National Corruption Survey: Corruption in Nigeria - Bribery as Experienced by the Population

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Almost a third of Nigerian citizens pay bribes when in contact with public officials

52% of Nigerian adults had contact with public officials
32% of them paid or were asked to pay a bribe.

Prevalence and frequency of bribery at the national level, urban/rural level and by zone, Nigeria, 2016

- Prevalence of bribery
- Average number of bribes paid

North-West: 12%, North-East: 6.2%, North-Central: 6.4%, South-West: 5.7%, South-East: 4.5%, South-South: 6.4%, Urban: 5.3%, Rural: 6.0%, Nigeria: 5.8%
Percentage distribution of bribes, by modality of bribe request and timing of payment, Nigeria, 2016

Prevalence rate of bribery in relation to selected types of public official, Nigeria, 2016

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Key findings
Reference period: June 2015-May 2016

Prevalence of bribery in the public sector  32.3%

Average number of bribes paid to public officials by bribe-payers  5.8

Total number of bribes paid to public officials in Nigeria in 12 months  82 million

Per capita number of bribes paid to public officials, adult population  0.9

Contact rate with public officials  52.2%

Prevalence and frequency of bribery at the national level and by urban/rural area, Nigeria, 2016
Prevalence and frequency of bribery at the national level and by zone, Nigeria, 2016

Map 1  Prevalence of bribery, by state, Nigeria, 2016

Average number of bribes paid to public officials per adult Nigerian, by zone, Nigeria, 2016
Number of bribes paid to public officials per adult population, by state, Nigeria, 2016

Percentage distribution of the total number of bribes paid to public officials by individual bribe-payers during the 12 months prior to the survey, Nigeria, 2016

Percentage of the population considering selected issues to be the most important problem affecting Nigeria, 2016
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Prevalence and frequency of bribery in the private sector at the national level and the urban/rural level, Nigeria, 2016
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<th>Percentage of bribes solicited directly or indirectly</th>
<th>85.3%</th>
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<td>Percentage of bribes paid before the service is rendered</td>
<td>68.9%</td>
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<td>Percentage of bribes paid in cash</td>
<td>91.9%</td>
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<td>Average size of cash bribes</td>
<td>(NGN) 5,317.6 ($61.0 PPP)</td>
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<td>Total amount paid in cash bribes to public officials in Nigeria in one year</td>
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Cash bribe, paid before the service, directly requested by the public official to speed up a procedure (18.1 per cent of all bribes paid)
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Percentage distribution of bribes paid to public officials, by modality of bribe request/offer, Nigeria, 2016

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Figure 1Most common bribes paid to public officials, by bribe type, purpose, type of request and timing of payment, Nigeria, 2016

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Public officials in relation to whom bribery prevalence is highest (percentage refers to citizens in contact with that type of public official)

- Police officers (46.4 per cent)
- Prosecutors (33.0 per cent)
- Judges/magistrates (31.5 per cent)

Public officials to whom the highest average number of bribes were paid (percentage refers to citizens paying bribes to that type of public official)

- Members of the armed forces (5.7 bribes)
- Police officers (5.3 bribes)
- Tax/revenue officers (5.3 bribes)

Public officials who received the largest average cash bribes (average of all bribes paid to that type of public official)

- Custom officers (NGN 88,587 / $1,016 - PPP)
- Judges/magistrates (NGN 18,576 / $213 - $PPP)
- Prosecutors (NGN 10,072 / $116 - $PPP)

Most common type of bribe

- Cash bribe paid to police officers upon a direct request before the service is provided (29.7 per cent of all bribes)

Private sector employees in relation to whom bribery prevalence is highest (percentage refers to citizens in contact with that type of private employee)

- Employees of insurance companies (6.0 per cent)
- Teachers in private schools (5.9 per cent)
- Doctors in private hospitals (3.7 per cent)
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Most common bribes paid to public officials, by type of bribe, purpose, type of request and timing of payment, Nigeria, 2016

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<td>Male: 37.1 per cent&lt;br&gt;Female: 26.6 per cent</td>
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<td>Age group with highest prevalence of bribery</td>
<td>25-34 years (36.4 per cent)</td>
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Prevalence and frequency of bribery, by sex, Nigeria, 2016

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Prevalence of refusal of bribery 5.3%

Bribery refusal rate per 100 bribe-payers 20 per 100 bribe-payers

Percentage of citizens experiencing negative consequences after refusing a requested bribe 56%

Percentage of bribe-payers reporting their experience to an official authority 3.7%

Percentage of citizens experiencing negative consequences after reporting a bribery incident 9.1%
Proportion of Nigerian adults who always paid a bribe, who refused to pay a bribe on at least one occasion and who always refused to pay a bribe following a bribe request, Nigeria, 2016

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