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# State Health Sector Spending

Health spending, primary health care and budget performance across 34 Nigerian states, January to September 2026

**Q1–Q3 2026**

November 2026

# Q1–Q3 2026 at a glance

**₦1,070.6bn**

spent on health by 34 states, January to September 2026

**▲ 48%**

on the same period of 2025 (30 states with both years)

**7.6%**
of total state spending went to health

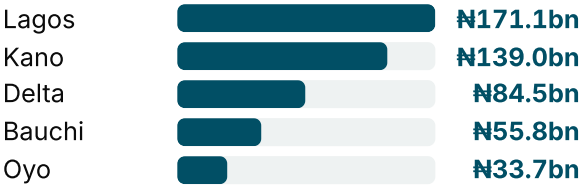
**9.7%**
of health spending went to primary health care (₦103.8bn)

**35.5%**
of the ₦3,019.2bn full-year health budget was spent

**48%**
of health spending was recurrent: salaries and running costs

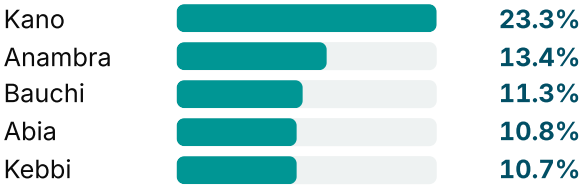
## Biggest spenders

Lagos and Kano account for 29% of the total.



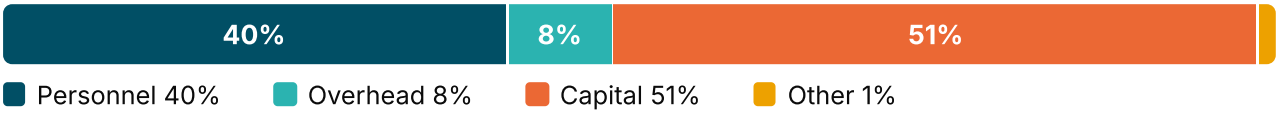

## Health share of state spending

Highest five. The average is 7.6%.




## Where the money goes

Health spending by component across 33 states.




## Primary health care focus

Share of health spending going to primary health care.




## Budget performance

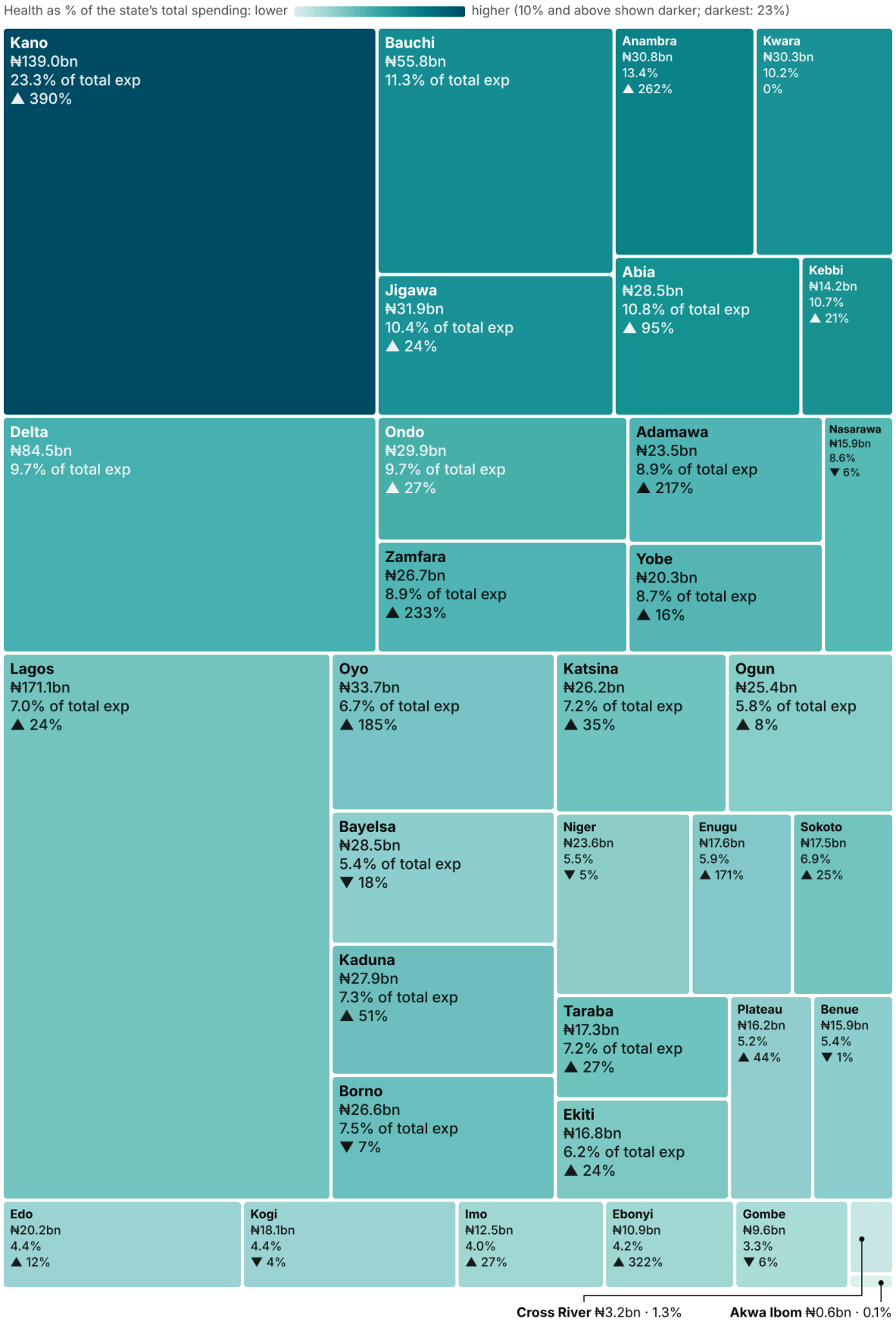
Spending against the full-year health budget; 75% would match the time elapsed.




Osun and Rivers had no 2026 figures. Source: state Q3 budget implementation reports; BudgIT analysis.

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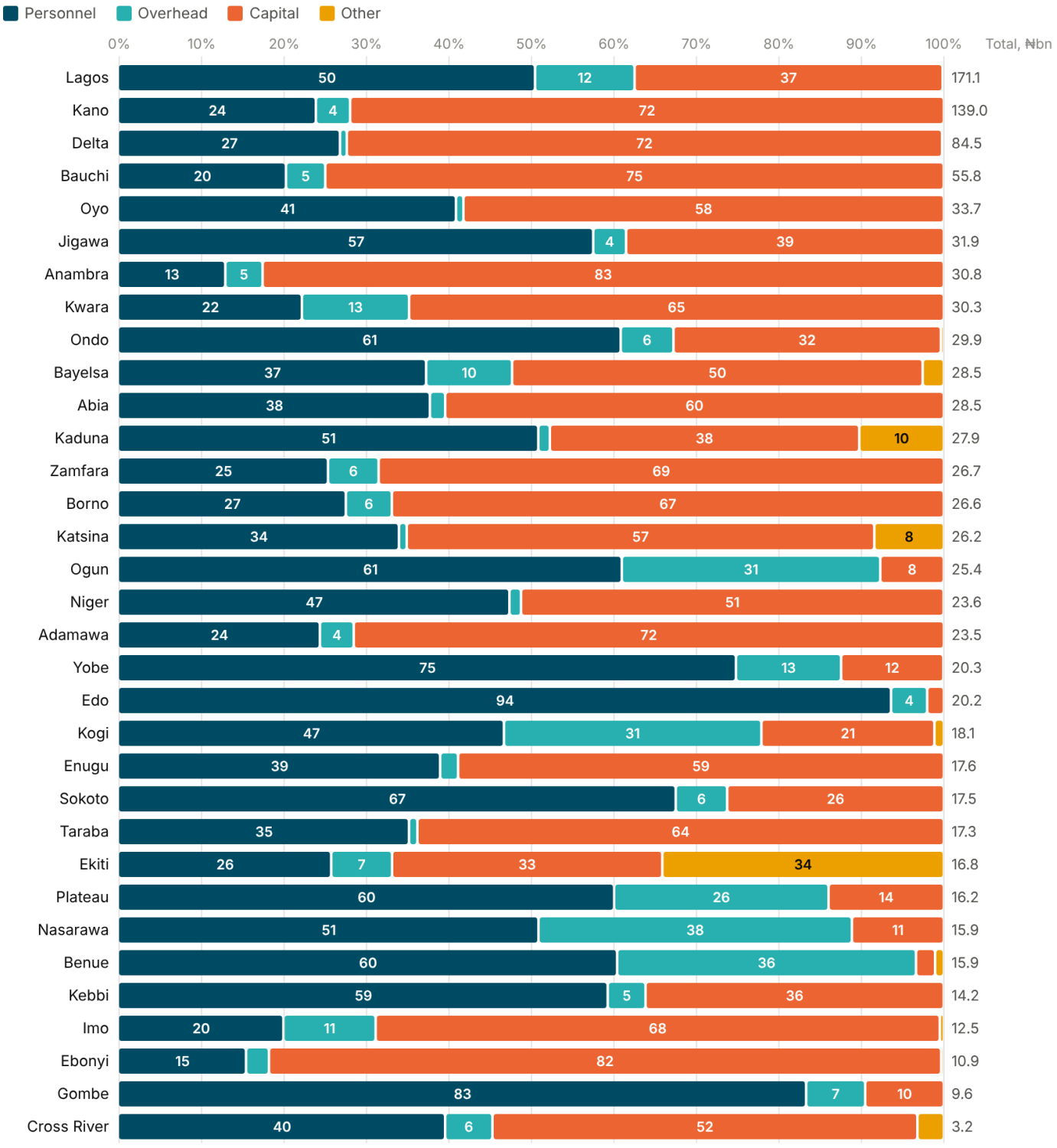
34 states spent ₦1,070.6bn on health between January and September 2026. Tiles are sized by the amount spent and arranged with the deepest colours at the top. The percentage, and the depth of colour, show how much of the state's total spending went to health (7.6% across 34 states). Arrows show the change on the same period of 2025.




Missing states (no 2026 figures in the reports): Osun, Rivers. No 2025 comparison for Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Cross River, Delta. Source: state Q3 budget implementation reports; BudgIT analysis.

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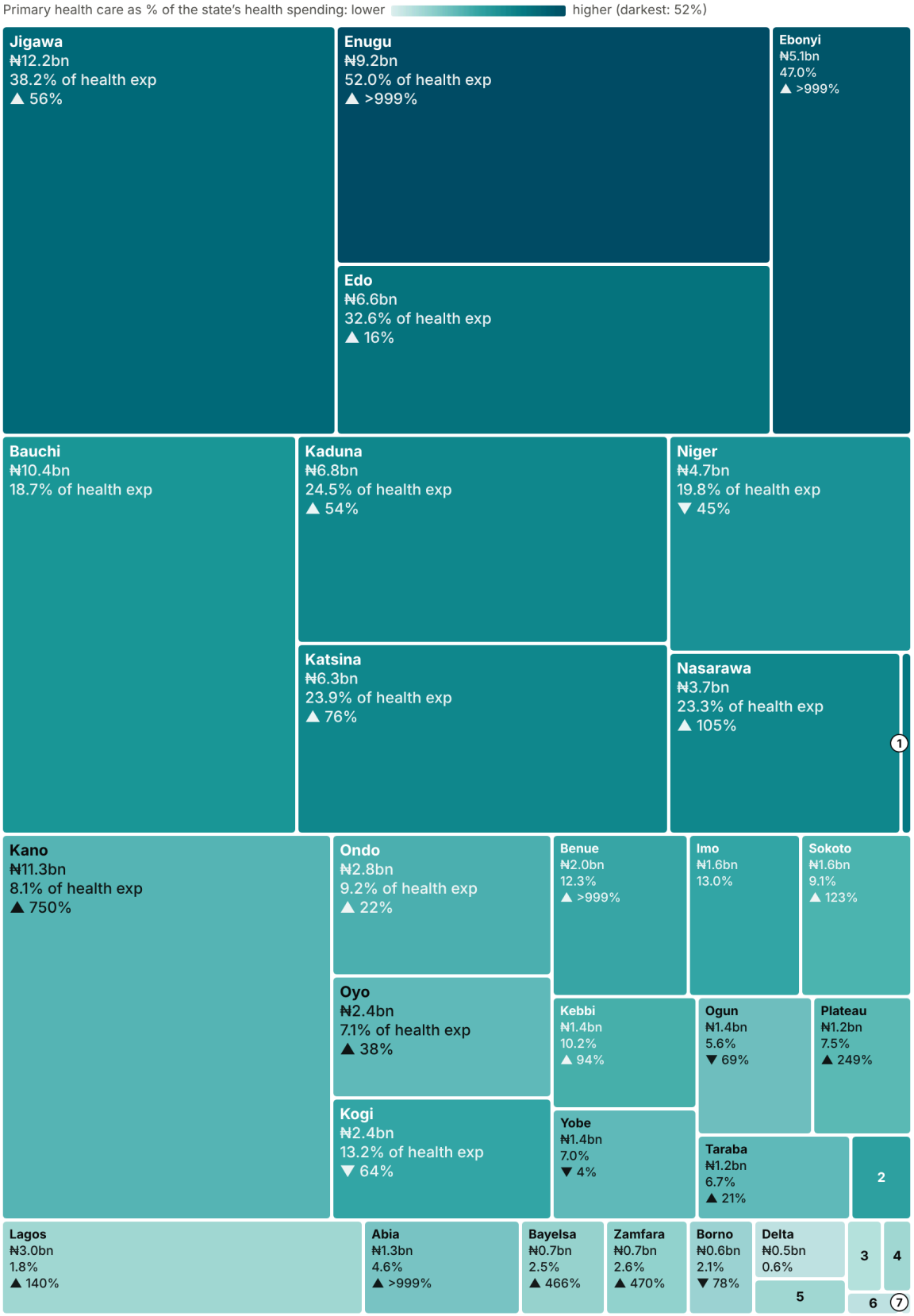
About half of state health spending goes to salaries and running costs: personnel and overhead took 48% across 33 states in January to September 2026. States are ranked by total health spending, highest first. Figures on the bars are percentages of each state's health spending.




Missing states: Osun, Rivers (no 2026 figures in the reports) and Akwa Ibom (no breakdown by component). Source: state Q3 budget implementation reports; BudgIT analysis.

# Q1–Q3 2026 Primary Health Care Spending

34 states spent ₦103.8bn on primary health care between January and September 2026, 9.7% of their health spending. Tiles are sized by the amount spent and arranged with the deepest colours at the top. The percentage, and the depth of colour, show how much of the state's health spending went to primary health care. Arrows show the change on the same period of 2025.

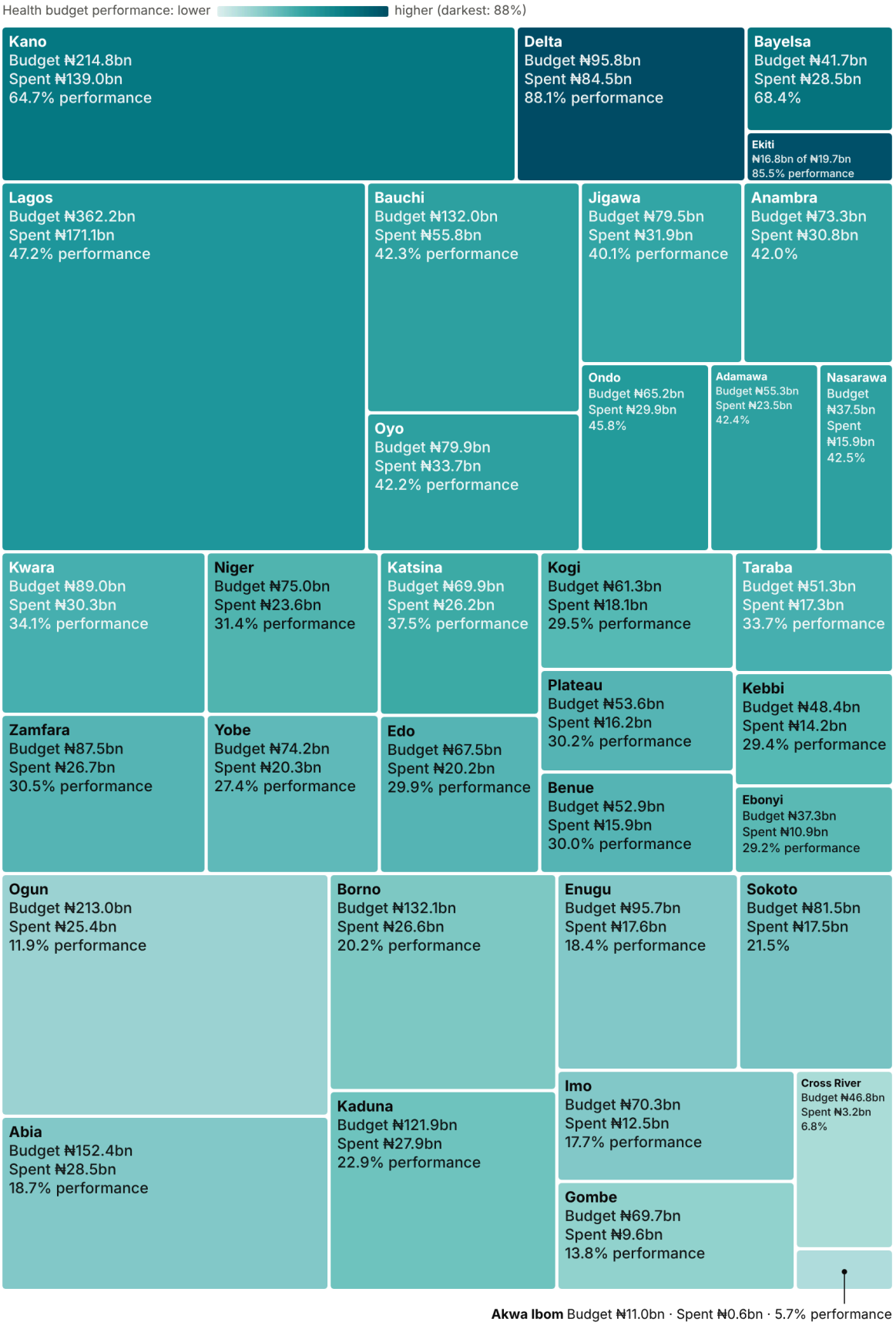



**1 Akwa Ibom** ₦0.2bn · 29.1% **2 Cross River** ₦0.5bn · 14.4% **3 Kwara** ₦0.2bn · 0.8% · ▲ 675% **4 Gombe** ₦0.2bn · 1.9% · ▼ 91%
**5 Ekiti** ₦0.3bn · 1.8% · ▼ 34% **6 Adamawa** ₦0.1bn · 0.5% · ▲ 36% **7 Anambra** ₦0.02bn · 0.1% · ▲ 34%

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# Q1–Q3 2026 Health Budget Performance

By the end of September, 34 states had spent ₦1,070.6bn on health against revised 2026 health budgets of ₦3,019.2bn, a performance of 35.5% with three-quarters of the year gone. Only Delta and Ekiti had passed 75%. Tiles are sized by the health budget and arranged with the deepest colours at the top. The percentage, and the depth of colour, show budget performance.




Missing states (no 2026 figures in the reports): Osun, Rivers. Performance is January to September spending as a percentage of the full-year revised 2026 health budget shown. Source: state Q3 budget implementation reports; BudgIT analysis.

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