

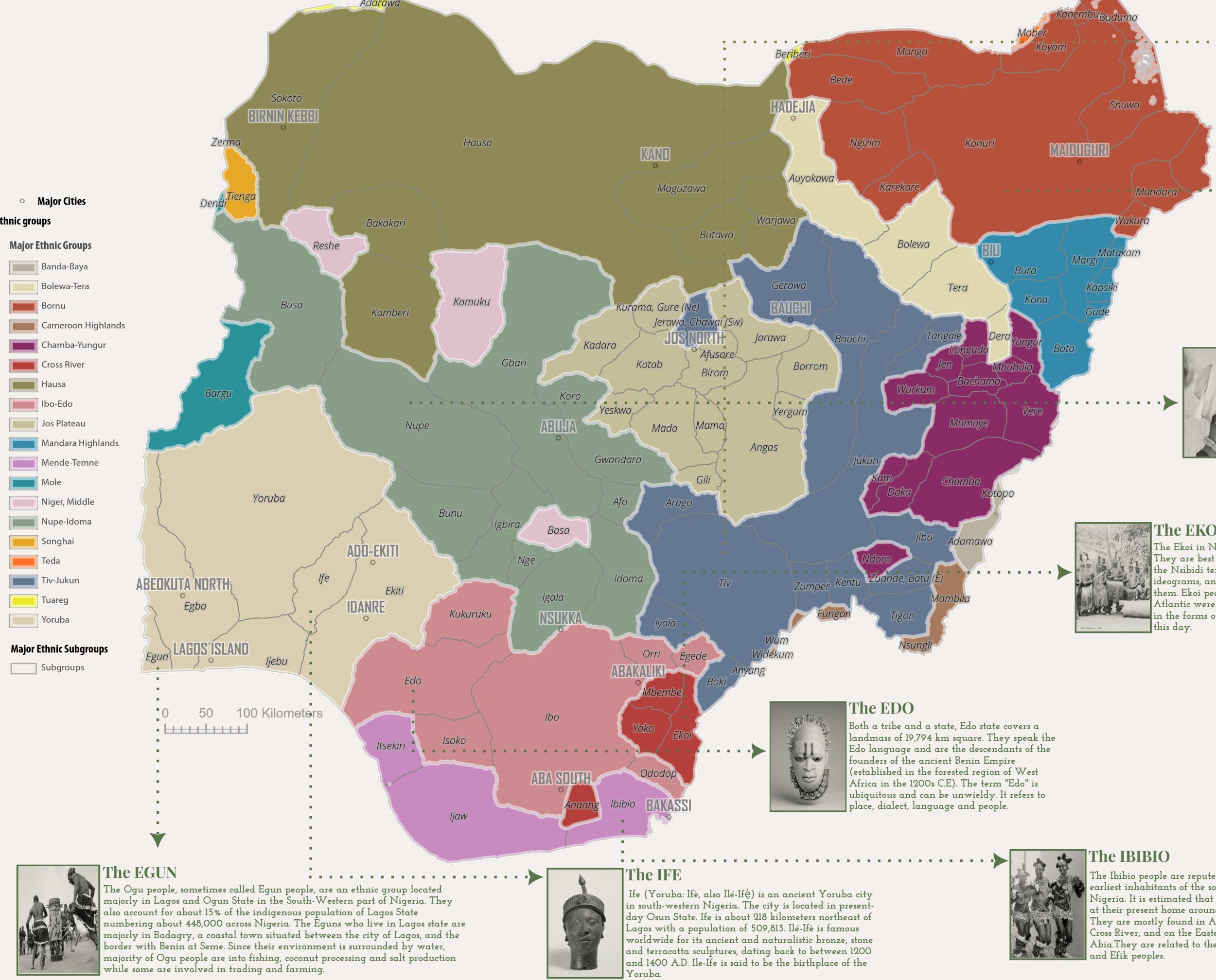
Cultural Diversity of Nigeria

Nigeria is a very ethnically diverse country with 371 ethnic groups, the largest of which are the Yoruba, Hausa and the Igbo. Nigeria's ethnic groups are usually divided and defined primarily by language. The country hosts more ethnic groups than any other African nation, ranking among the most ethnically-complex states in the world. Most of these ethnic groups are small and localized, with only a few playing a central role in Nigerian society. In this poster, I attempt to introduce a few of the lesser known ethnic groups, majority of which offer Nigeria its rich and diverse cultural heritage.

The main map introduces us to a mapping of areas primarily occupied by the major ethnic groups and their subgroups. To the to right, we get a view into the population density of these subgroup areas. On the bottom right is a map, I am showcasing the Ankara, a national heritage and the staple clothing of the Yoruba party (Owambe) culture. This map was achieved by styling using the four-color theorem. It also depicts the states of the federation grouped into geopolitical zones. The infographic in the mid-right gives a further view into the main groups and their corresponding sub groups.

Credits
 • Map Design: Opeyemi Kazeem-Jimoh
 • Coordinate System: EPSG 1984 UTM Zone 32N
 • Data Sources:
 -Ethnic Group areas and distribution: (HGIS) Anthromapper. DigitalGlobe Analytics, March 2013. Murdock, George Peter. Tribal Map of Africa from Africa: Its Peoples and Their Culture History. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., January 1959.
 -Population: Worldpop Constrained Individual Countries 2020 (100m Resolution)
 -Further Information on ethnic groups: Africa 101 Lost Tribe Website

ETHNIC GROUP AND SUBGROUP DISTRIBUTION



The EGUN

The Ogu people, sometimes called Egun people, are an ethnic group located majorly in Lagos and Ogun State in the South-Western part of Nigeria. They also account for about 15% of the indigenous population of Lagos State numbering about 448,000 across Nigeria. The Eguns who live in Lagos state are majorly in Badagry, a coastal town situated between the city of Lagos, and the border with Benin at Seme. Since their environment is surrounded by water, majority of Ogu people are into fishing, coconut processing and salt production while some are involved in trading and farming.

The IFE

Ife (Yoruba: Ife, also Ile-Ifé) is an ancient Yoruba city in south-western Nigeria. The city is located in present-day Osun State. Ife is about 218 kilometers northeast of Lagos with a population of 509,813. Ile-Ife is famous worldwide for its ancient and naturalistic bronze, stone and terracotta sculptures, dating back to between 1200 and 1400 A.D. Ile-Ife is said to be the birthplace of the Yoruba.

The EDO

Both a tribe and a state, Edo state covers a landmass of 19,794 km square. They speak the Edo language and are the descendants of the founders of the ancient Benin Empire (established in the forested region of West Africa in the 1200s CE). The term "Edo" is ubiquitous and can be unwieldy. It refers to place, dialect, language and people.

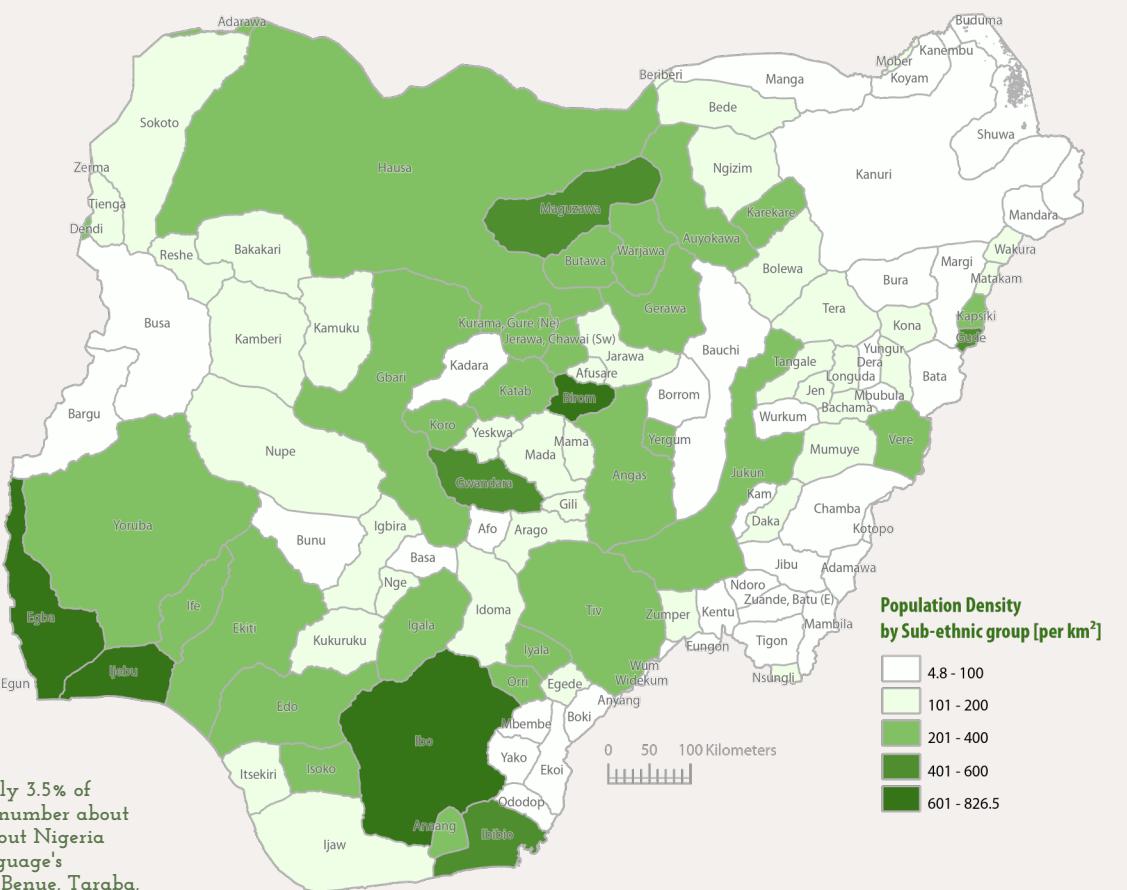
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POPULATION DENSITY BY ETHNIC SUBGROUP



The TIV

The Tiv constitute approximately 3.5% of Nigeria's total population, and number about 6.5 million individuals throughout Nigeria and Cameroon. Most of the language's Nigerian speakers are found in Benue, Taraba, Nasarawa and Plateau States. The Tiv national attire is the black-and-white-striped 'Anger'.

The KANURI

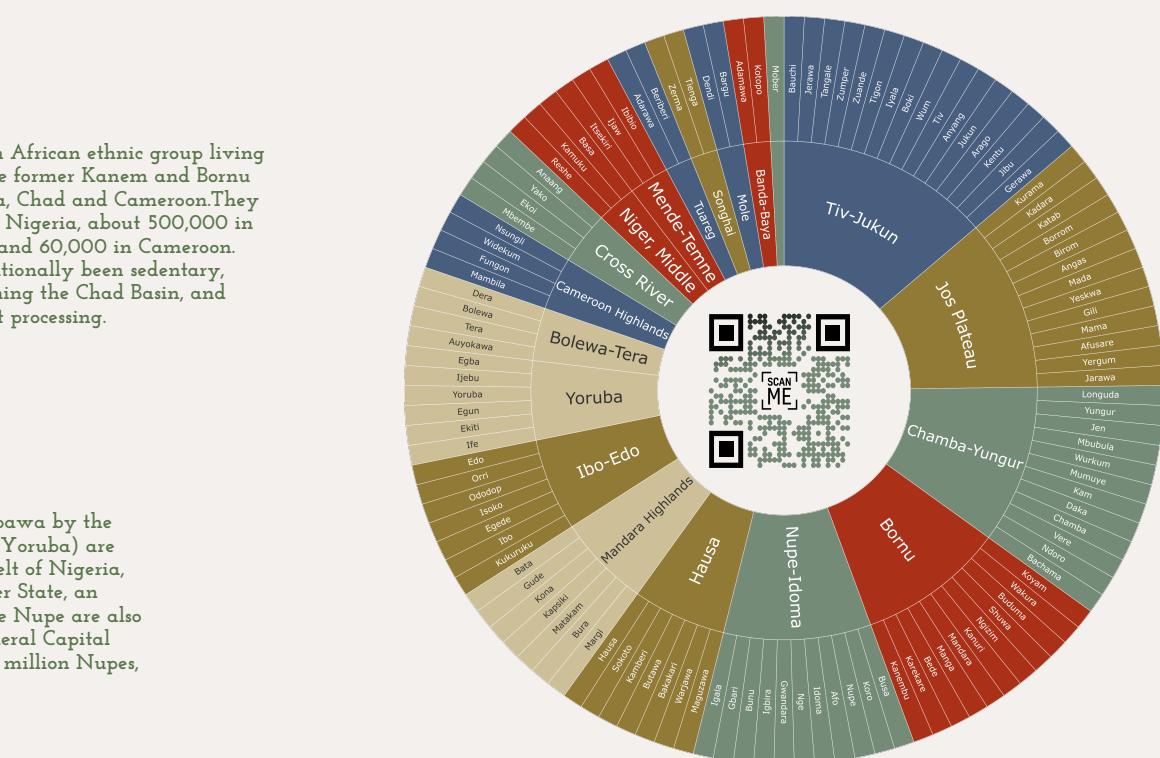
The Kanuri people are an African ethnic group living largely in the lands of the former Kanem and Bornu Empires in Niger, Nigeria, Chad and Cameroon. They number over 3 million in Nigeria, about 500,000 in Niger, 100,000 in Chad, and 60,000 in Cameroon. Kanuri groups have traditionally been sedentary, engaging in farming, fishing the Chad Basin, and engaged in trade and salt processing.

The NUPE

The Nupe (traditionally called the Nupawa by the Hausas and Tapa by the neighbouring Yoruba) are an ethnic group native to the Middle Belt of Nigeria, and are the dominant ethnicity in Niger State, an important minority in Kwara State. The Nupe are also present in Kogi State, as well as in the Federal Capital Territory. There are probably about 4.5 million Nupees, principally in Niger State.

The EKOI

The Ekois in Nigeria are found in Cross River State. They are best known for their Ekpe headresses and the Nsibidi text. They traditionally use Nsibidi ideograms, and are the group that originally created them. Ekois people taken into slavery across the Atlantic were notable in Cuba, where their art, seen in the forms of drums and headdresses, survives to this day.



ANKARA MAP

