






# OVERVIEW OF KEBBI STATE INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE

## Key Facts

	<p>Total population of 4,440,050 <sup>(2016)</sup>, male population is estimated at 50.1% while the female population is 49.7% with a population growth rate of 3.98% per year</p>
	<p>21 Local Government Areas and 4 Emirates Councils with 22,176 employees</p>
	<p>The State was created in 1991 from the southwestern half of Sokoto state.</p>
	<p>Pre-dominant economic activities are agriculture, commerce and tourism</p>
	<p>The state is famous for its Argungu international Fishing and Cultural Festival, the Zuru annual Uhola Cultural Festival, Kaltungu festival and other</p>

- Located in North-West Nigeria within latitudes 10.12°E and 13.29°N and longitudes 3.56°N and 6.06°E, covering 36,653km<sup>2</sup>
- Total arable land area of 1.6 million hectares
- The State ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> as the Largest Livestock Producer in Africa
- One of the largest Agricultural Crops Producers-Shea Nut, Rice, Bambara Nuts, Onions, Sesame Seeds etc.
- The climate in the state favors the cultivation of rice, millet and sorghum
- The state shares an extensive border with Niger Republic to the North and Benin Republic to the west with many inter-cultural and ethnic linkages
- The landscape of Kebbi State is dominated by extensive flood plains (Fadama) of the inland river valley systems
- The geology of Kebbi State is characterized by thick and vast sequences of sedimentary deposits of the Sokoto Rima-basin, which underline about 50% of the area
- Presence of Numerous Solid Minerals-Gemstones, Limestones, Quartz, lithium Ore, Gold etc.

# ECONOMIC PROFILE

## Gross Domestic Product



GDP

- The gross domestic product (GDP) of Kebbi State based on purchasing power parity (PPP) was estimated at **\$3.29** billion in 2010.

- The GDP per capital of Kebbi State stood at **\$993** in the same year.

## Internally Generated Revenue



IGR

- According to the National Bureau of Statistics, Kebbi State generated an IGR of N3.37bn in Q1 2021 and the sum of N3.96bn in Q2 2021, bringing it to a total of N7.33bn for the first half of 2021.

## Unemployment Rate



- Unemployment Rate of 17.3% (2020)
- Number of total unemployed is 245,697 (2020).

- Under employment rate of 36.2% (2020).
- Labour force population of 1,527,375 (2020).

## Minimum Wage



- Minimum wage of N30,000, following the implementation of the FG's N30,000 minimum wage by the Kebbi State Government In September 2019.



## OVERVIEW OF PRE-DOMINANT ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

### Agriculture

- Agriculture remains the largest employer of labour in Kebbi State, with the production of rice, millet, sorghum and other food crops increasing over the years.
- The emergence of processing industries contributed to the growth of the sector in recent years, boosting the commercial production and processing of rice as well as other agricultural produce.
- Farming communities producing at subsistence level significantly augment the overall output of the sector.
- Production of cash crops provides opportunities for the growth of the sector, as it remains at a rudimentary level.
- Access to technology, mechanized equipment, modern farming inputs and finance are some of the challenges that the sector currently faces.

### Commerce & Industry

- Commerce and Industry is the second-largest economic sector in Kebbi state.
- Commerce is largely driven by distributive trade in manufactured goods, textiles and a sizeable amount of primary products.
- This sector also compliments the vast potentials in the agricultural sector, driving job creation, access to finance and providing an enabling environment for small and medium scale enterprises to thrive.
- Challenges faced by the sector include an absence of organized commodity markets (for trading raw materials, food crops and cash crops), low purchasing power and issues around transportation logistics, equitable distribution of infrastructure and lack of collaboration between business chambers and government officials.

### Other Activities

- Another important economic sector in Kebbi State is the culture and tourism sector, Kebbi State is known for hosting West Africa's largest fishing festival.
- Aquaculture and fishing are also considered important economic activities with a rich history in Kebbi State, this sub-sector presents huge economic potential for the state.
- Solid minerals development is another important economic activity in Kebbi State,, this is amongst the state's largest employment sectors.
- Three mining sites in Yauri Emirate in Kebbi state alone provide jobs for close to 20,000 people, Zuru also has several gold mining sites.
- When all these are tallied with other mining sites, it is probable that close to 100,000 people are living off mining activities in the state.



# Strengths

1. Kebbi State is the No. 1 producer of Rice in Nigeria, with the largest rice fields in the country. The rice production in the State has yielded a remarkable contribution to food security in Nigeria.

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2. . Availability of Government land Incentives for Investors – Investors are offered free land in the Industrial layout of the state at no cost, with enough time allowed for development ( 2 - years).

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3. . Kebbi State is the most tourist attractive State in Northern Nigeria, hosting the biggest cultural festival in the region and one of the biggest in Africa, the Argungu International Fishing Festival, and several other festivals.

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4. Kebbi State is the second largest in Livestock production in Nigeria, second only to Yobe State. About 320 species of fishes in the State, consequently producing the most freshwater fish in Northern Nigeria and the second largest in the country, with a large area of River Niger flowing through Kebbi and the availability of other major rivers like the River Rima.

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5. . Kebbi State has demonstrated a proven track record of attracting investment with some of the largest factories in Africa located in the State. WACOT Rice Ltd - the largest rice mill in West Africa; GB Foods operating the largest Tomato Factory in Africa; Labana Rice Mill Ltd, Lolo Gold Rice Mill; and other high-quality investments.

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6. . Kebbi State is blessed with a large reserve of several valuable solid minerals, with four of the seven identified minerals for strategic development by the Federal Government, present in the State.

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7. Availability of vast arable lands for agriculture and diverse agricultural produce: Onion, Wheat, Groundnut, Garlic amongst others. Some of the best Groundnuts and Bambara nuts in the world are cultivated in Kebbi State.

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8. . Presence of an International Cargo Airport.

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9. . Kebbi State is the most strategically located State in terms of its proximity to West African Countries. Kebbi is bordered by the Republic of Niger and Benin Republic and is the most logical transport route to other African Countries.

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## Opportunities

- 1 . Kebbi State has the potential to become the largest market in fish production in Nigeria, capitalizing on the River Niger, Kanji Lake and Rima River.
- 2 . The availability of several water bodies provides the state with an opportunity for irrigation, greatly improving agricultural activities, making the State the largest suppliers of Farm Produce in the country.
- 3 . Huge potential to be the leaders of Renewable Energy ( Solar, Hydropower, Biomass and Wind) in Nigeria, with very high solar irradiation, river systems for Dams, and major producers of crops used in the production of ethanol.
- 4 . Become one of the biggest tourist destination in Northern Nigeria, with the Argungu festival and other cultural, geographical attractions of the State.
- 5 . Being a border town to the Republic of Niger and Benin Republic, Kebbi has the potential to become a large market hub, serving as a gateway between the Countries and Nigeria.