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Transport Fare Watch

(SEPTEMBER 2025)



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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 September 2025 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 0.33% from ₦1,045.68 in August 2025 to ₦1,049.17 in September 2025. On a year-on-year basis, it increased by 16.66% from ₦899.31 in September 2024. In another category, the average fare paid by commuters for bus journey intercity per drop was ₦8,045.59 in September 2025, indicating an increase of 0.09% on a month-on-month basis compared to ₦8,038.30 in August 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the fare increased by 12.13% from ₦7,175.06 in September 2024.

In air travel, the average fare paid by air passengers for specified routes single journey was ₦129,848.71 in September 2025, showing a decrease of 0.04% while compared to previous month (August 2025). On a year-on-year basis, the fare rose by 4.13% from ₦124,693.40 in September 2024.

The average transport fare paid on Okada transportation was ₦737.63 in September 2025 which shows an increase of 0.48% when compared with the value recorded in August 2025 (₦734.11). On a year-on-year basis, the fare increased by 38.65% when compared with September 2024 (₦532.00).

For water transport (waterway passenger transportation), the average fare paid in September 2025 was ₦1,795.40 which indicates an increase of 0.59% on monthly basis. On a year-on-year basis, it increased by 22.28% from ₦1,468.23 in September 2024.

On state profile analysis, for intercity bus travel (state route charged per person fare), the highest fare was recorded in Oyo with ₦9,917.19, followed by Imo with ₦9,722.63. The least fare was recorded in Kwara with ₦5,995.27, followed by Rivers with ₦6,285.21. Lagos state recorded the highest bus journey within the city (per drop constant route) in September 2025 with ₦1,399.51 followed by Nasarawa with ₦1,326.25. On the other hand, Abia recorded the least with ₦542.44 followed by Adamawa with ₦611.36. Similarly, Rivers recorded the highest air transport charges (for specified routes single journeys) with ₦155,319.31, followed by Oyo with ₦140,448.22. Conversely, Edo recorded the least fare with ₦117,698.47, followed by Enugu with ₦121,577.47. Also, Ogun State had the highest motorcycle transport fare in September 2025 with ₦1,182.31, followed by Lagos with ₦1,100.33. Ekiti recorded the least fare with ₦500.86, followed by Anambra with ₦552.69. Similarly, water transport fare was highest in Rivers with ₦5,887.78, followed by Bayelsa with ₦4,960.99, while the least fare was recorded in Borno with ₦687.07, followed by Gombe with ₦866.72.

For Analysis by zone in September 2025, transport fares of bus journeys within the city recorded the highest in the South- West with ₦1,139.54, followed by North-Central with ₦1,085.46, while the South-South recorded the least with ₦998.64.

In terms of bus journey intercity, the South-West had the highest fare with ₦8,632.44 followed by the South-East with ₦8,560.35 while [North-West](#) recorded the least with ₦7,760.88.

Air transportation in September 2025, the South-West recorded the highest fare with ₦132,108.32 followed by the North-East with N130,630.85 while the South-East had the least with ₦126,971.93.

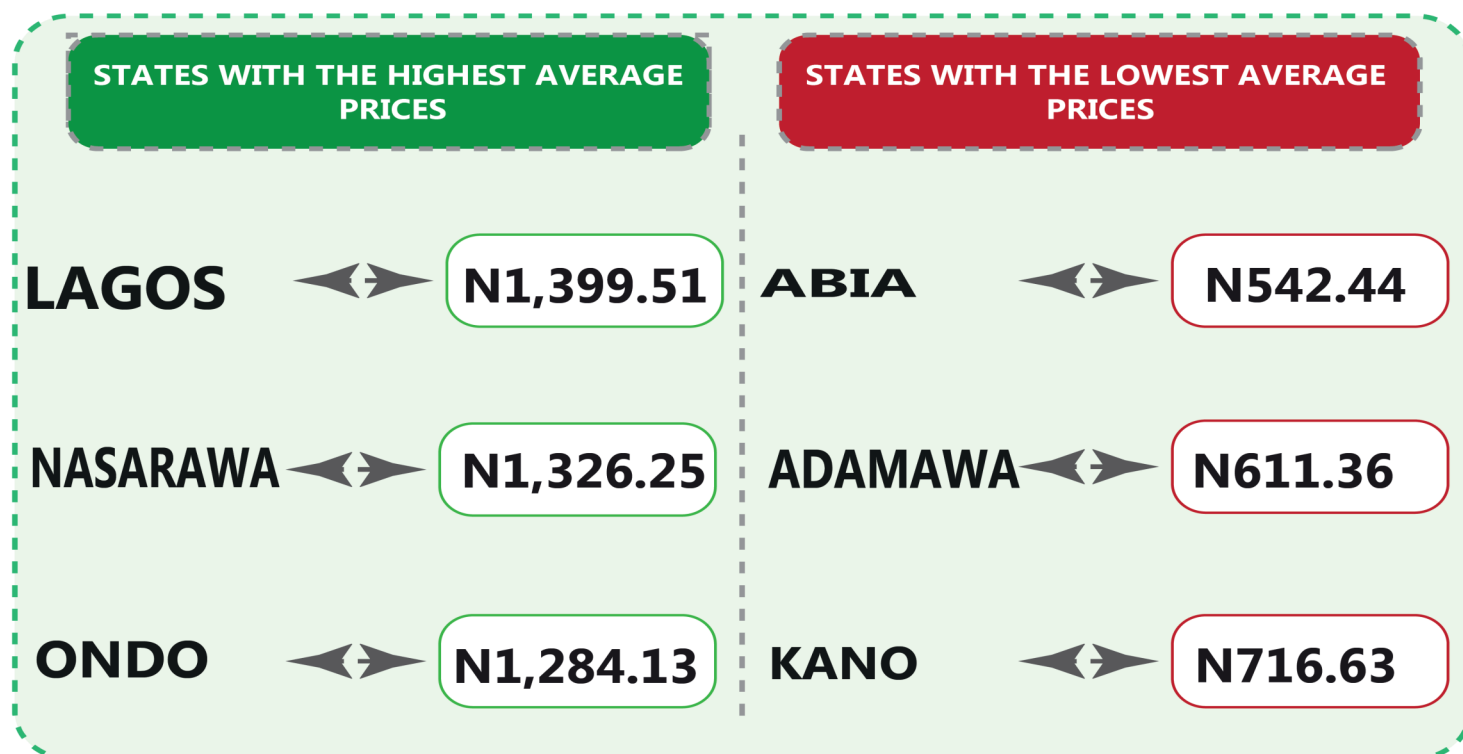
Also, commuters on a motorcycle (Okada) paid the highest fare in the South-West with ₦853.19 followed by North-Central with ₦742.95, while the North-West recorded the least with ₦686.06.

The South -South zone had the highest fare on water transport with N4,342.10, followed by the South-West with ₦1,770.20, while the North-East had the least with ₦1,027.67.

TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - SEPTEMBER 2025

Average Transport Fare Across States

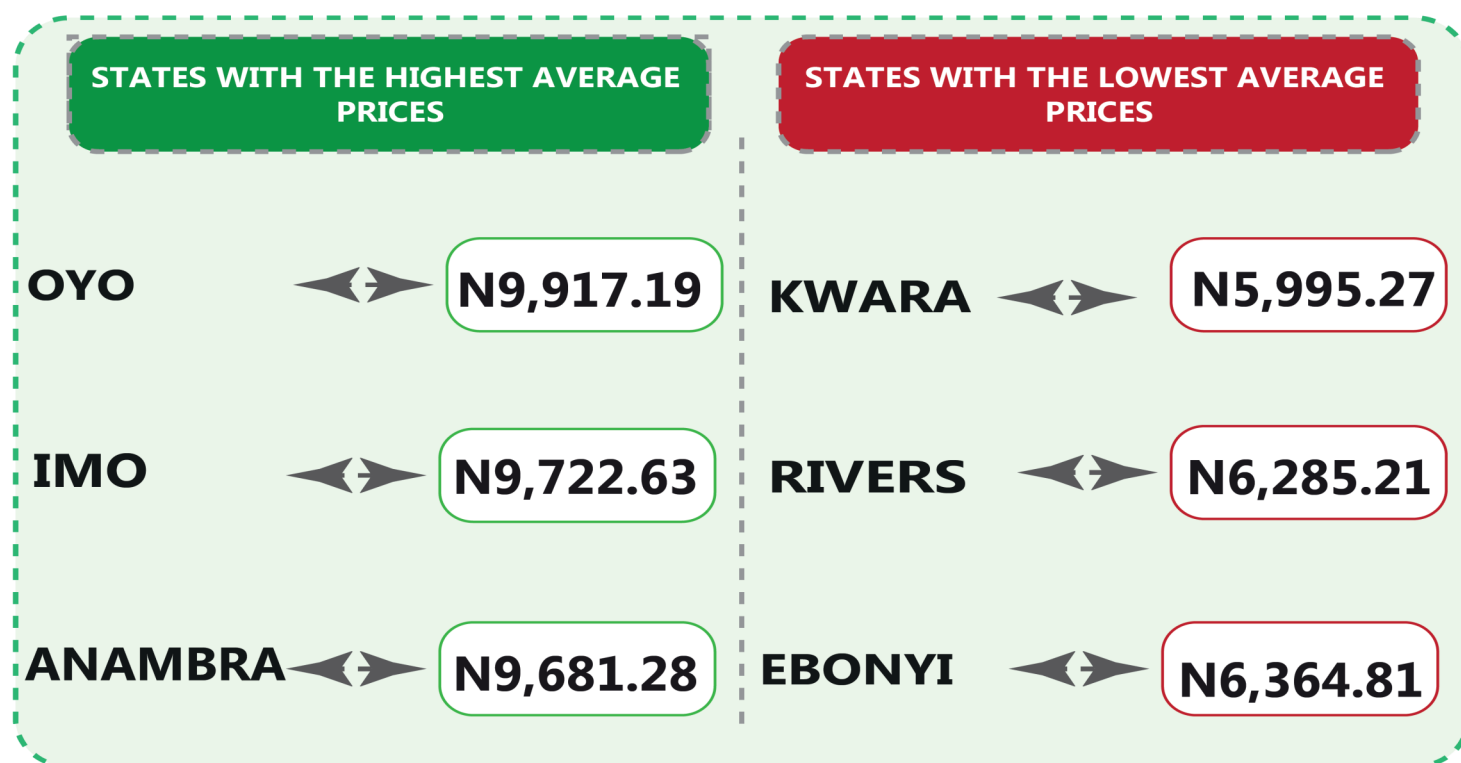
-Bus Journey Within City , Per Drop Constant Route



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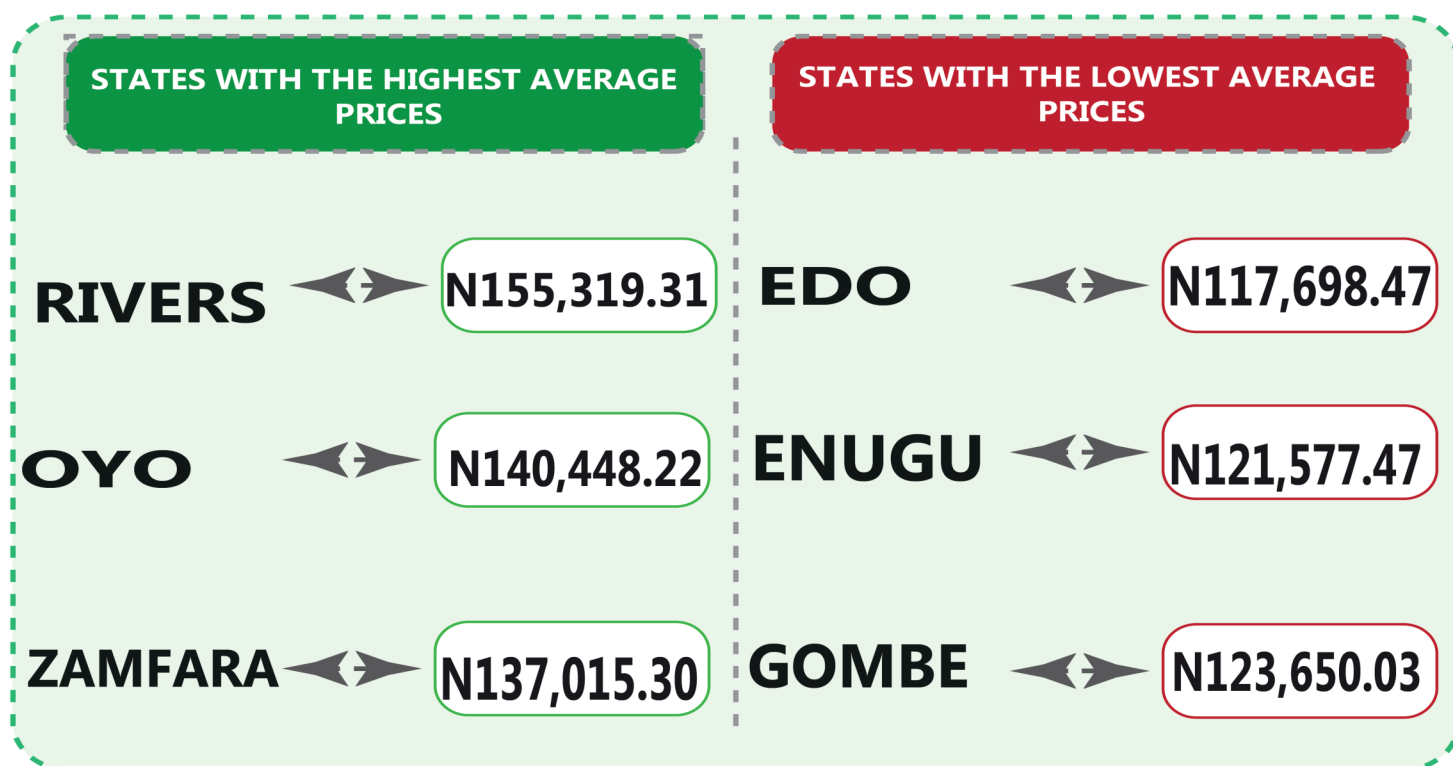
-Bus Journey Intercity, State Route, Charge Per Person



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - SEPTEMBER 2025

Average Transport Fare Across States

-Air Fare Charge For Specified Routes Single Journey



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - SEPTEMBER 2025

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



YoY = 38.65%

N532.00

SEPTEMBER 2024



MoM = 0.48%

N734.11

AUGUST 2025

N737.63

SEPTEMBER 2025

STATES WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE PRICES

OGUN

N1,182.31

LAGOS

N1,100.33

IMO

N949.54

STATES WITH THE LOWEST AVERAGE PRICES

EKITI

N500.86

ANAMBRA

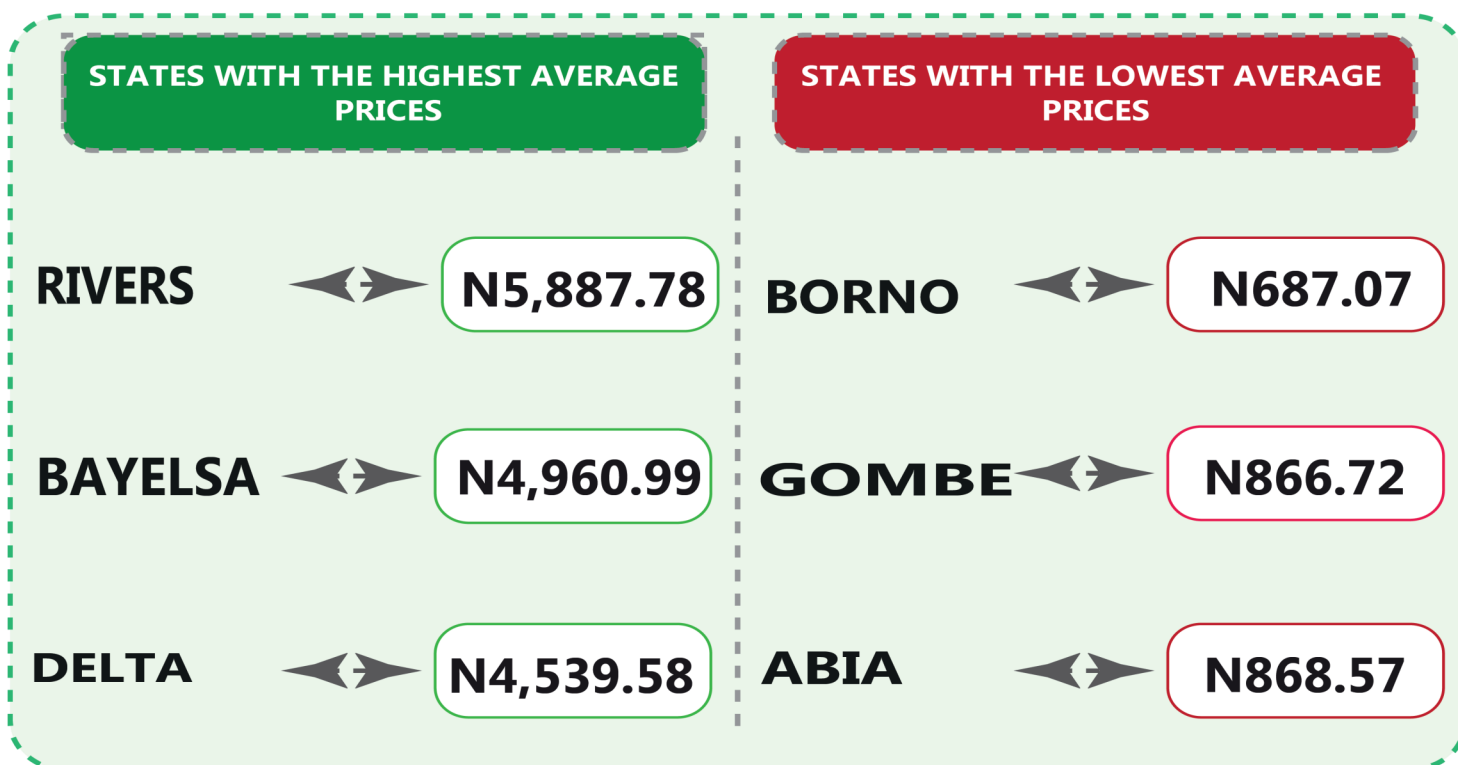
N552.69

EDO

N582.26

TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - SEPTEMBER 2025

Average Transport Fare Across States
-Waterway Passenger Transport



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - SEPTEMBER 2025

Average Transport Fare by Categories
NORTH CENTRAL

Continuum



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 - SEPTEMBER 2025

Average Transport Fare by Categories
NORTH EAST

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BUS JOURNEY WITHIN CITY, PER DROP CONSTANT ROUTE



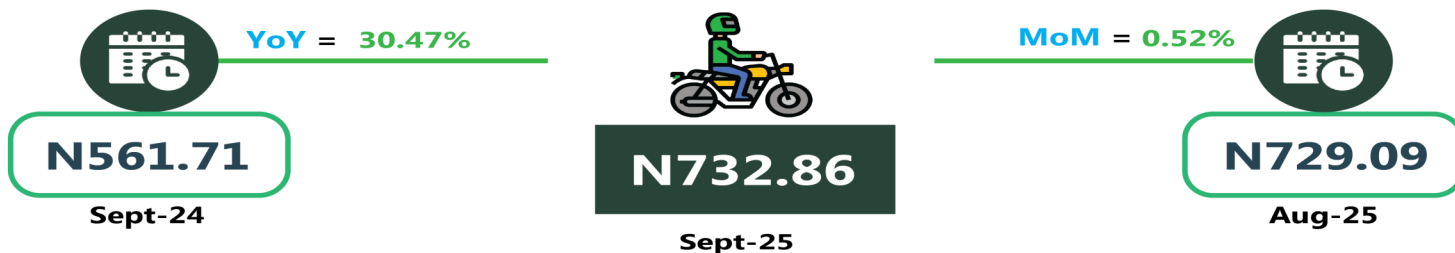
BUS JOURNEY INTERCITY, STATE ROUTE, CHARGE PER PERSON



AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - SEPTEMBER 2025

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 - SEPTEMBER 2025

Average Transport Fare by Categories
SOUTH EAST

Continuum



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 - SEPTEMBER 2025

Average Transport Fare by Categories
SOUTH WEST

Source: nbs



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 - SEPTEMBER 2025

Average Transport Fare by Categories SOUTH SOUTH

Expenditure



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



APPENDIX

Zone	Average of Sept-24	Average of Aug-25	Average of Sept-25	MoM	YoY
Air fare charg.for specified routes single journey	124693.40	129907.14	129848.71	0.04	4.13
NORTH CENTRAL	125865.62	130199.74	130311.86	0.09	3.53
NORTH EAST	125398.23	130621.99	130630.85	0.01	4.17
NORTH WEST	120731.25	129191.10	129011.21	0.14	6.86
SOUTH EAST	125881.64	126761.51	126971.93	0.17	0.87
SOUTH SOUTH	124933.38	130224.94	129641.00	0.45	3.77
SOUTH WEST	126013.30	131989.84	132108.32	0.09	4.84
Bus journey intercity, state route, charg. per per	7175.06	8038.30	8045.59	0.09	12.13
NORTH CENTRAL	6886.06	7822.90	7824.97	0.03	13.63
NORTH EAST	7099.88	7801.12	7810.32	0.12	10.01
NORTH WEST	7074.75	7758.31	7760.88	0.03	9.70
SOUTH EAST	7351.05	8532.55	8560.35	0.33	16.45
SOUTH SOUTH	7673.87	7849.87	7854.56	0.06	2.35
SOUTH WEST	7058.96	8630.03	8632.44	0.03	22.29
Bus journey within city , per drop constant rou	899.31	1045.68	1049.17	0.33	16.66
NORTH CENTRAL	879.15	1080.58	1085.46	0.45	23.47
NORTH EAST	866.16	1037.01	1039.12	0.20	19.97
NORTH WEST	921.11	1015.35	1016.94	0.16	10.40
SOUTH EAST	861.45	1000.60	1007.76	0.72	16.98
SOUTH SOUTH	928.33	995.16	998.64	0.35	7.57
SOUTH WEST	933.10	1137.13	1139.54	0.21	22.12
Journey by motorcycle (okada) per drop	532.00	734.11	737.63	0.48	38.65
NORTH CENTRAL	522.19	740.14	742.95	0.38	42.28
NORTH EAST	561.71	729.09	732.86	0.52	30.47
NORTH WEST	495.24	682.69	686.06	0.49	38.53
SOUTH EAST	492.75	707.21	712.96	0.81	44.69
SOUTH SOUTH	520.22	696.98	701.35	0.63	34.82
SOUTH WEST	601.10	851.60	853.19	0.19	41.94
Water transport : water way pas-senger transportat	1468.23	1784.89	1795.40	0.59	22.28
NORTH CENTRAL	1050.01	1297.93	1307.01	0.70	24.48
NORTH EAST	839.12	1021.81	1027.67	0.57	22.47
NORTH WEST	915.36	1169.90	1177.03	0.61	28.59
SOUTH EAST	1023.91	1227.88	1240.34	1.01	21.14
SOUTH SOUTH	3620.23	4317.31	4342.10	0.57	19.94
SOUTH WEST	1448.54	1765.31	1770.20	0.28	22.21

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	127700.18	9066.83	542.44	687.18	868.57
ABUJA	134888.85	9146.72	972.65	777.17	908.46
ADAMAWA	136666.15	7830.25	611.36	641.13	1470.34
AKWA IBOM	126486.97	8562.23	1052.35	663.85	2864.53
ANAMBRA	128068.66	9681.28	1085.50	552.69	996.95
BAUCHI	127245.14	6884.77	1237.58	755.57	1187.86
BAYELSA	124770.47	8588.13	995.64	627.77	4960.99
BENUE	126804.67	7079.26	1026.74	800.58	1499.99
BORNO	134385.64	8208.31	961.88	654.13	687.07
CROSS RIVER	127280.78	8640.25	960.19	766.86	4100.76
DELTA	126290.00	8462.99	1068.82	759.89	4539.58
EBONYI	124727.92	6364.81	965.71	686.87	1488.89
EDO	117698.47	6588.56	1101.46	582.26	3698.96
EKITI	125650.21	8795.45	1090.84	500.86	1199.09
ENUGU	121577.47	7966.23	1280.92	688.53	1389.40
GOMBE	123650.03	8921.49	1196.20	700.93	866.72
IMO	132785.43	9722.63	1164.22	949.54	1457.88
JIGAWA	130280.62	7718.55	1147.42	655.84	1337.13
KADUNA	128609.96	7856.09	1218.26	835.93	1089.87
KANO	125898.13	8007.77	716.63	775.62	1080.22
KATSINA	126067.77	7672.65	990.89	655.90	1208.69
KEBBI	126980.19	7750.02	900.82	659.93	1000.01
KOGI	128697.68	9264.91	978.86	807.26	1615.54
KWARA	134070.06	5995.27	1274.39	721.49	1599.88
LAGOS	127405.17	7994.43	1399.51	1100.33	2002.13
NASARAWA	125301.24	7027.12	1326.25	734.27	1250.12
NIGER	130844.62	7575.20	1066.72	661.50	1168.09
OGUN	128050.24	9585.16	1168.71	1182.31	2562.06
ONDO	136788.77	7813.11	1284.13	911.14	2050.45
OSUN	134307.31	7689.31	895.71	722.95	1570.66
OYO	140448.22	9917.19	998.33	701.55	1236.82
PLATEAU	131575.94	8686.31	952.63	698.41	1106.99
RIVERS	155319.31	6285.21	813.35	807.48	5887.78
SOKOTO	128226.52	7216.80	889.63	583.32	1587.76
TARABA	128548.81	7086.61	1275.90	797.21	910.50
YOBE	133289.30	7930.51	951.81	848.20	1043.50
ZAMFARA	137015.30	8104.31	1254.90	635.90	935.50
Grand Total	129848.71	8045.59	1049.17	737.63	1795.40

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