


Edo State

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Edo State is an inland state in central southern Nigeria. Its capital is Benin City. It is bounded in the north and east by Kogi State, in the south by Delta State and in the west by Ondo State.

Edo State	
State nickname: Heart Beat of Nigeria	
Location	
	
Statistics	
Governor (List)	Adams Oshiomhole (AC)
Date Created	27 August 1991
Capital	Benin City
Area	17,802 km ² Ranked 22nd
Population 1991 Census 2005 estimate	Ranked 27th 2,159,848 3,497,502
GDP (PPP) -Total -Per Capita	2007 (estimate) \$11.89 billion ^[1] \$3,623 ^[1]
ISO 3166-2	NG-ED

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History

Edo State was formed on August 27, 1991 when Bendel State was split into Edo and Delta States.

The 1992 gubernatorial election, pitting John Odigie Oyegun (the SDP candidate) against Lucky Igbinedion (the NRC candidate) was annulled on February 4 of that year by the electoral tribunal. Among Igbinedion's claims were that the Oba of Benin and one of his chiefs, Nosakhare Isekure, unfairly supported Oyegun. Oyegun's victory was upheld on March 18, 1992.^[2]

On March 20, 2008, an election tribunal nullified the election of Oserheimen Osunbor (PDP) and declared erstwhile labour leader Comrade Adams Oshiomhole of the Action Congress as the winner. The decision was based on several voting irregularities^[3].

Local Government Areas

Edo State consists of the following Local Government Areas:

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| ■ Akoko-Edo | ■ Igueben |
| ■ Egor | ■ Ikpoba-Okha |
| ■ Esan-North-East | ■ Oredo |
| ■ Esan-Central | ■ Orhionmwon |
| ■ Esan-South-East | ■ Ovia-North-East |
| ■ Esan-West | ■ Ovia-South-West |
| ■ Etsako-Central | ■ Owan-East |
| ■ Etsako-East | ■ Owan-West |
| ■ Etsako-West | ■ Uhunmwonde |

Demographics

The major first languages spoken in the state are Etsako, Edo, Esan and Owan, Akoko Edo, Okpameri language and the Ijaw languages.^[4] Edo State is home to several ethnicities, among them the Bini, Esan, Afemai and Ijaw.

Education

The University of Benin, Benin City, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma Igbinedion University, Okada, Benson Idahosa University, Benin City and Auchi Federal Polytechnic, Auchi are among the institutions of higher learning located in Edo State.

Economy

Coordinates: 6°30'N 6°00'E

Tourist attractions in Edo State include the Emotan statue in Benin City, Ise Lake and River Niger beach in Agenebode, Etsakor-East; and the Somorika hills in Akoko Edo. The state produces crude oil.^[5]

External links

- state Government Official Website
- Edo world (Your guides to the ancient Benin Kingdom and Edo State)
- Edo state/Benin kingdom tourism
- Governor from 1963-Date
- Historical link Benin kingdom and Edo state
- Great Edo Nation[1]

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