

Doing Business in Nigeria 2010

Doing Business in Nigeria 2010 compares business regulations across all 36 states and the capital. The report focuses on state and national regulations that affect four stages in the life of a small to medium-size domestic firm: starting a business, dealing with construction permits, registering property and enforcing contracts.

The report finds that Nigerian states have been actively reforming to encourage business activity over the past two years -- 8 of 11 states previously benchmarked showed improvements in at least one of the areas measured. The report also identifies differences in state regulations and in the enforcement of national regulations that can enhance or constrain local business activity. If Nigeria adopted nationwide all of its states' best practices identified in this report it would rank 72nd out of 183 countries globally -- 53 places ahead of Nigeria's current position in the global *Doing Business 2010* report.

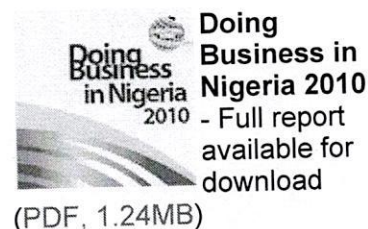
Main Findings:

- It is easiest to start and operate a business in Jigawa, Borno, and Gombe. Doing business is most difficult in Imo and Ogun.
- Kano made the most progress since 2008, with reforms in three out of four areas measured.
- In Abuja, the top-ranked city for starting a business, it takes 5 procedures and 22 days to register a business. By contrast, in Bayelsa an entrepreneur has to complete 6 additional procedures and wait one more month to register a business.
- Since the 2008 report, 5 of the 11 states measured cut the time to obtain construction permits by enforcing statutory time limits. For example, in Enugu, the building plan approval is now issued in 18 days, compared to 67 days in 2008.
- Delegating the governor's consent on property transfers could significantly speed-up the total time needed to register property cross the country, as evidenced in the 11 states that have implemented this practice. In Borno, where the governor delegated the consent to a Ministry of Lands official, it takes only two days while in Kebbi, where the governor signs off, it takes six months.
- Nigerian states have taken steps to address the backlog in the courts. Some states have modernized and updated civil procedure rules which has resulted in shorter times to resolve commercial disputes. Also, efforts have been made to broaden access to legal resolution and speed-up proceedings by setting up new Magistrates Courts in Kano.

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How would a city's ranking change if it reformed? See the impact of reforms by using the ranking simulator (Excel, 65KB) to change indicator values. This exercise assumes that other cities don't reform.

Where is it easier to do business in Nigeria—and where not?

1	Jigawa (easiest)	11	Taraba	21	Edo	31	Ebonyi
2	Gombe	12	Sokoto*	22	Kaduna*	32	Abia*
3	Borno	13	Benue	23	Osun	33	Cross River*
4	Kebbi	14	Kwara	24	Ondo	34	Ekiti
5	Kogi	15	Plateau	25	Lagos*	35	Anambra*
6	Yobe	16	Niger	26	Oyo	36	Imo
7	Katsina	17	Abuja, FCT*	27	Rivers	37	Ogun*
8	Kano*	18	Nasarawa	28	Bayelsa		
9	Zamfara	19	Adamawa	29	Delta		
10	Bauchi*	20	Akwa Ibom	30	Enugu*		

*State included in *Doing Business in Nigeria 2008* report.

Source: *Doing Business* database.

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