

# Benue

## Food Basket of the Nation



Land use

Open Land Cropland/Vegetation Forest Water Built Up

**Demographics**

Est. Population: 6.14M  
 Population (% NC zone): 19.43%  
 Population (% Nigeria): 2.83%  
 Est. Median Age: 20  
 0-17 years (% Population): 47.22%

**Climate Indicators**

Average annual Rainfall: 124.31 mm  
 130.25 mm (national)  
 Average annual temperature: 30.94 °C  
 30.84 °C (national)

**Crude Oil Production**

Crude production: NA bpd  
 Crude production (% total production): NA

**Land & Environmental Indicators****Arable Land****63.80%**

Share of total land area

**Vegetation Land Cover****15.00%**

Share of forest cover

**Land Degradation**

Moderate

Sheet Erosion  
Common**Desertification Rate****NA**

Annual Loss

**Deforestation Rate****3.10%**

Annual Loss

**Soil Characteristics**

Deep, well-drained ferruginous tropical soils

**Soil Erosion Rate**

Moderate

15-30 tons/ha/yr

**Soil Quality**

Good

High Organic Matter

**Oil Spills****NA**

Per Barrel

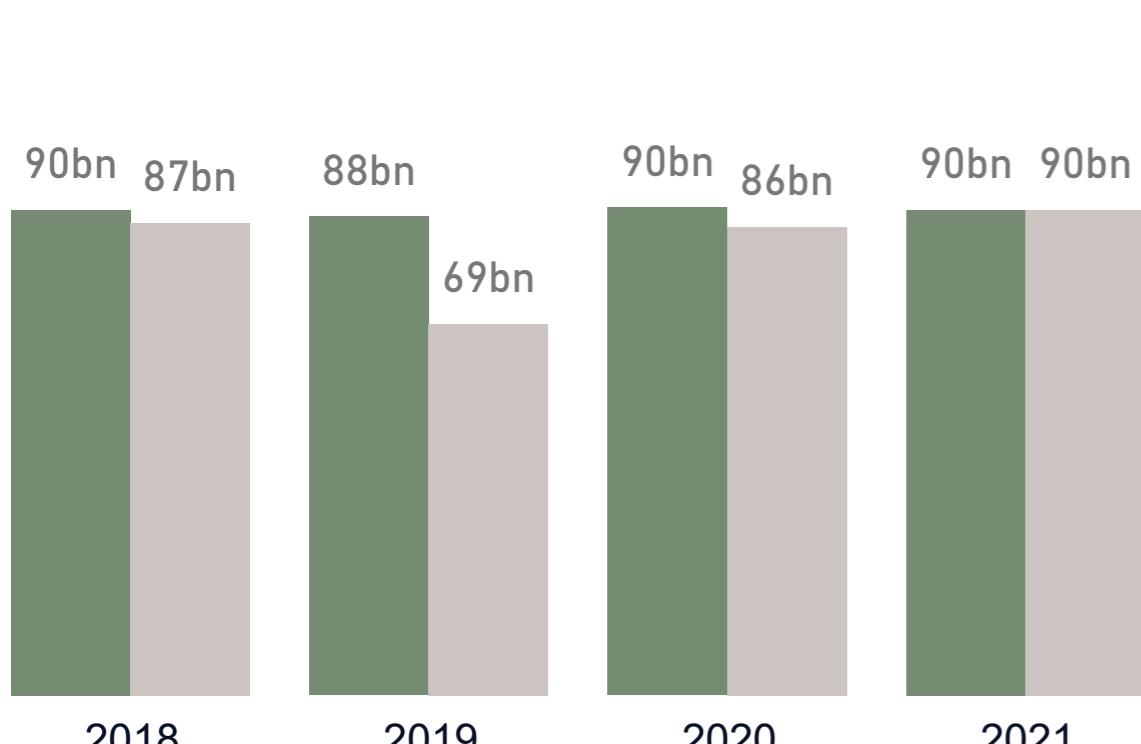
**Gas Flaring****NA**

Per million Mscf

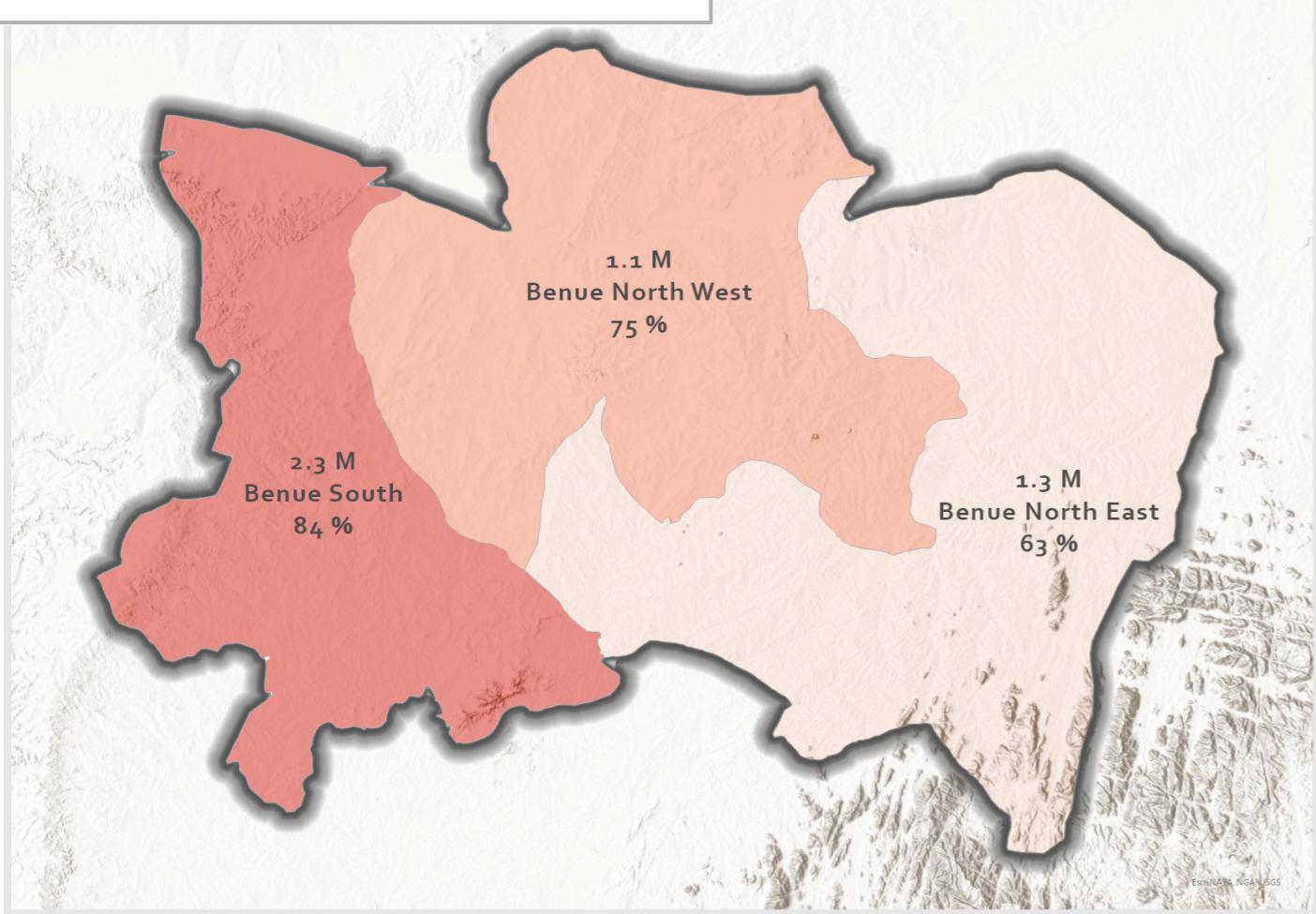
**Key Fiscal and Social Spending**

● Revenue ● Expenditure

Naira

**~\$ 4.3bn**Estimated  
GDP  
2023**N 1.5K**Health Spending  
per capita  
2023**N 2.2K**Edu. Spending  
per capita  
2023**23/37**Ease of Doing  
Business  
2023**~\$ 1,773**Estimated  
GDP per capita  
2023**13.2%**IGR (% Total  
Revenue)  
2023**68%**FAAC (% Total  
Revenue)  
2023**10%**Tax (% Total  
Revenue)  
2023

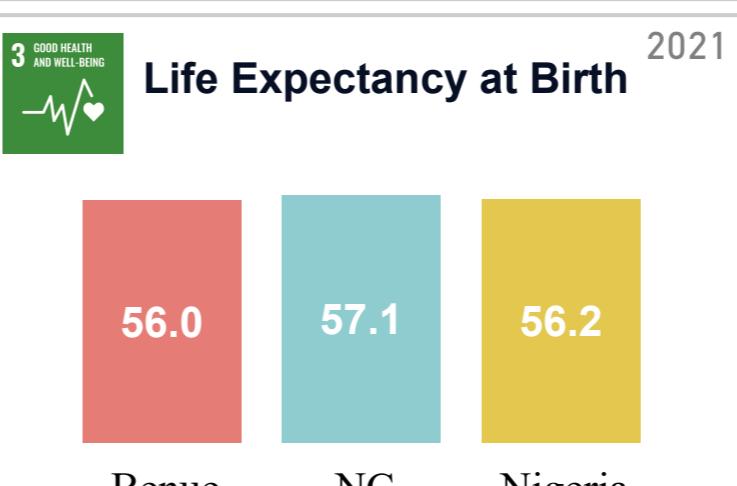
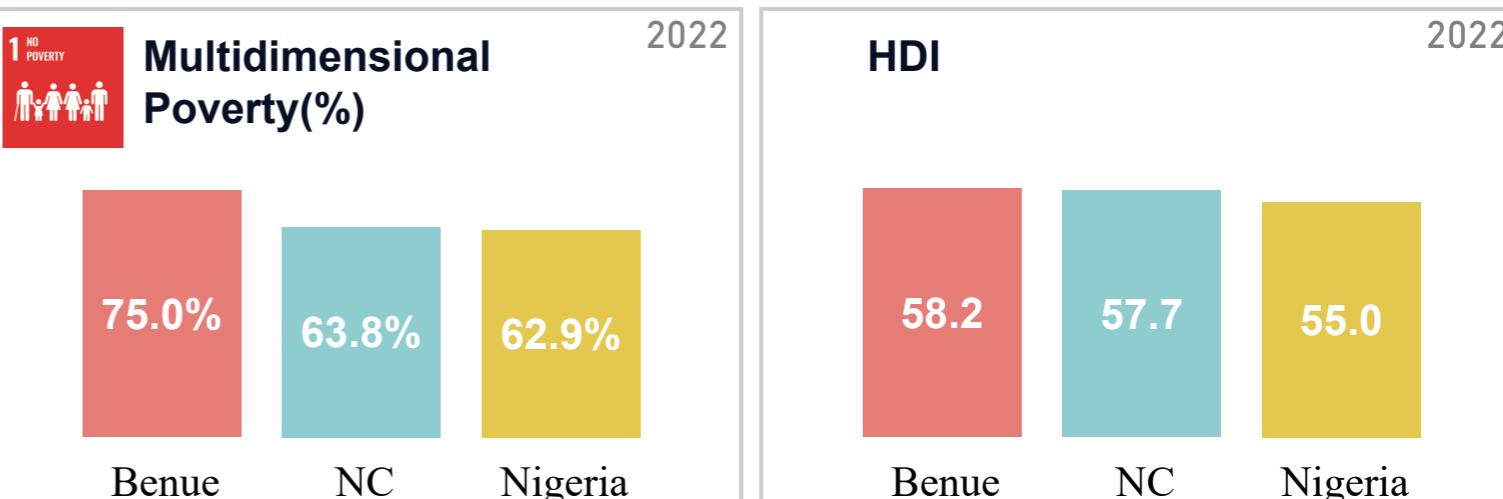
## Socioeconomic Indicators



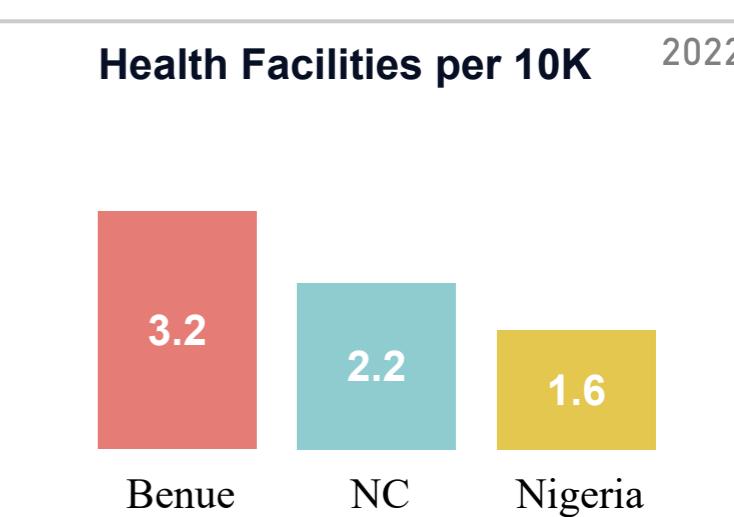
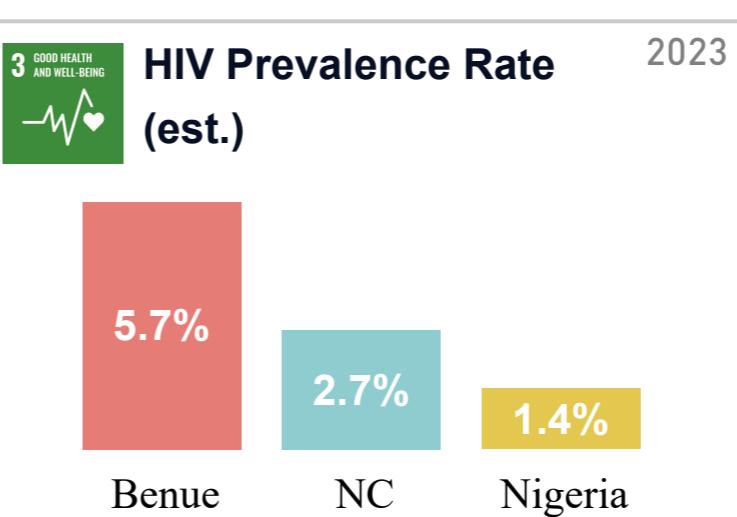
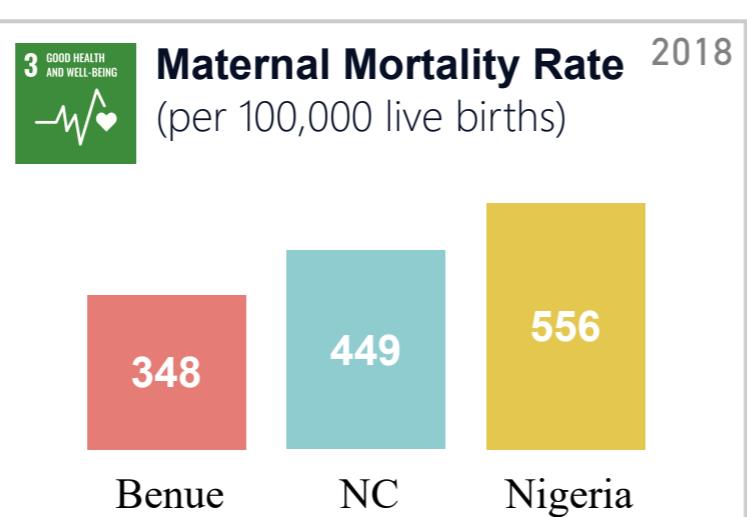
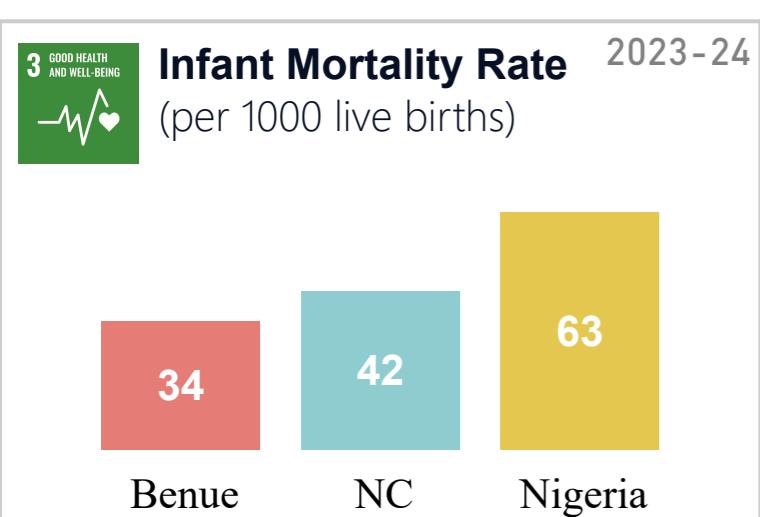
### Multidimensional Poverty at Senatorial District Level

Map shows the number and percentage of multidimensionally poor population by senatorial district.

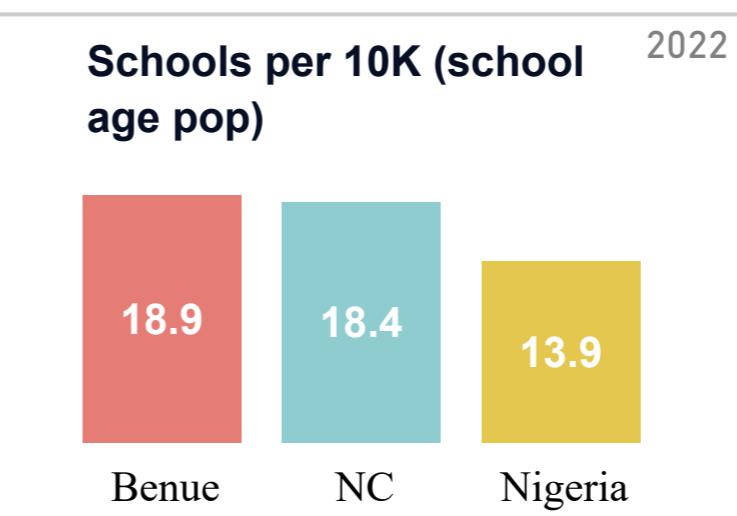
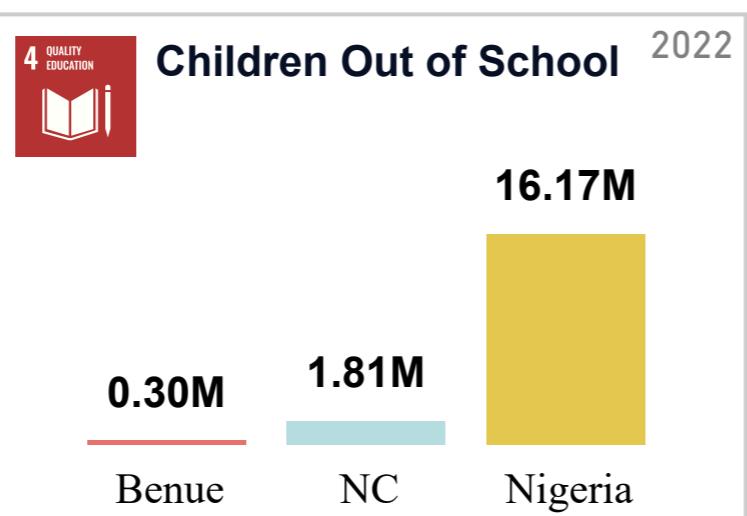
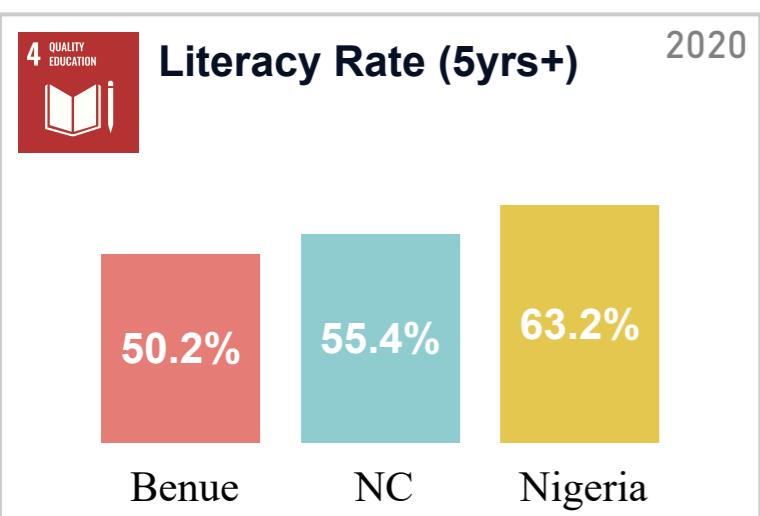
## Human Development Overview



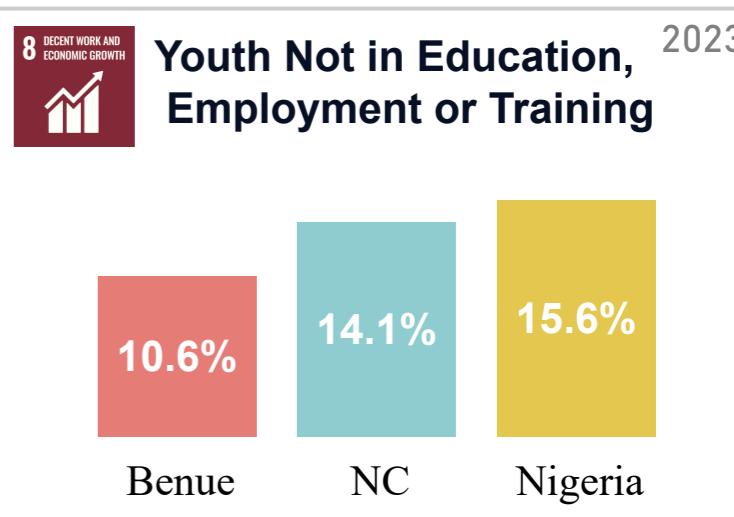
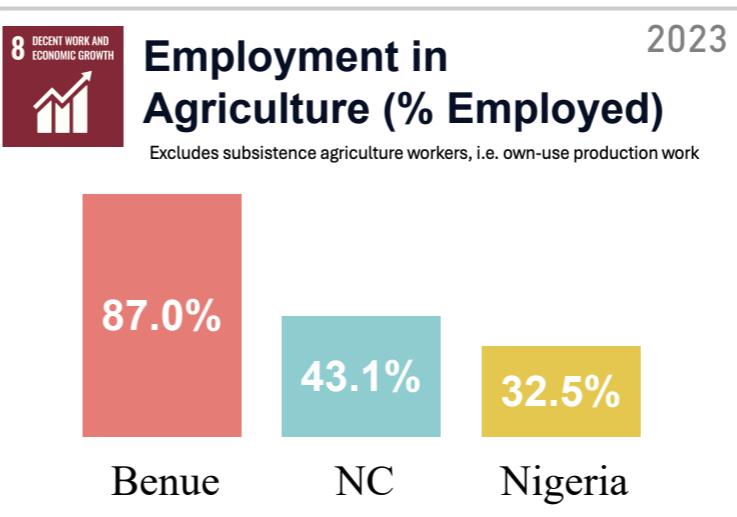
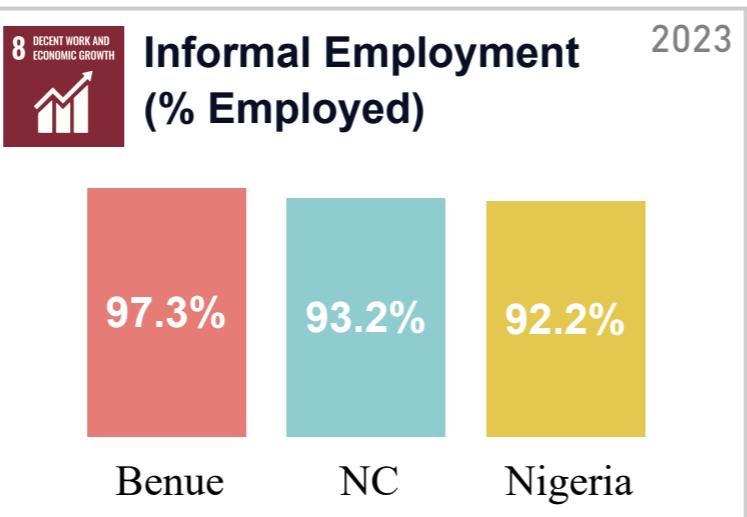
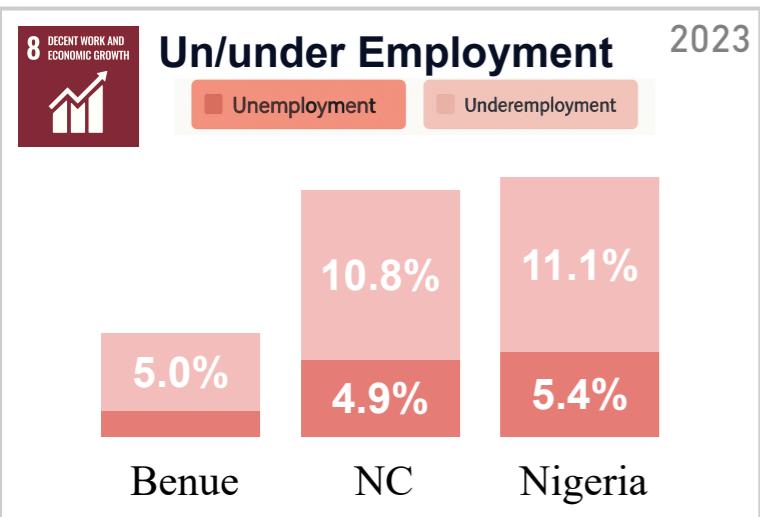
## Health



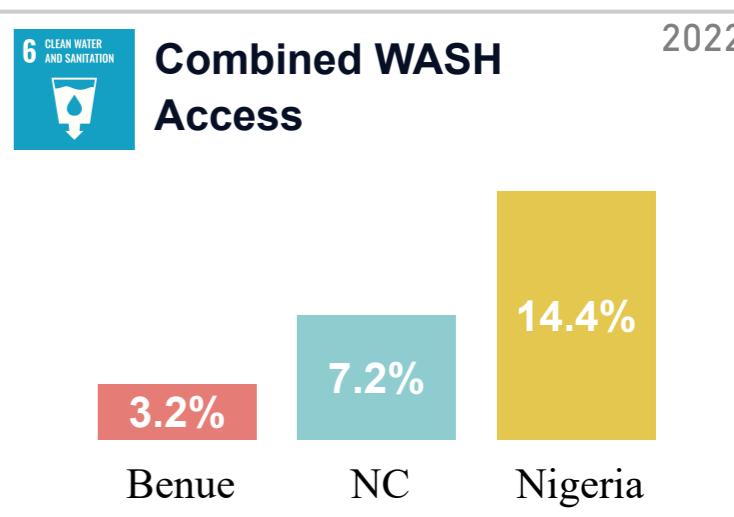
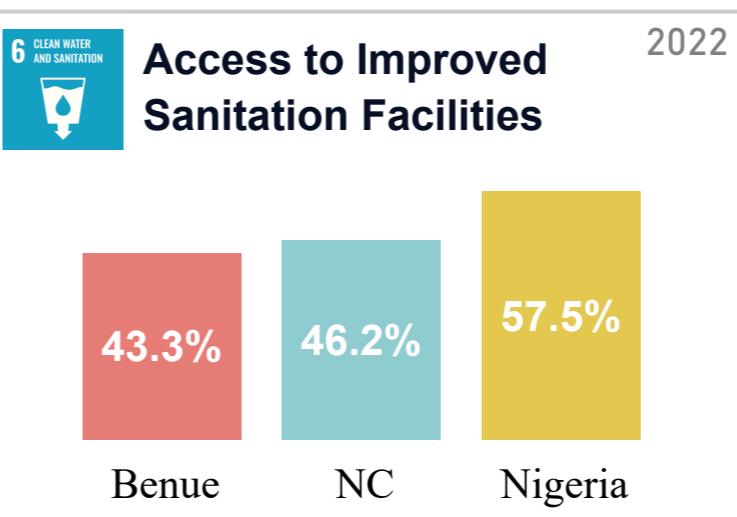
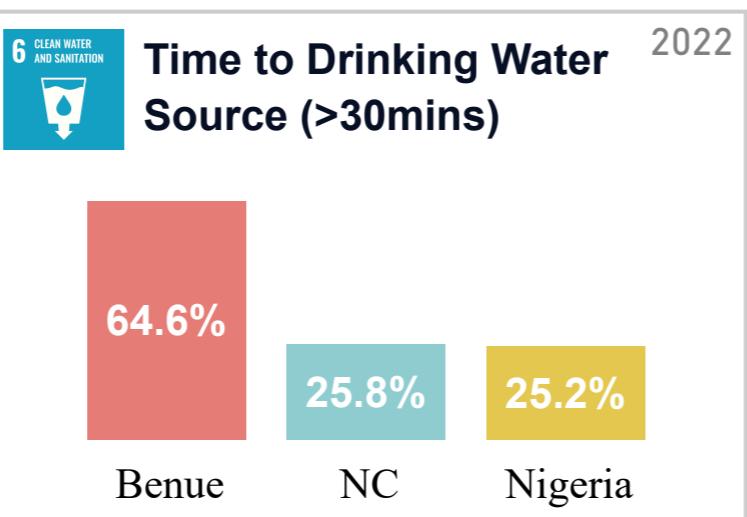
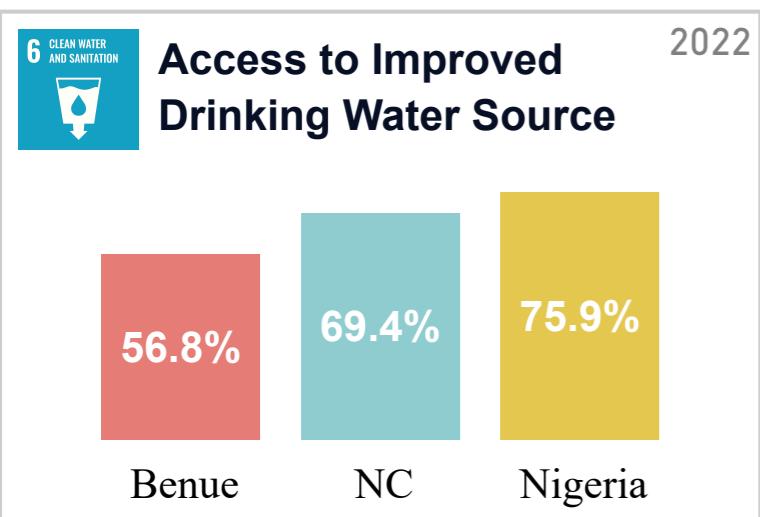
## Education



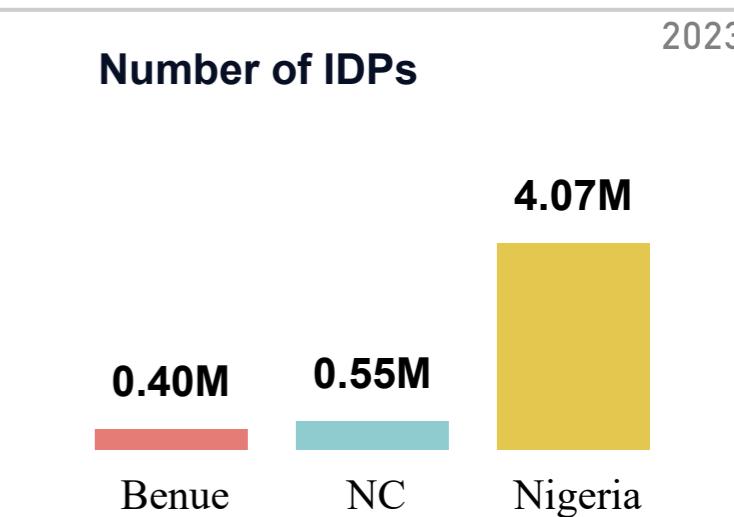
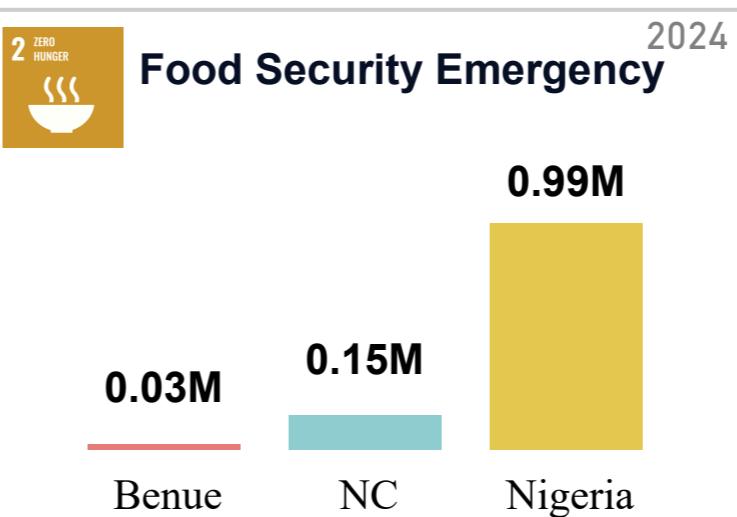
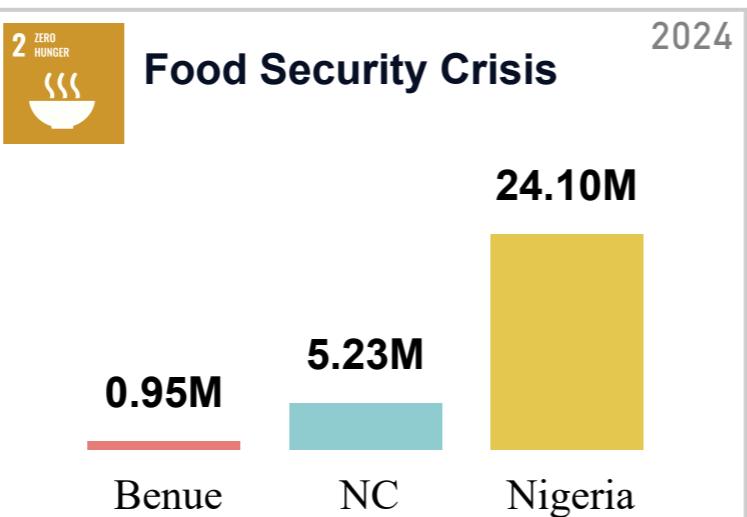
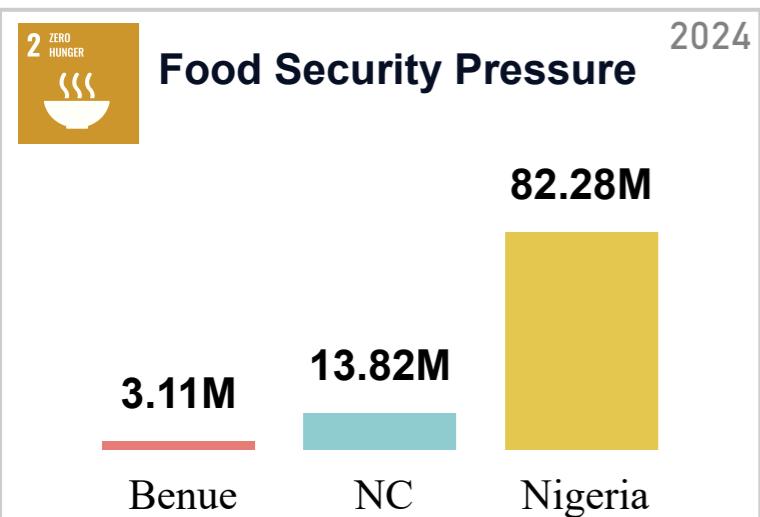
## Labour force



## WASH



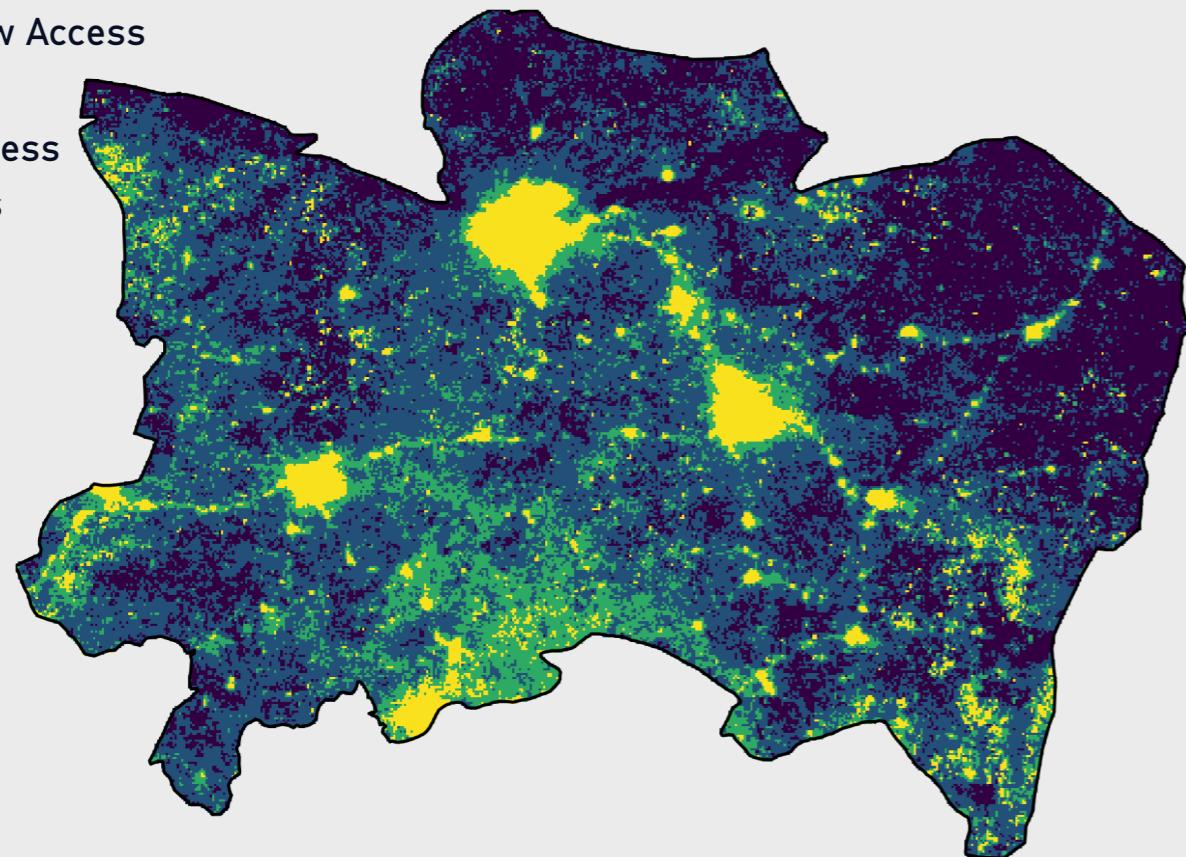
## Food security & Displacement Status



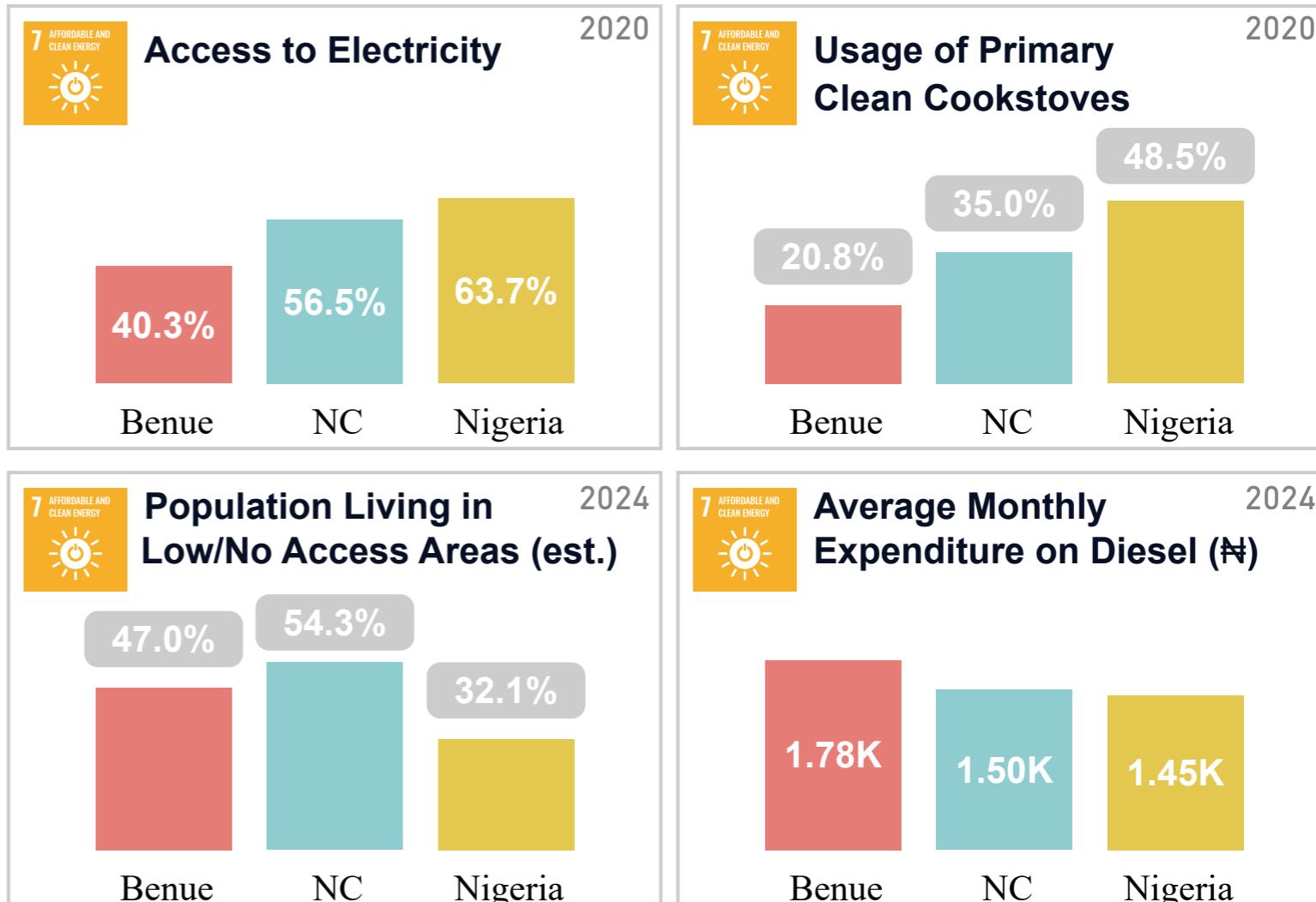
## Access to Energy

Areas with:

- No/Very Low Access (Dark Blue)
- Low Access (Medium Blue)
- Medium Access (Light Green)
- High Access (Yellow)



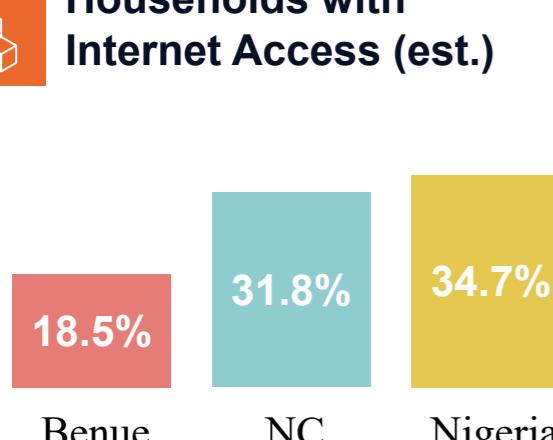
The map shows estimated energy access levels using averaged nighttime satellite imagery (2020-2024) as a proxy and derived through cluster analysis of nightlight intensity data.



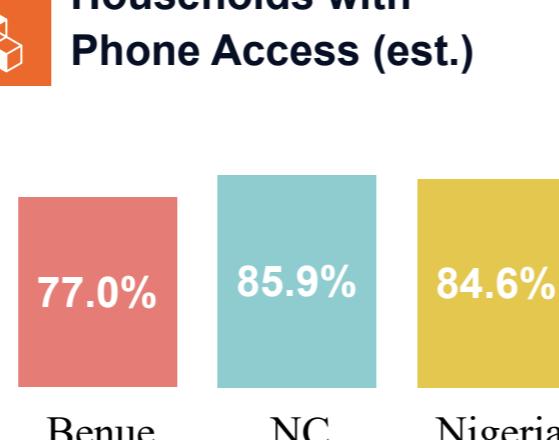
## ICT & Infrastructure



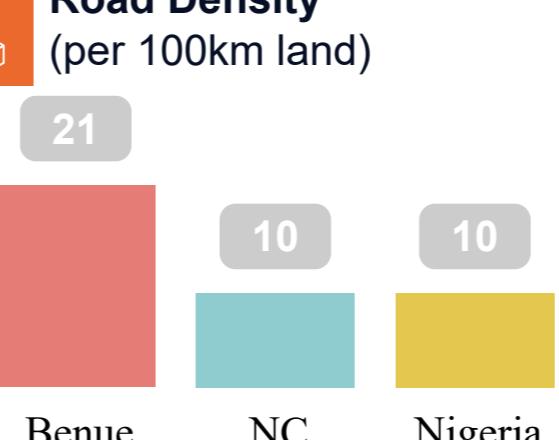
Households with Internet Access (est.) 2023



Households with Phone Access (est.) 2023



Road Density (per 100km land) 2022

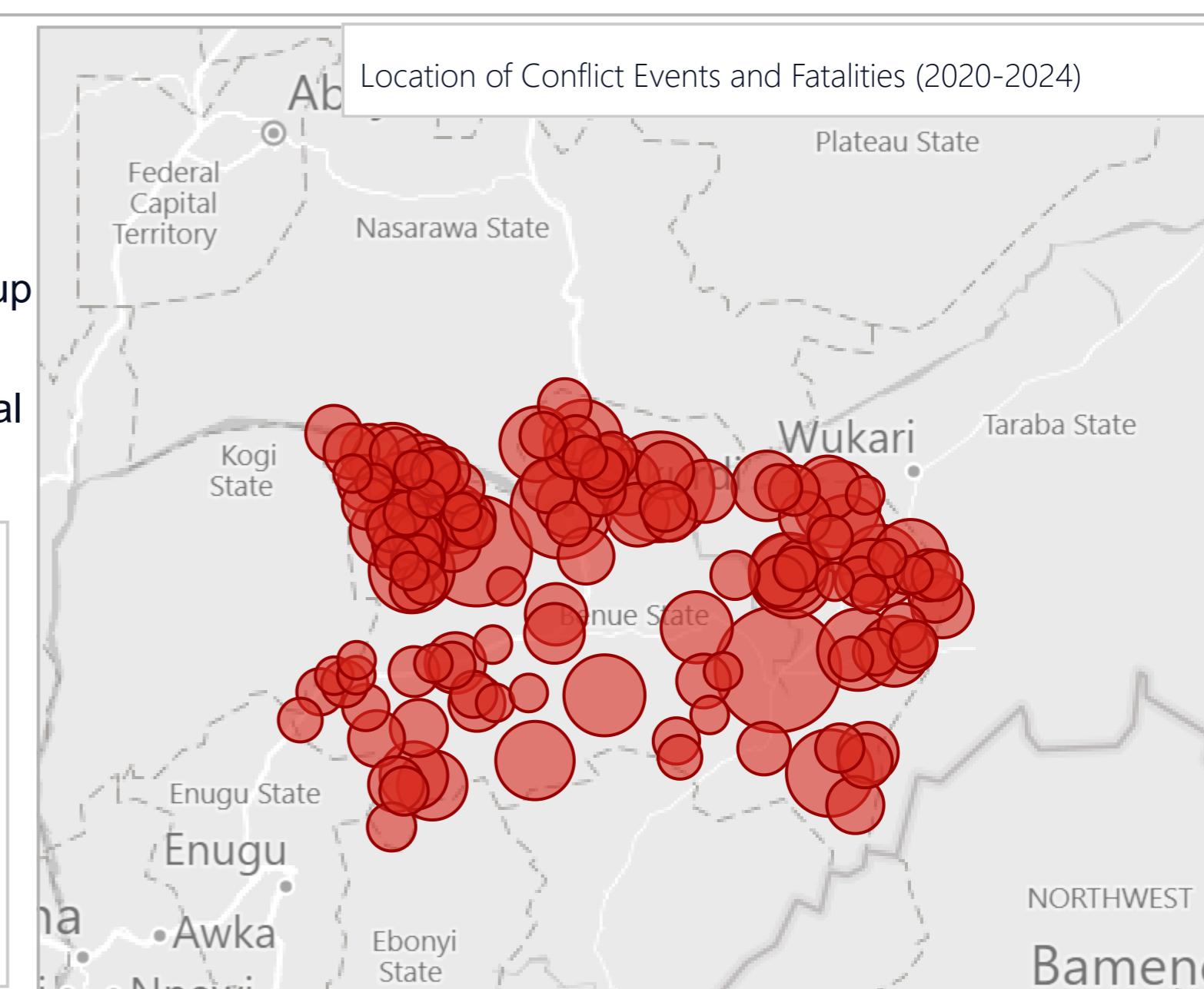
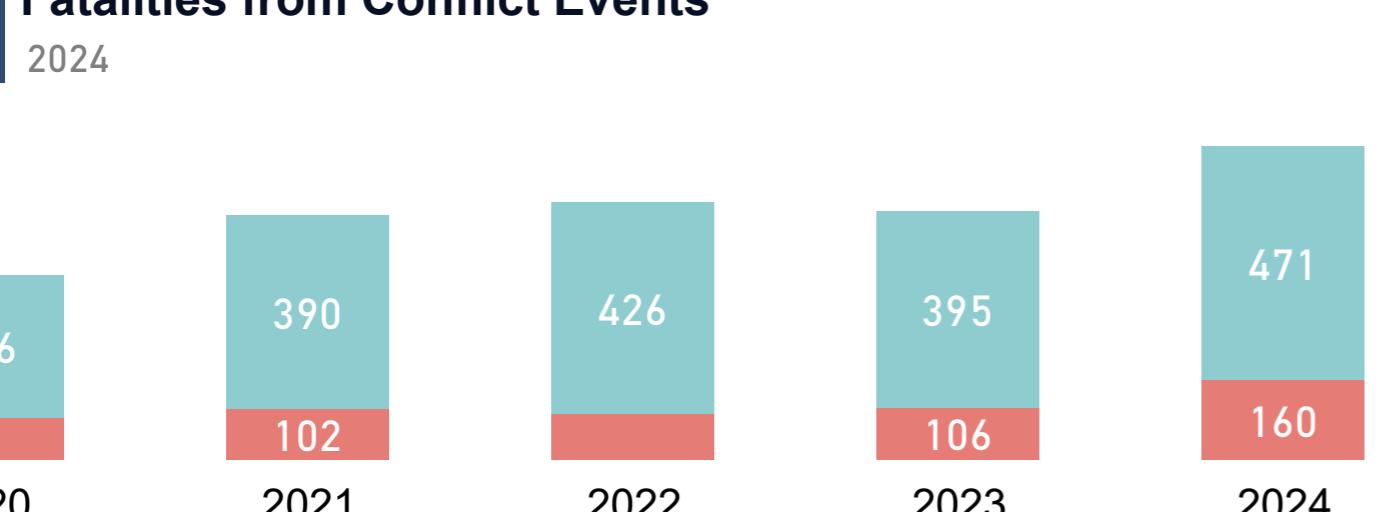


## Conflict events and trends

Between **2020 and 2024**, there was a total of 546 violent conflict-related events resulting in close to 2293 fatalities in Benue State. Fatalities from events related to Communal conflict resulted in 65% of total fatalities, followed by Unknown Armed Group (15%). Violent conflict events in Benue accounted for approximately 28% of all conflict-related deaths in the North Central geopolitical zone during the period.



Fatalities from Conflict Events 2024



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Data sources: Land use data calculated using Global Land use/Land Cover with Sentinel 2 IGARSS. 2020. Demographics estimates from NPopC. Infrastructure and ICT data from Global Data Lab. Government revenue and spending data from Nigeria Governors Forum, Public Finance Database and Budgit. 2022. GDP estimates from Kingmakers. 2022. Precipitation data from CHIRPS. 2023. Ease of Doing Business from Subnational Ease of Doing Business. 2023. MPI data from UNDP/NBS. 2022. Subnational HDI data from Global Data Lab 2020; Conflict data from Armed Conflict Location and Events data project; Life Expectancy and Infant Mortality from National Population Commission.. Unemployment rates from National Bureau of Statistics; Nigeria Labour Force Statistics. 2023. Children out of school estimates from Universal Basic Education Commission. 2018. Other datasets sourced from Nigeria Living Standard Survey, National Bureau of Statistics 2020 and Social Statistics Report. 2023. Federal Ministry of Water Resources. MICS 2022, NDHS 2023-24. VIIRS/NPP Adjusted Nighttime Lights (NASA). Food and Nutrition Insecurity (FNI) (FAO, WFP, NPFS, 2025). HIV Prevalence Rate (est.). Estimation of HIV prevalence and burden in Nigeria (Onovo, et.al)

The map shows the location of fatalities resulting from conflict events between 2020 and 2024 in Benue



Fatalities by type of conflict 2024

