%

N920.95

FEBRUARY 2026

N1,004.34

MARCH 2026

STATES WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE PRICES

KADUNA ↔ **N1,660.50**

LAGOS ↔ **N1,568.25**

ABIA ↔ **N1,559.94**

STATES WITH THE LOWEST AVERAGE PRICES

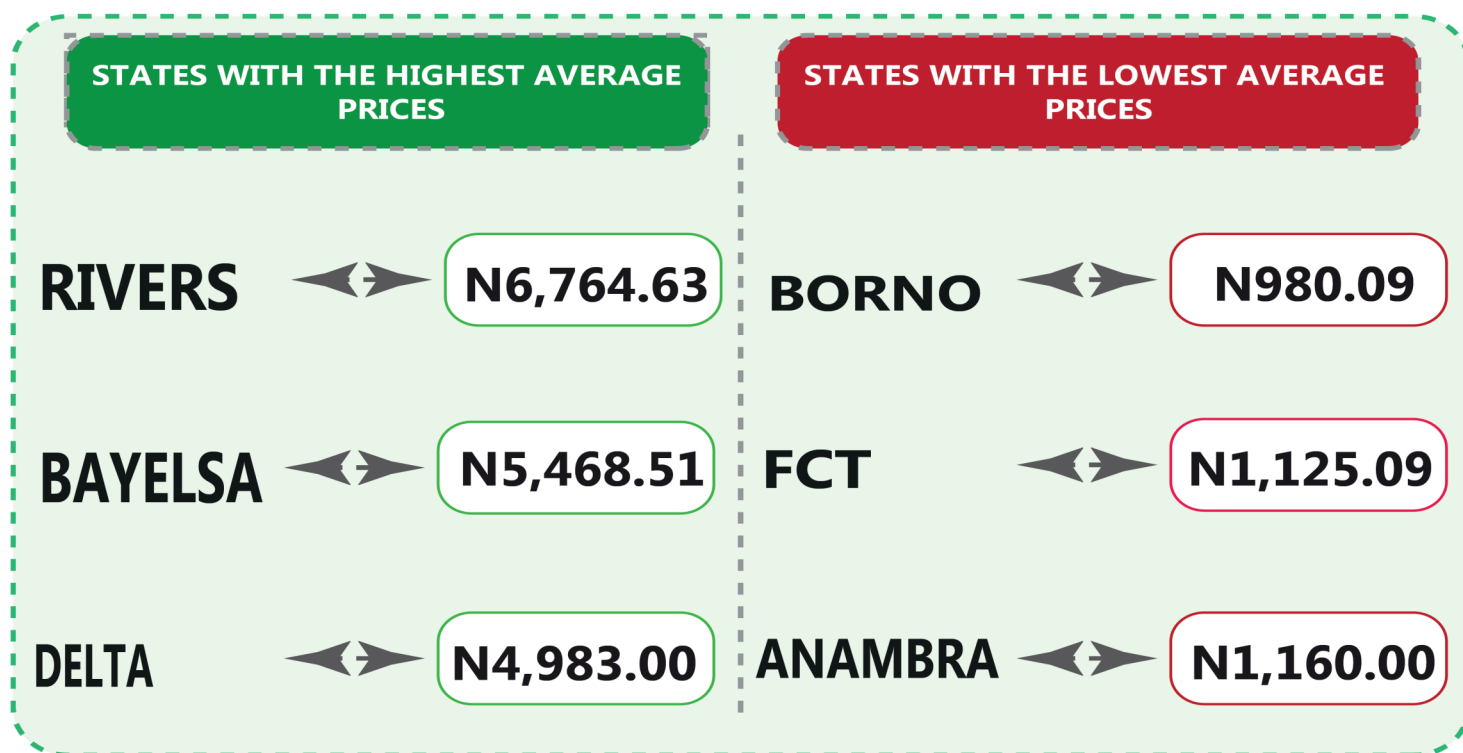
ADAMAWA ↔ **N710.50**

AKWA IBOM ↔ **N720.70**

SOKOTO ↔ **N759.43**

TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MARCH 2026

Average Transport Fare Across States
-Waterway Passenger Transport



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MARCH 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories
NORTH CENTRAL

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BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



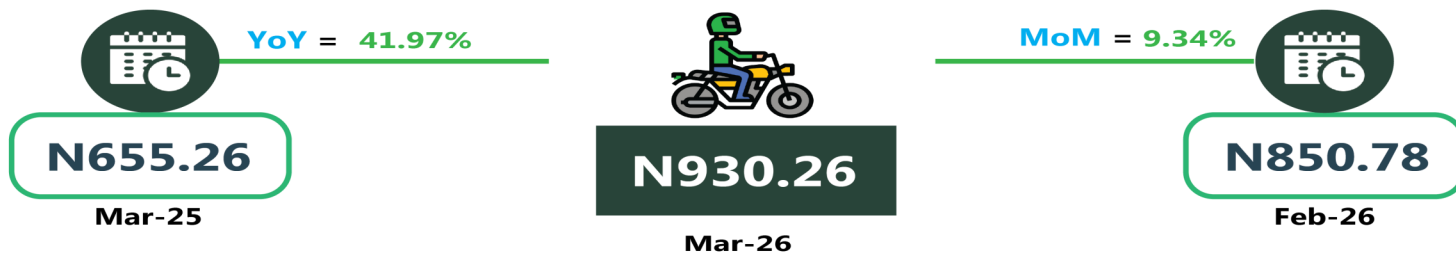
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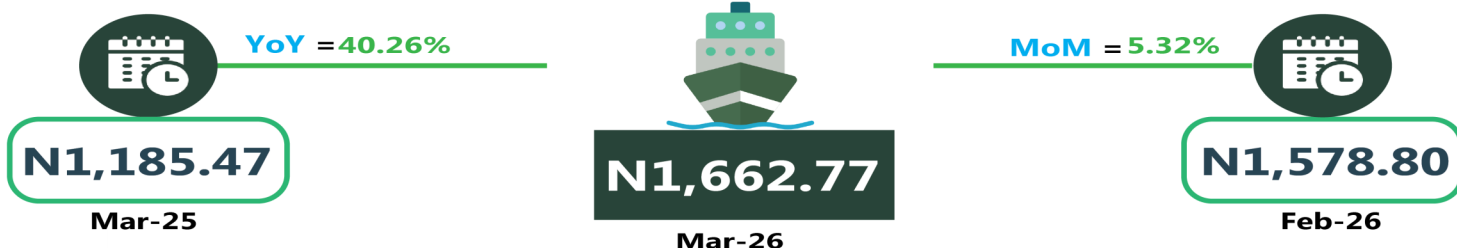
AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MARCH 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories NORTH EAST

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BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



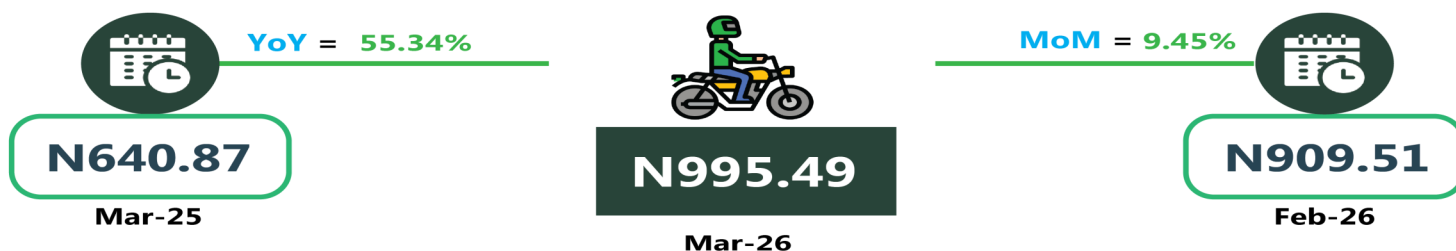
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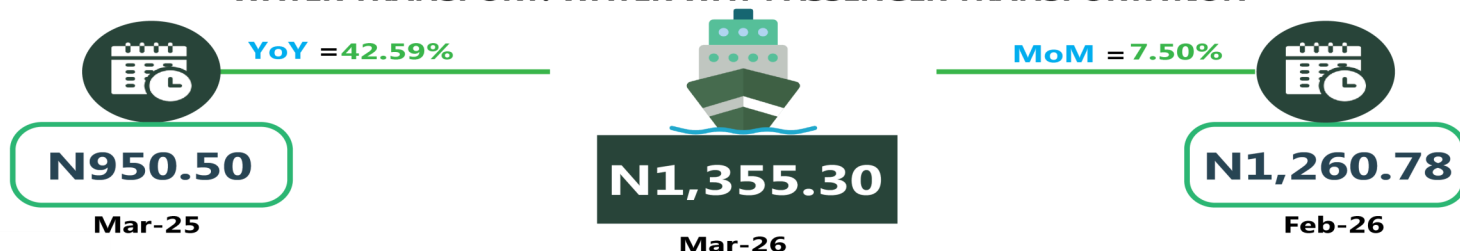
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JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MARCH 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories
NORTH WEST

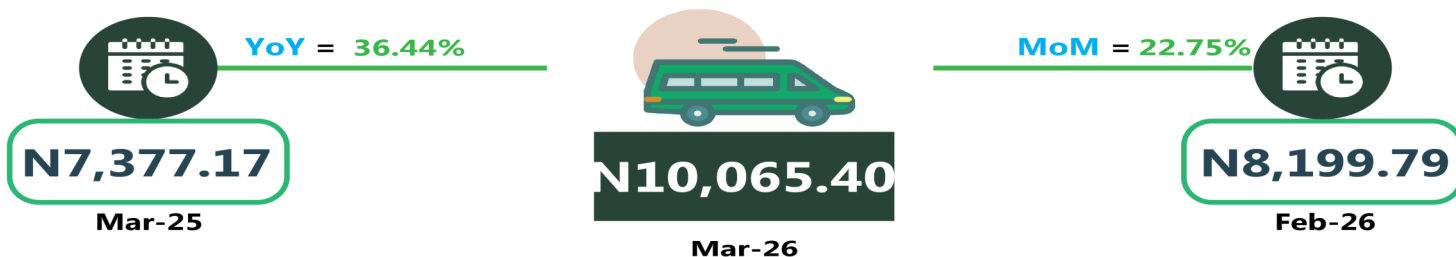
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BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



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



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MARCH 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories
SOUTH EAST

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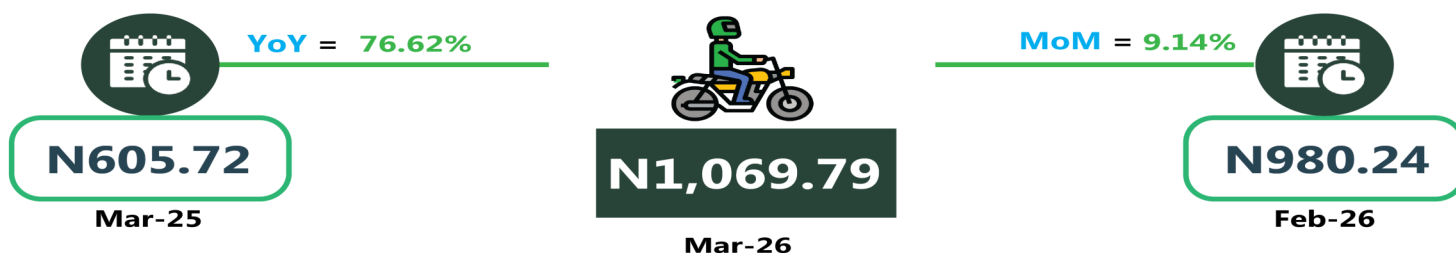
BUS JOURNEY INTERCITY, STATE ROUTE, CHARGE PER PERSON



AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MARCH 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories
SOUTH WEST

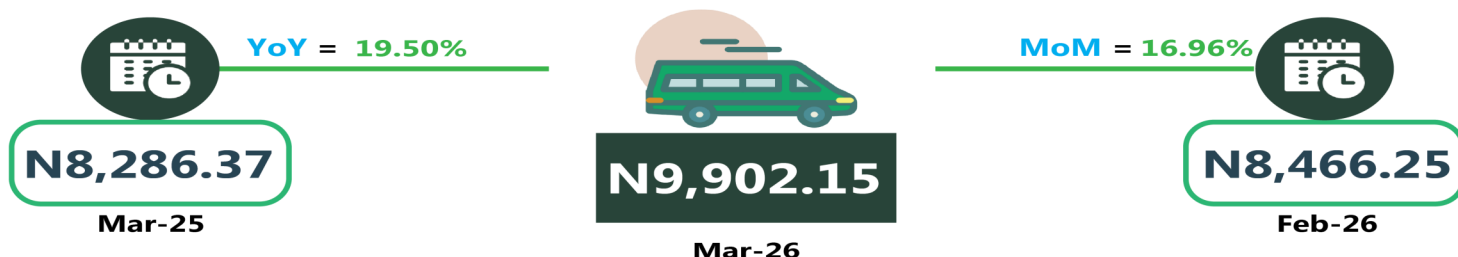
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BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



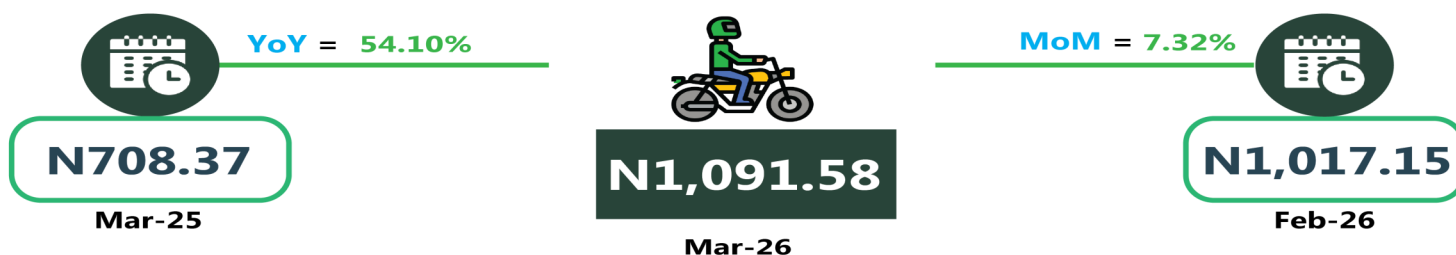
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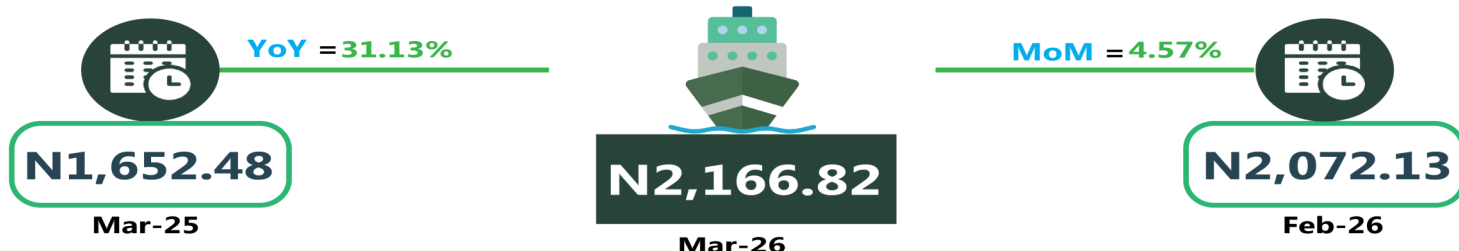
AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MARCH 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories SOUTH SOUTH

Legend (Naira)



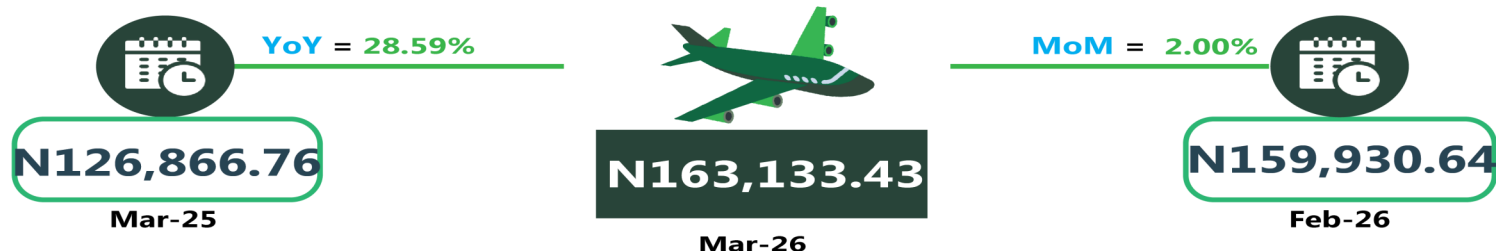
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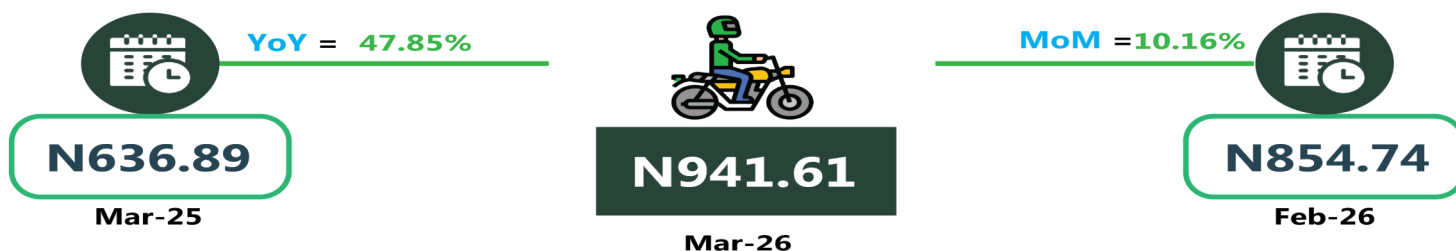
BUS JOURNEY INTERCITY, STATE ROUTE, CHARGE PER PERSON



AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



APPENDIX

Zone	Average of Mar-25	Average of Feb-26	Average of Mar-26	MoM	YoY
Air fare charg.for specified routes single journey	128432.80	153647.95	157224.05	2.33	22.42
NORTH CENTRAL	128580.49	149087.52	152030.21	1.97	18.24
NORTH EAST	129972.08	146570.01	151541.49	3.39	16.60
NORTH WEST	127688.89	156670.59	160851.22	2.67	25.97
SOUTH EAST	126808.90	152054.05	155410.89	2.21	22.56
SOUTH SOUTH	126866.76	159930.64	163133.43	2.00	28.59
SOUTH WEST	130508.41	157565.53	160336.00	1.76	22.85
Bus journey intercity, state route, charg. per per	7722.02	8108.81	9564.12	17.95	23.86
NORTH CENTRAL	7636.67	8087.64	9365.84	15.80	22.64
NORTH EAST	7376.47	7709.98	9199.37	19.32	24.71
NORTH WEST	7377.17	8199.79	10065.40	22.75	36.44
SOUTH EAST	8292.19	8507.45	9714.83	14.19	17.16
SOUTH SOUTH	7529.97	7736.54	9111.72	17.78	21.01
SOUTH WEST	8286.37	8466.25	9902.15	16.96	19.50
Bus journey within city , per drop constant rou	971.80	1195.75	1373.49	14.86	41.33
NORTH CENTRAL	1011.47	1233.51	1404.09	13.83	38.82
NORTH EAST	935.83	1191.54	1367.84	14.80	46.16
NORTH WEST	961.43	1129.68	1320.07	16.85	37.30
SOUTH EAST	943.40	1116.10	1290.66	15.64	36.81
SOUTH SOUTH	938.33	1168.30	1348.40	15.41	43.70
SOUTH WEST	1030.74	1326.80	1499.87	13.04	45.51
Journey by motorcycle (okada) per drop	638.19	920.95	1004.34	9.05	57.37
NORTH CENTRAL	655.26	850.78	930.26	9.34	41.97
NORTH EAST	640.87	909.51	995.49	9.45	55.34
NORTH WEST	582.95	932.88	1018.24	9.15	74.67
SOUTH EAST	605.72	980.24	1069.79	9.14	76.62
SOUTH SOUTH	636.89	854.74	941.61	10.16	47.85
SOUTH WEST	708.37	1017.15	1091.58	7.32	54.10
Water transport : water way passenger transportat	1650.66	2097.30	2193.56	4.59	32.89
NORTH CENTRAL	1185.47	1578.80	1662.77	5.32	40.26
NORTH EAST	950.50	1260.78	1355.30	7.50	42.59
NORTH WEST	1084.04	1437.85	1514.18	5.31	39.68
SOUTH EAST	1162.00	1462.43	1537.81	5.15	32.34
SOUTH SOUTH	3960.00	4862.32	5016.85	3.18	26.69
SOUTH WEST	1652.48	2072.13	2166.82	4.57	31.13

State	Air fare charg.for specified routes single journey	Bus journey inter- city, state route, charg. per per	Bus journey with- in city , per drop constant rou	Journey by mo- torcycle (okada) per drop	Water transport : water way pas- senger transpor- tat
ABIA	167400.09	10996.17	850.18	1559.94	1265.09
ABUJA	159480.43	10944.89	1353.97	1050.80	1125.09
ADAMAWA	160968.32	8892.41	911.16	710.50	1788.88
AKWA IBOM	165546.41	9823.03	1375.08	720.70	3532.62
ANAMBRA	150738.60	8937.19	1289.93	805.87	1160.00
BAUCHI	141796.63	8579.37	1413.14	880.95	1450.35
BAYELSA	164921.07	8189.98	1273.76	920.50	5468.51
BENUE	150621.35	8697.80	1573.83	908.19	1836.05
BORNO	145880.00	9829.48	1499.79	1120.50	980.09
CROSS RIVER	169482.58	9956.71	1474.20	1100.54	4895.24
DELTA	157230.21	9493.60	1480.32	905.01	4983.00
EBONYI	144789.32	8657.20	1362.05	980.43	1905.20
EDO	147131.08	7808.75	1398.75	830.50	4457.10
EKITI	148893.30	9423.32	1353.73	846.27	1498.47
ENUGU	147325.94	10197.26	1561.12	821.99	1586.54
GOMBE	135594.33	9386.92	1312.90	998.99	1273.20
IMO	166800.50	9786.30	1390.03	1180.72	1772.22
JIGAWA	147443.75	9885.33	1208.39	960.50	1565.09
KADUNA	146809.82	11499.36	1467.14	1660.50	1315.09
KANO	187830.84	9260.60	1046.31	1007.41	1405.52
KATSINA	168804.48	10215.44	1398.15	953.15	1415.09
KEBBI	158696.63	9867.31	1281.08	764.37	1404.68
KOGI	157342.09	9441.80	1326.66	980.56	2135.00
KWARA	156246.44	7879.83	1474.96	874.40	1911.00
LAGOS	174654.66	9945.13	1694.47	1568.25	2880.10
NASARAWA	138754.47	9132.01	1484.30	880.50	1439.08
NIGER	151928.07	9796.13	1313.07	800.85	1408.07
OGUN	175871.00	10683.25	1489.56	1214.52	2820.32
ONDO	149499.65	10783.07	1491.83	1060.50	2348.16
OSUN	147639.36	9681.57	1594.45	916.07	1988.78
OYO	165458.00	8896.57	1375.17	943.89	1465.09
PLATEAU	149838.60	9668.42	1301.88	1016.50	1785.09
RIVERS	174489.21	9398.27	1088.28	1172.43	6764.63
SOKOTO	148485.00	9744.56	1117.62	759.43	1858.76
TARABA	166720.48	9829.29	1678.21	920.50	1160.86
YOBE	158289.21	8678.76	1391.85	1341.51	1478.44
ZAMFARA	167888.00	9985.17	1721.77	1022.36	1635.02
Grand Total	157224.05	9564.12	1373.49	1004.34	2193.56



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