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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 May 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 motor-cycle (Okada) per drop; and water way passenger transport.

The average fare paid by commuters for bus journeys within the city per drop increased to 2.43%, rising from ₦1,397.27 in April 2026 to ₦1,431.25 in May 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the average fare recorded a significant increase of 38.63% compared to the ₦1,032.46 paid in May 2025.

In another category, the average fare paid by commuters for an intercity bus journey per drop stood at ₦9,699.55 in May 2026, representing a 0.96% increase compared to ₦9,607.41 recorded in April 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the average fare rose by 21.89%, from ₦7,957.41 in May 2025

In air travel, the average fare paid by air passengers for specified routes single journey was ₦157,552.19 in May 2026, showing an increase of 0.12% while compared to previous month (April 2026). On a year-on-year basis, the fare rose by 20.86% from ₦130,361.85 in May 2025.

The average transport fare paid on Okada transportation stood at ₦1,072.51 in May 2026, representing a 3.56% increase compared to the ₦1,035.69 recorded in April 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the average fare rose by 52.45%, from ₦703.54 in May 2025 to ₦1,072.51 in May 2026.

For water transport (waterway passenger transportation), the average fare paid in May 2026 was ₦2,276.48 which indicates an increase of 2.41% on monthly basis. On a year-on-year basis, it increased by 30.88% from ₦1,739.32 in May 2025.

State-level analysis of transport fares revealed significant variations across the country. For intercity bus travel (state route charged per-person fare), Ondo State recorded the highest average fare at ₦11,080.00, closely followed by Abia State at ₦11,066.13. In contrast, the lowest fares were recorded in Kwara State (₦7,969.29) and Edo State (₦8,000.61).

For bus journeys within city (per drop, constant route), Zamfara State recorded the highest average fare at ₦1,878.80, followed by Taraba State at ₦1,771.96. Conversely, the lowest fares were observed in Abia State (₦890.05) and Adamawa State (₦918.47).

Analysis of air transport charges (specified routes, single journey) showed that Kano State recorded the highest average fare at ₦184,139.29, followed by Lagos State at ₦176,971.65. The lowest fares were recorded in Gombe State (₦135,800.61) and Nasarawa State (₦138,999.14).

Similarly, motorcycle transport fares were highest in Kaduna State at ₦1,720.76, followed by Lagos State at ₦1,660.00. The lowest average fares were recorded in Adamawa State (₦761.32) and Akwa Ibom State (₦778.06).

For water transport services, Rivers State recorded the highest average fare at ₦6,893.55, followed by Bayelsa State at ₦5,600.02. In contrast, the lowest fares were observed in Borno State (₦1,010.50) and the Federal Capital Territory (₦1,128.68).

For Analysis by zone in May 2026, transport fares of bus journeys within the city recorded the highest in the South-West with ₦1,564.31, followed by North-Central with ₦1,460.14, while the South-East recorded the least with ₦1,334.36.

In terms of bus journey intercity, the South-West had the highest fare with ₦10,138.80 followed by the North-West with ₦10,083.57 while South-South recorded the least with ₦9,266.49.

Air transportation in May 2026, the South-South recorded the highest fare with ₦163,508.93 followed by the North-West with ₦160,760.35 while the North-East had the least with ₦152,170.30.

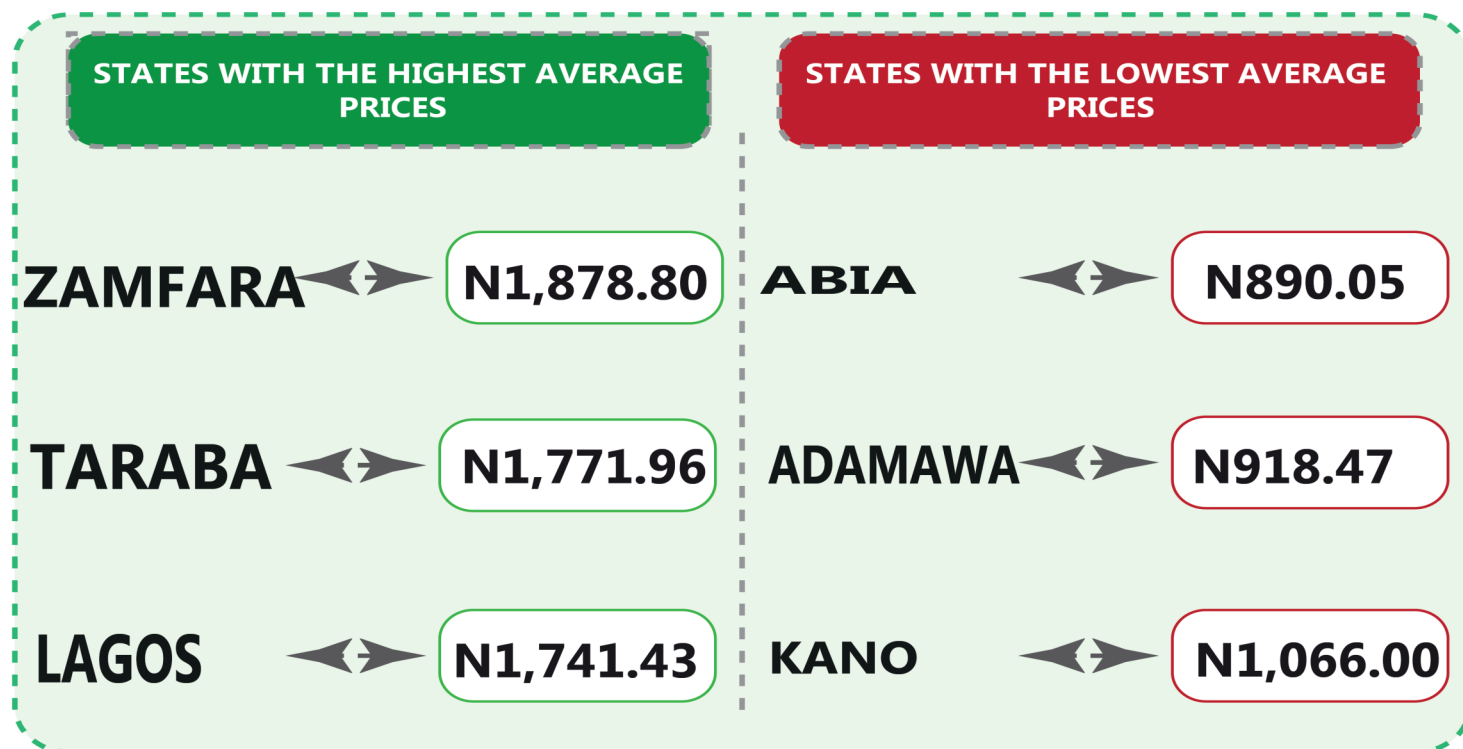
Also, commuters on a motorcycle (Okada) paid the highest fare in the South-West with ₦1,184.15 followed by South-East with ₦1,111.58, while the North-Central recorded the least with ₦998.38.

The South -South zone had the highest fare on water transport with ₦5,112.51, followed by the South-West with ₦2,279.69, while the North-East had the least with ₦1,411.60.

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Average Transport Fare Across States

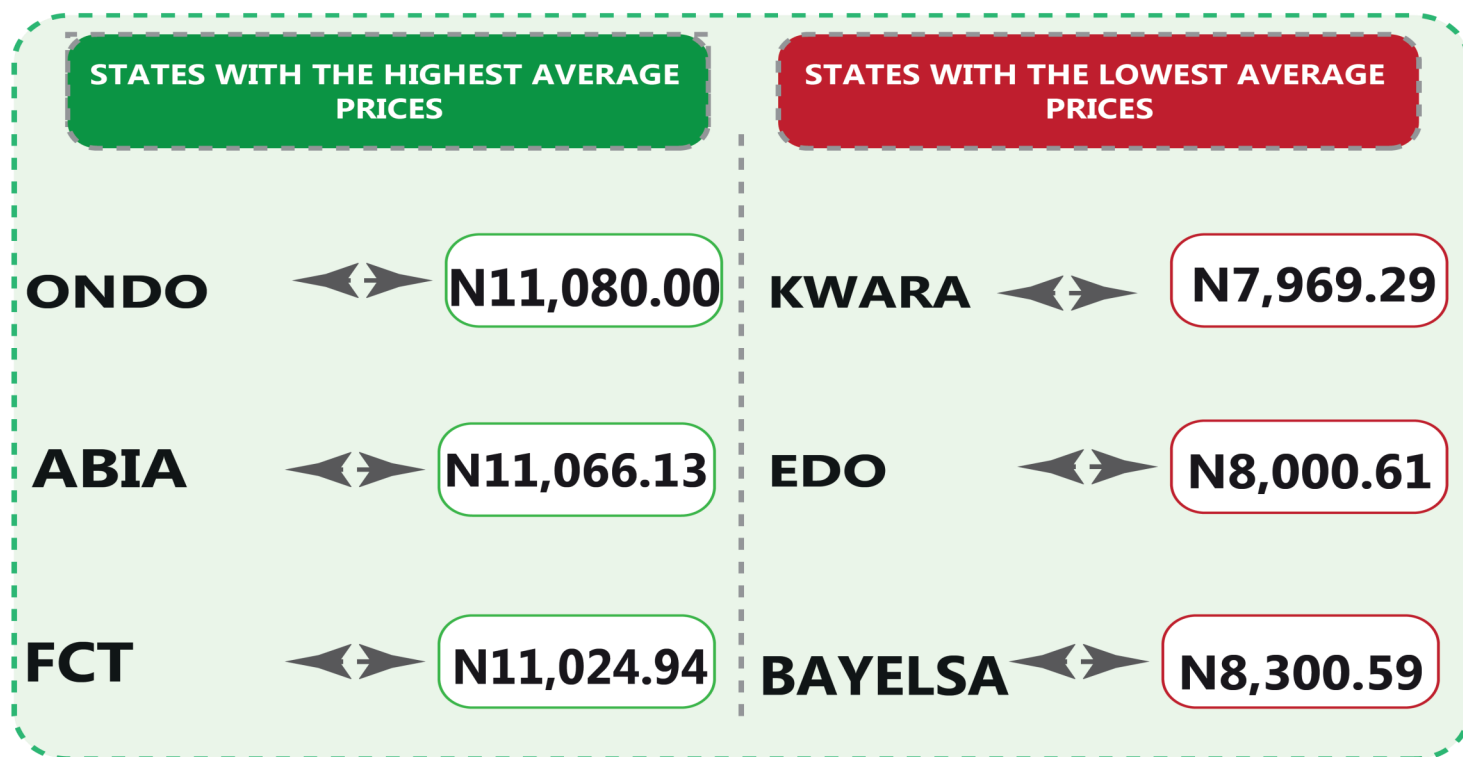
-Bus Journey Within City , Per Drop Constant Route



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Average Transport Fare Across States

-Bus Journey Intercity, State Route, Charge Per Person



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MAY 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	N184,139.29	GOMBE	N135,800.61
LAGOS	N176,971.65	NASARAWA	N138,999.14
RIVERS	N175,774.75	BAUCHI	N142,386.79

TRANSPORT FARE WATCH - MAY 2026

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



YoY = 52.45%

N703.54

MAY 2025

N1,072.51

MAY 2026

MoM = 3.56%

N1,035.69

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STATES WITH THE HIGHEST AVERAGE PRICES

KADUNA ↔ **N1,720.76**

LAGOS ↔ **N1,660.00**

ABIA ↔ **N1,562.00**

STATES WITH THE LOWEST AVERAGE PRICES

ADAMAWA ↔ **N761.32**

AKWA IBOM ↔ **N778.06**

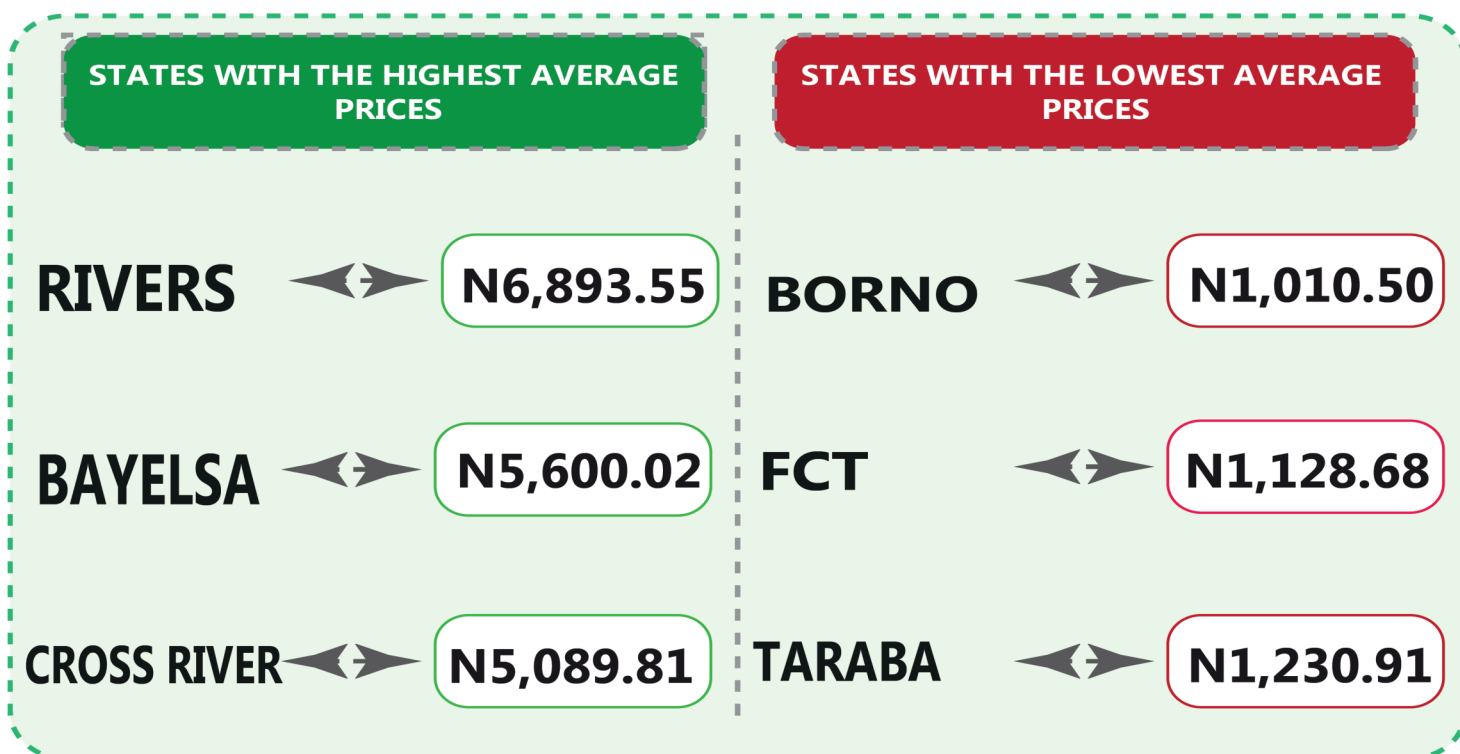
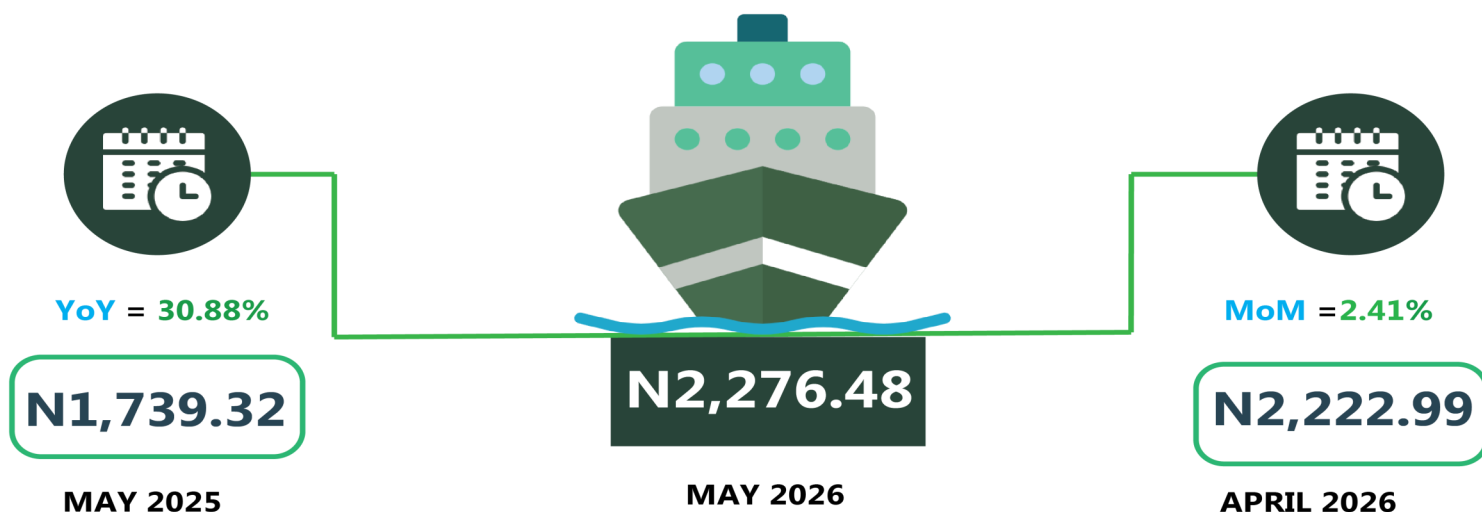
KEBBI ↔ **N805.80**



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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 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 -MAY 2026

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 -MAY 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 -MAY 2026

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



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MAY 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



AIR FARE CHARGE FOR SPECIFIED ROUTES SINGLE JOURNEY



JOURNEY BY MOTORCYCLE (OKADA) PER DROP



WATER TRANSPORT: WATER WAY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION



TRANSPORT FARE WATCH -MAY 2026

Average Transport Fare by Categories
SOUTH SOUTH

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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



APPENDIX

Zone	Average of May-25	Average of Apr-26	Average of May-26	MoM	YoY
Air fare charg.for specified routes single journey	130361.85	157355.87	157552.19	0.12	20.86
NORTH CENTRAL	129947.45	152301.66	152448.78	0.10	17.32
NORTH EAST	131258.00	151938.57	152170.30	0.15	15.93
NORTH WEST	127547.53	160526.32	160760.35	0.15	26.04
SOUTH EAST	127738.70	155573.19	155813.42	0.15	21.98
SOUTH SOUTH	132185.65	163349.92	163508.93	0.10	23.70
SOUTH WEST	133594.68	160462.39	160637.42	0.11	20.24
Bus journey intercity, state route, charg. per per	7957.41	9607.41	9699.55	0.96	21.89
NORTH CENTRAL	7730.76	9476.58	9547.80	0.75	23.50
NORTH EAST	7735.76	9206.21	9321.33	1.25	20.50
NORTH WEST	7659.36	9992.97	10083.57	0.91	31.65
SOUTH EAST	8517.43	9737.03	9820.81	0.86	15.30
SOUTH SOUTH	7802.36	9183.65	9266.49	0.90	18.77
SOUTH WEST	8479.57	10027.17	10138.80	1.11	19.57
Bus journey within city , per drop constant rou	1032.46	1397.27	1431.25	2.43	38.63
NORTH CENTRAL	1051.21	1434.94	1460.14	1.76	38.90
NORTH EAST	1020.39	1380.93	1419.48	2.79	39.11
NORTH WEST	1031.60	1365.25	1393.16	2.04	35.05
SOUTH EAST	998.81	1294.77	1334.36	3.06	33.59
SOUTH SOUTH	983.75	1364.59	1401.44	2.70	42.46
SOUTH WEST	1100.37	1525.13	1564.31	2.57	42.16
Journey by motorcycle (okada) per drop	703.54	1035.69	1072.51	3.56	52.45
NORTH CENTRAL	699.08	963.01	998.38	3.67	42.81
NORTH EAST	681.66	1023.03	1060.09	3.62	55.52
NORTH WEST	656.22	1041.11	1082.56	3.98	64.97
SOUTH EAST	683.87	1084.10	1111.58	2.53	62.54
SOUTH SOUTH	682.75	976.36	1015.50	4.01	48.74
SOUTH WEST	823.00	1145.77	1184.15	3.35	43.88
Water transport : water way pas-senger transportat	1739.32	2222.99	2276.48	2.41	30.88
NORTH CENTRAL	1230.63	1708.09	1738.29	1.77	41.25
NORTH EAST	1008.70	1367.33	1411.60	3.24	39.94
NORTH WEST	1148.93	1557.27	1603.19	2.95	39.54
SOUTH EAST	1218.39	1554.71	1603.34	3.13	31.59
SOUTH SOUTH	4208.36	5021.81	5112.51	1.81	21.48
SOUTH WEST	1717.24	2214.10	2279.69	2.96	32.75

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 : water way passenger transportat
ABIA	167755.90	11066.13	890.05	1562.00	1280.89
ABUJA	160006.41	11024.94	1409.81	1081.31	1128.68
ADAMAWA	161390.50	8991.38	918.47	761.32	1853.60
AKWA IBOM	165722.68	9973.06	1396.94	778.06	3600.49
ANAMBRA	151451.67	9082.06	1321.12	854.32	1246.50
BAUCHI	142386.79	8700.46	1463.24	937.37	1500.31
BAYELSA	165000.88	8300.59	1302.33	981.65	5600.02
BENUE	151273.24	8817.95	1591.54	941.52	1855.88
BORNO	146650.35	9894.94	1510.84	1203.65	1010.50
CROSS RIVER	169613.44	10138.59	1587.11	1173.38	5089.81
DELTA	157641.31	9586.79	1523.80	979.69	4995.99
EBONYI	144999.86	8756.12	1389.21	999.65	1998.02
EDO	147300.50	8000.61	1410.67	881.94	4495.21
EKITI	149030.20	9584.81	1379.39	892.38	1510.04
ENUGU	147659.64	10344.63	1664.09	887.63	1620.67
GOMBE	135800.61	9541.89	1384.23	1000.87	1300.84
IMO	167200.03	9855.09	1407.33	1254.29	1870.60
JIGAWA	147780.40	10002.54	1264.61	981.00	1708.83
KADUNA	146980.76	10683.72	1576.04	1720.76	1378.28
KANO	184139.29	9410.81	1066.00	1053.18	1482.03
KATSINA	169995.88	10539.18	1466.76	998.19	1449.43
KEBBI	159150.77	9892.53	1304.25	805.80	1550.34
KOGI	157590.91	9500.97	1340.78	1000.92	2263.04
KWARA	157198.43	7969.29	1509.54	976.91	1992.13
LAGOS	176971.65	10195.31	1741.43	1660.00	3060.90
NASSARAWA	138999.14	9666.40	1513.81	997.00	1527.33
NIGER	152098.67	9970.53	1389.19	903.48	1509.00
OGUN	173225.68	10863.88	1597.83	1381.89	2919.24
ONDO	149879.66	11080.00	1570.40	1177.39	2500.40
OSUN	148022.23	9964.99	1651.78	993.50	2088.90
OYO	166695.10	9143.81	1445.05	999.77	1598.68
PLATEAU	149974.67	9884.55	1466.31	1087.53	1891.99
RIVERS	175774.75	9599.31	1187.78	1298.26	6893.55
SOKOTO	148998.92	9851.00	1195.66	849.98	1967.35
TARABA	167950.19	9935.98	1771.96	998.73	1230.91
YOBE	158843.38	8863.33	1468.12	1458.60	1573.44
ZAMFARA	168276.42	10205.24	1878.80	1169.04	1686.08
Grand Total	157552.19	9699.55	1431.25	1072.51	2276.48

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