



May 2026

Human Rights Situation Dashboard

Introduction

- NHRC has the mandate to promote and protect human rights in Nigeria.
- NHRC has the powers to monitor, investigate and report human rights violations in Nigeria.
- Since January 2024, NHRC has produced monthly dashboard on human rights situation.
- The Dashboards contain data from complaints lodged at the NHRC 38 offices across Nigeria and human rights violations monitored through NHRC Human Rights Observatory.

General Human Rights Situation in May 2026

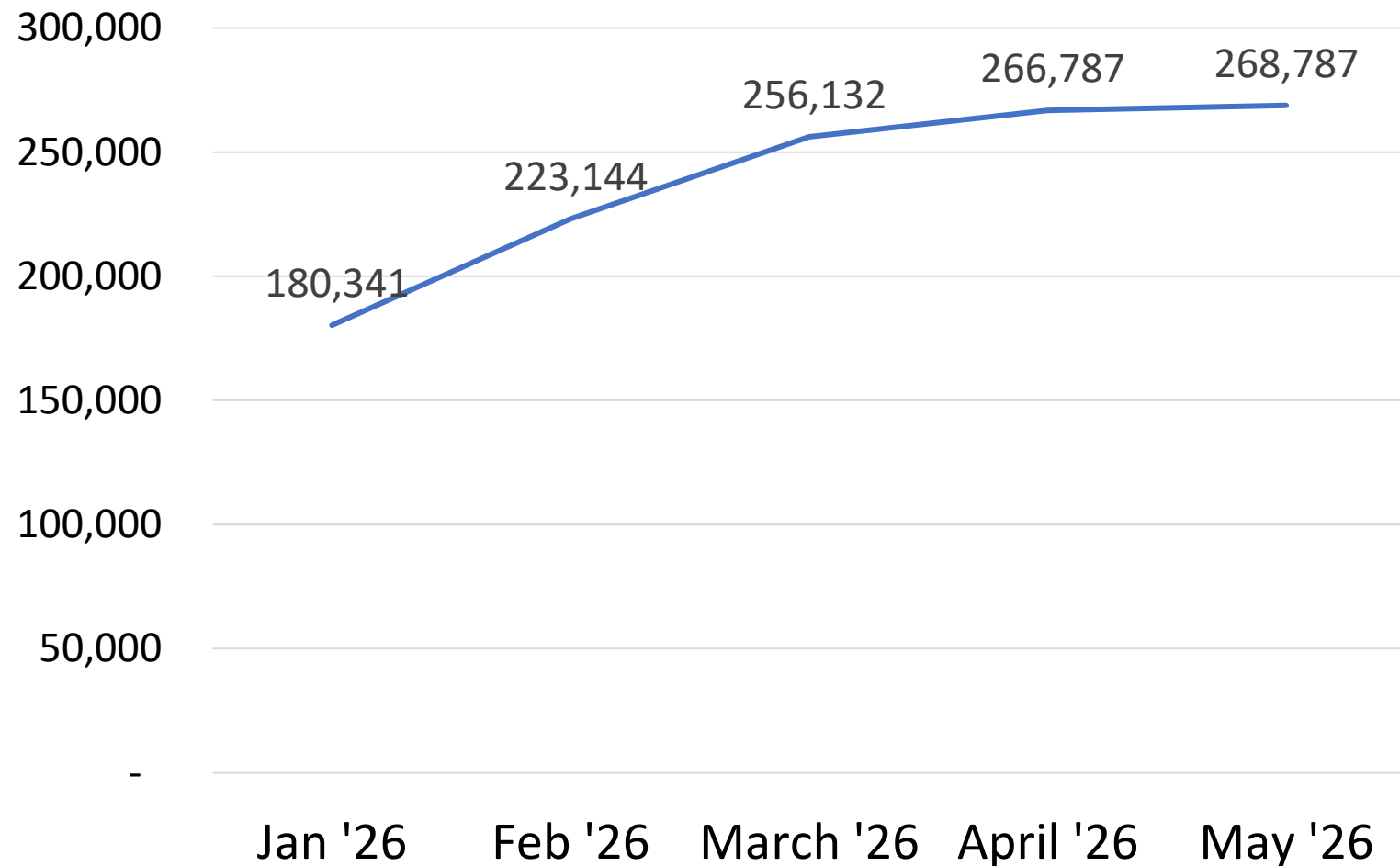
- Human rights complaints to the NHRC increased marginally in May 2026.
- Mass killings across Nigeria continues especially in the North.
- Physical and Sexual Violence on Children
- Abduction of school children
- Mass abductions continues impacting communities and individuals.
- Killings of Military, Law enforcement and security agencies.



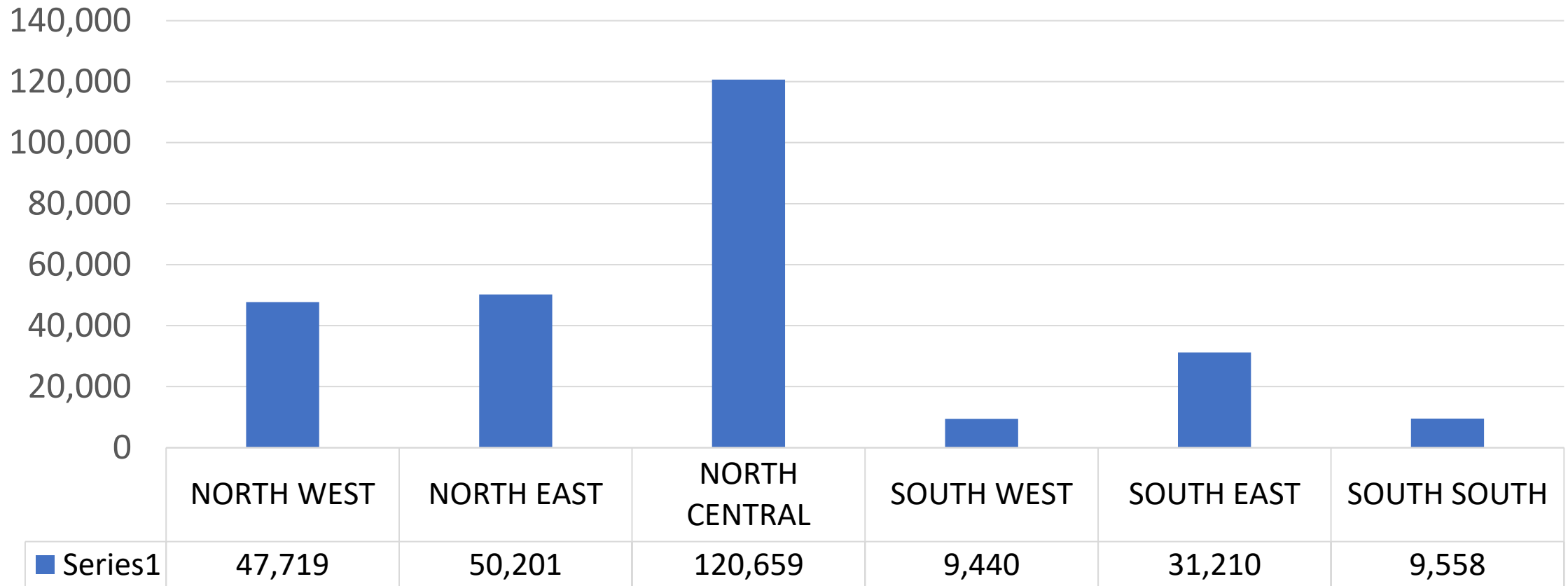
NHRC May 2026 Human Rights Complaints

- Total Number of Complaints:
268,787
[An increase of 2,000 compared to April 2026]

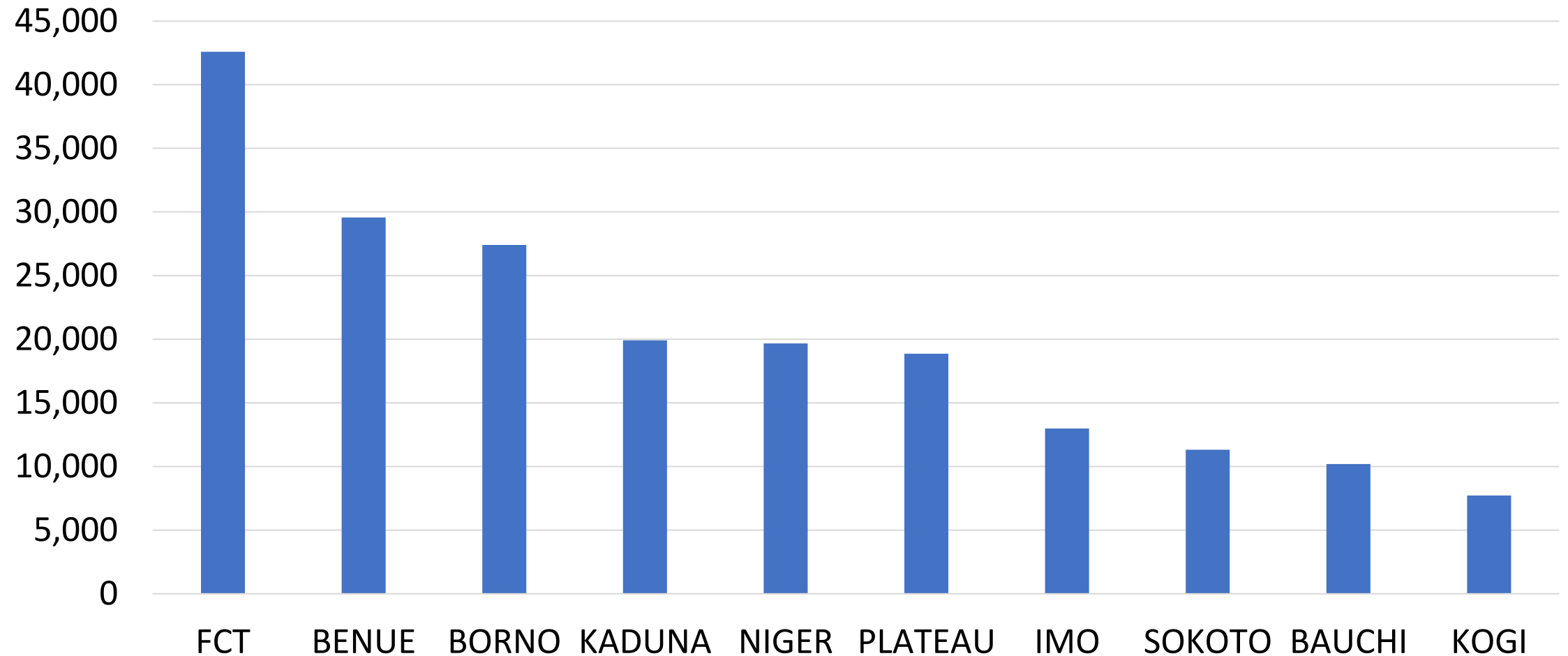
Human Rights Complaints January - May 2026 Compared



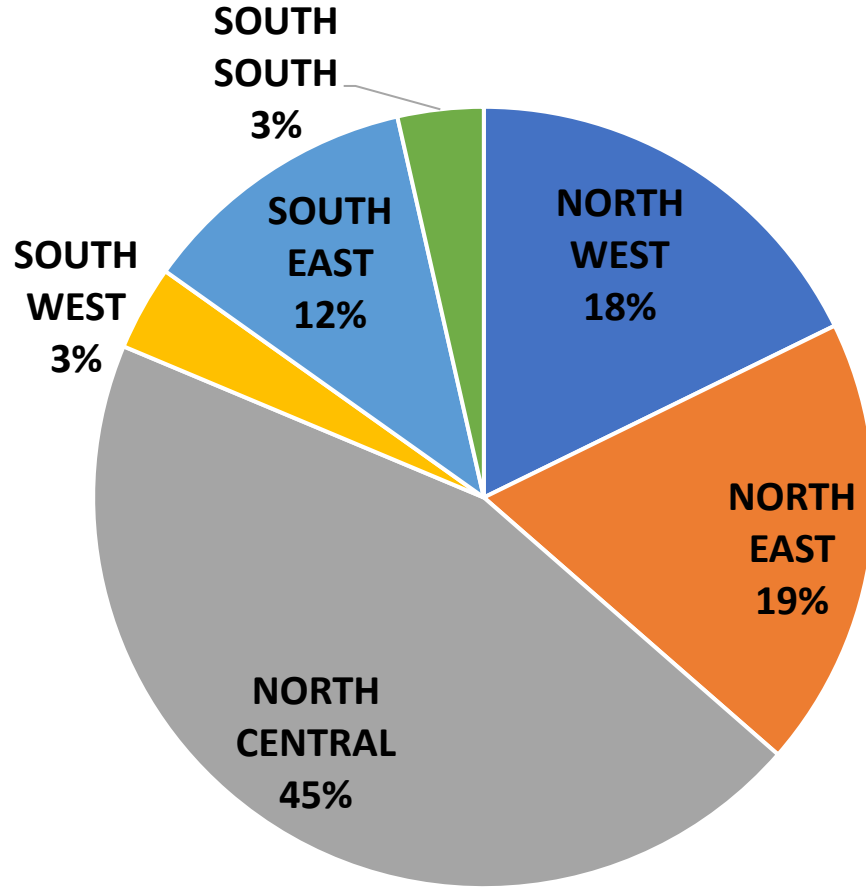
May 2026 Human Rights Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones



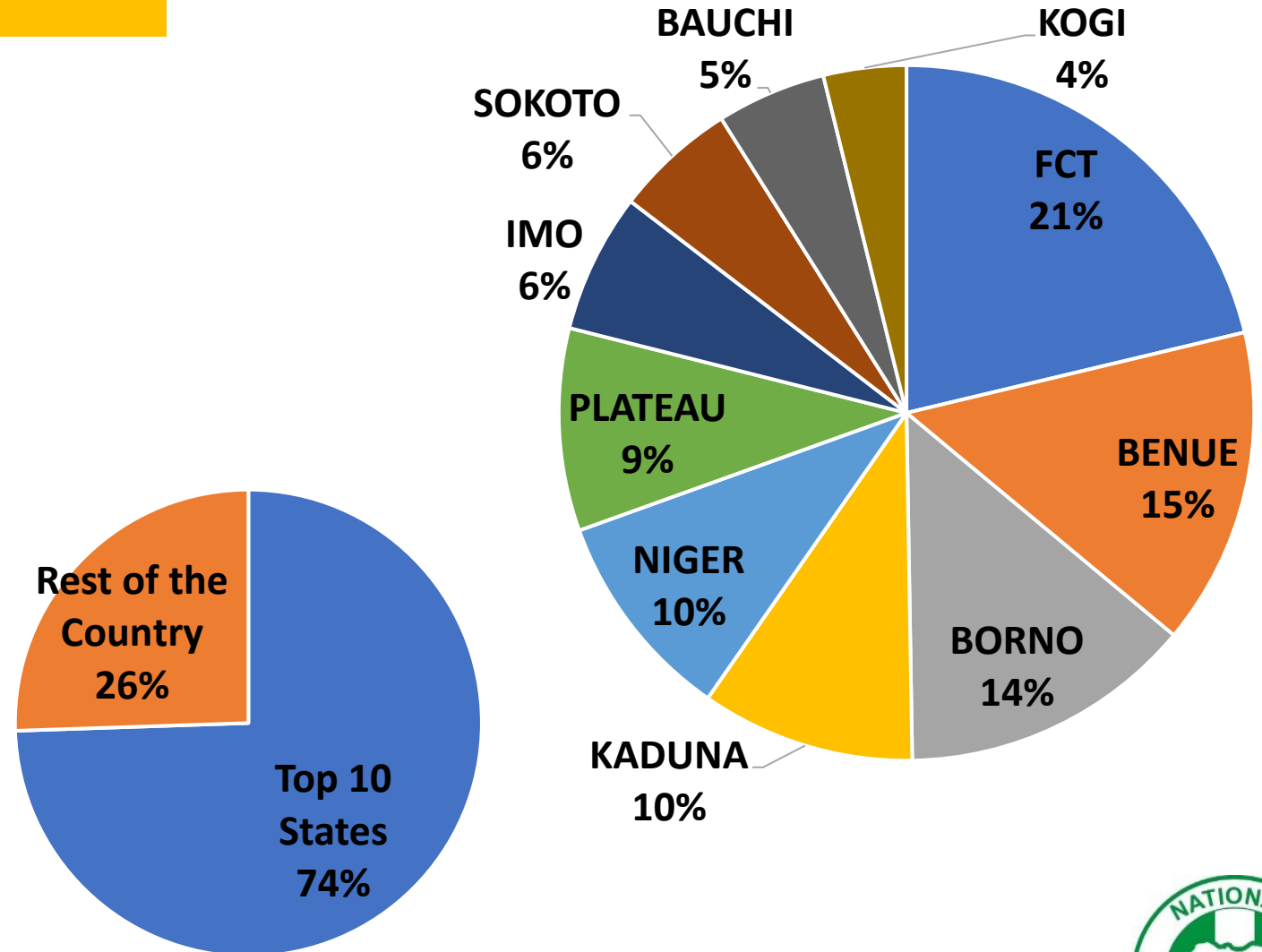
Top 10 States Human Rights Complaints May 2026



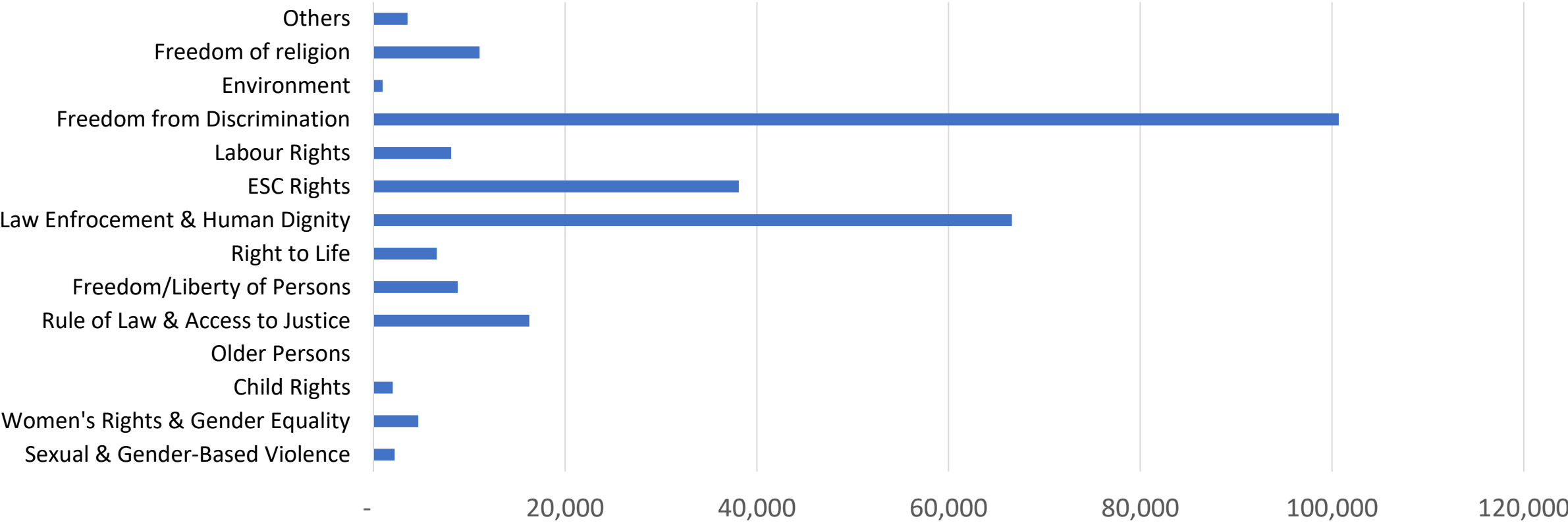
Percentage Distribution of Complaints Across Geo-Political Zones May 2026



Top 10 States for Human Rights Complaints in May 2026 (% Share)



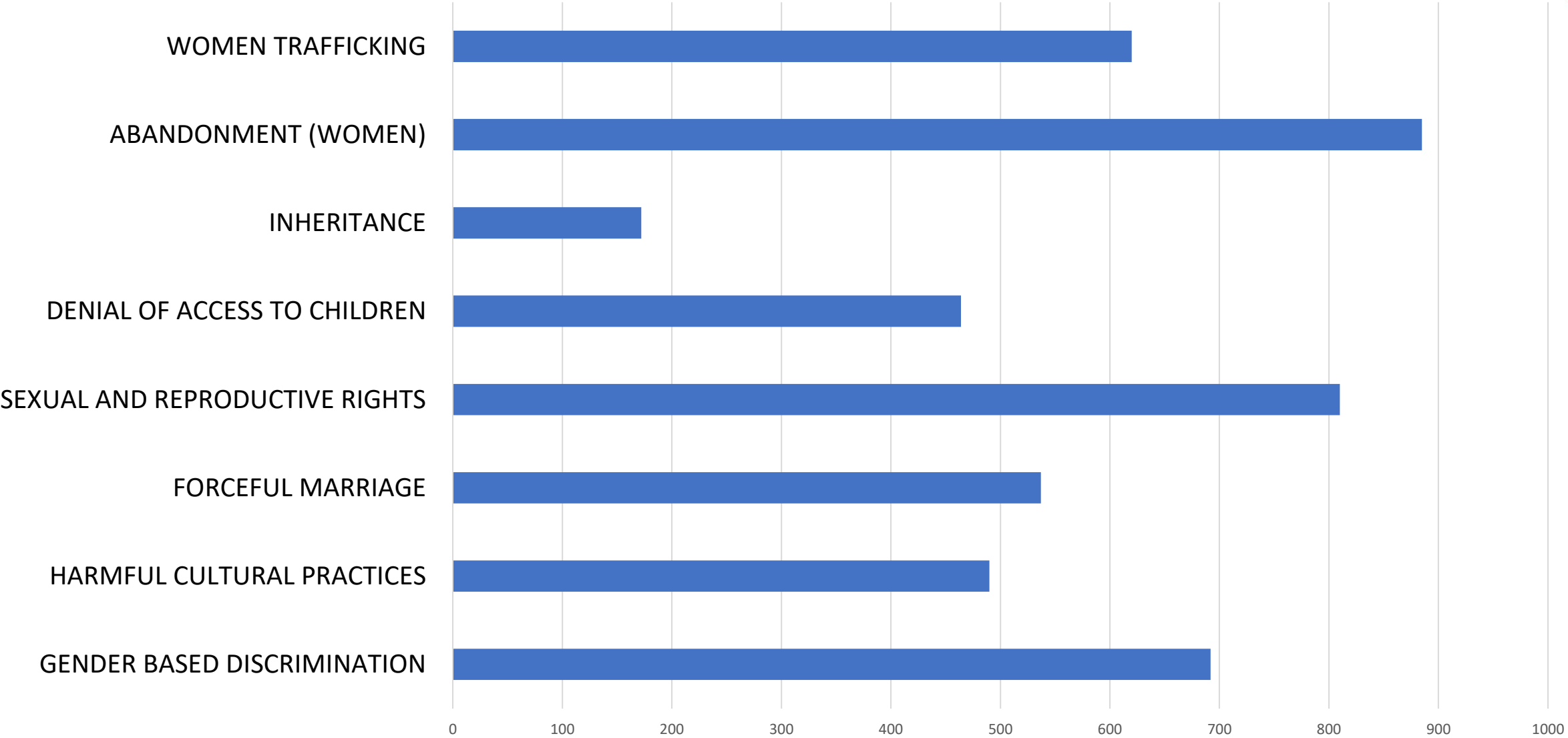
May 2026 Thematic Human Rights Complaints



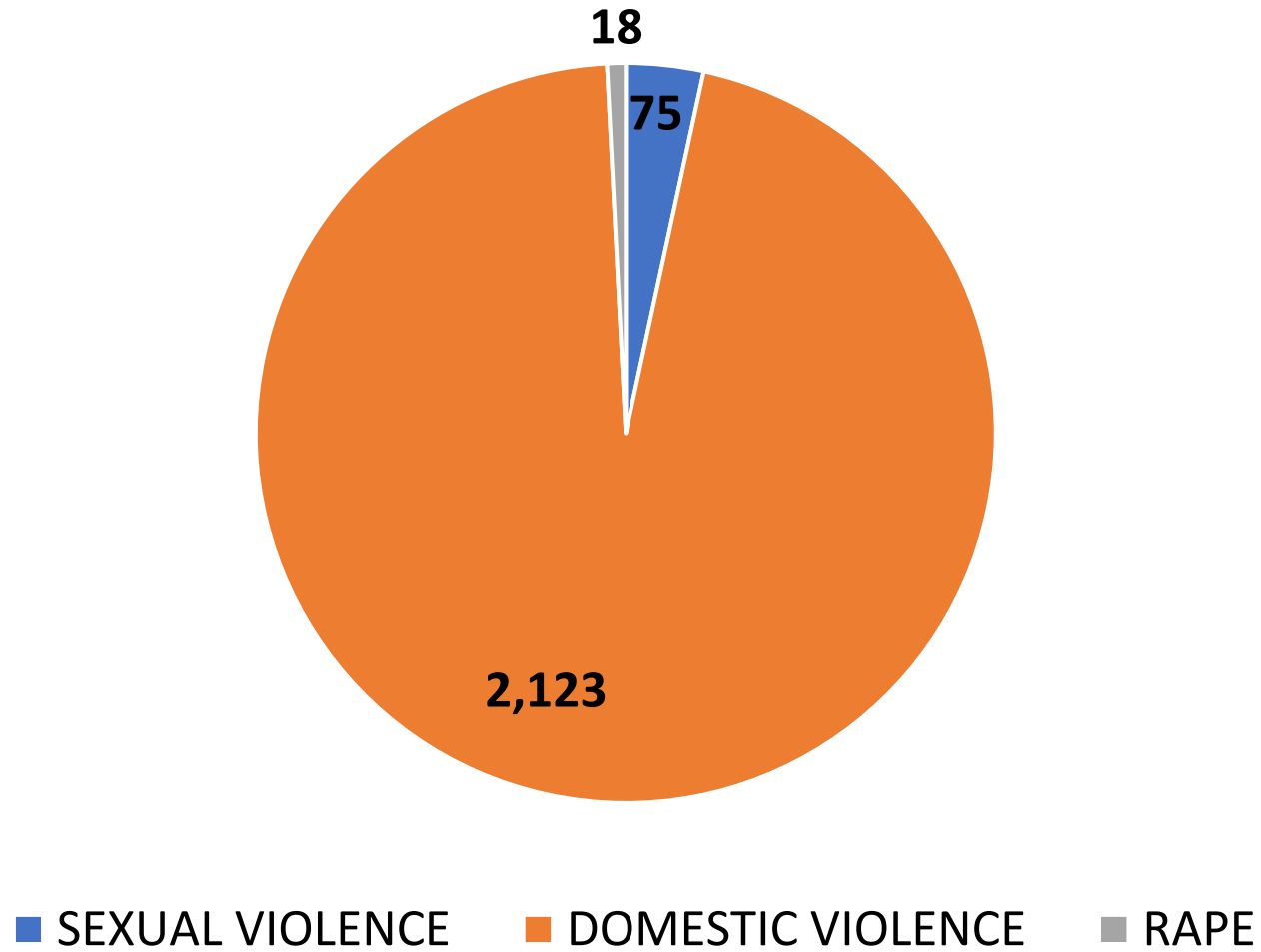
	Sexual & Gender-Based Violence	Women's Rights & Gender Equality	Child Rights	Older Persons	Rule of Law & Access to Justice	Freedom/Liberty of Persons	Right to Life	Law Enforcement & Human Dignity	ESC Rights	Labour Rights	Freedom from Discrimination	Environm ent	Freedom of religion	Others
■ Series1	2,216	4,670	2,025	12	16,258	8,801	6,620	66,609	38,120	8,101	100,707	975	11,087	3,562



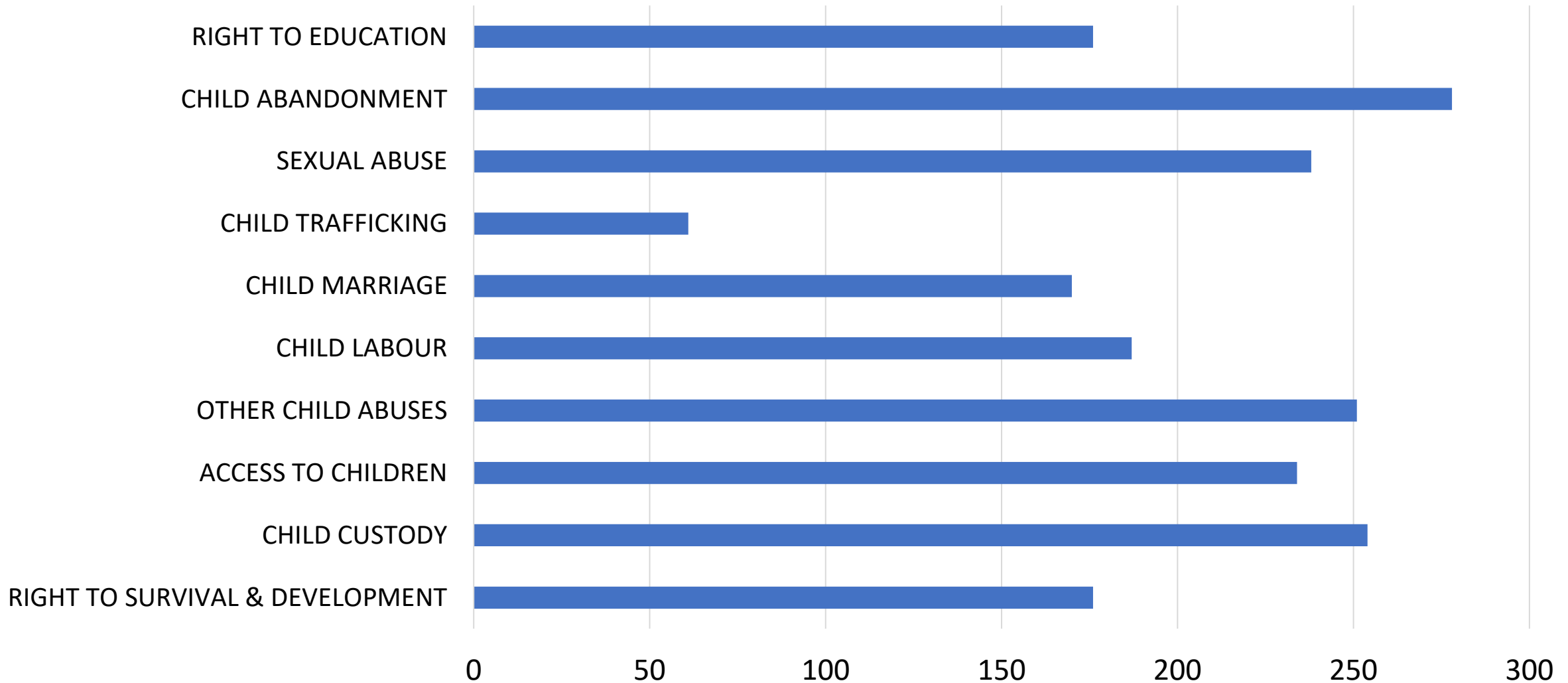
Complaints on Violation of Women’s Rights May 2026



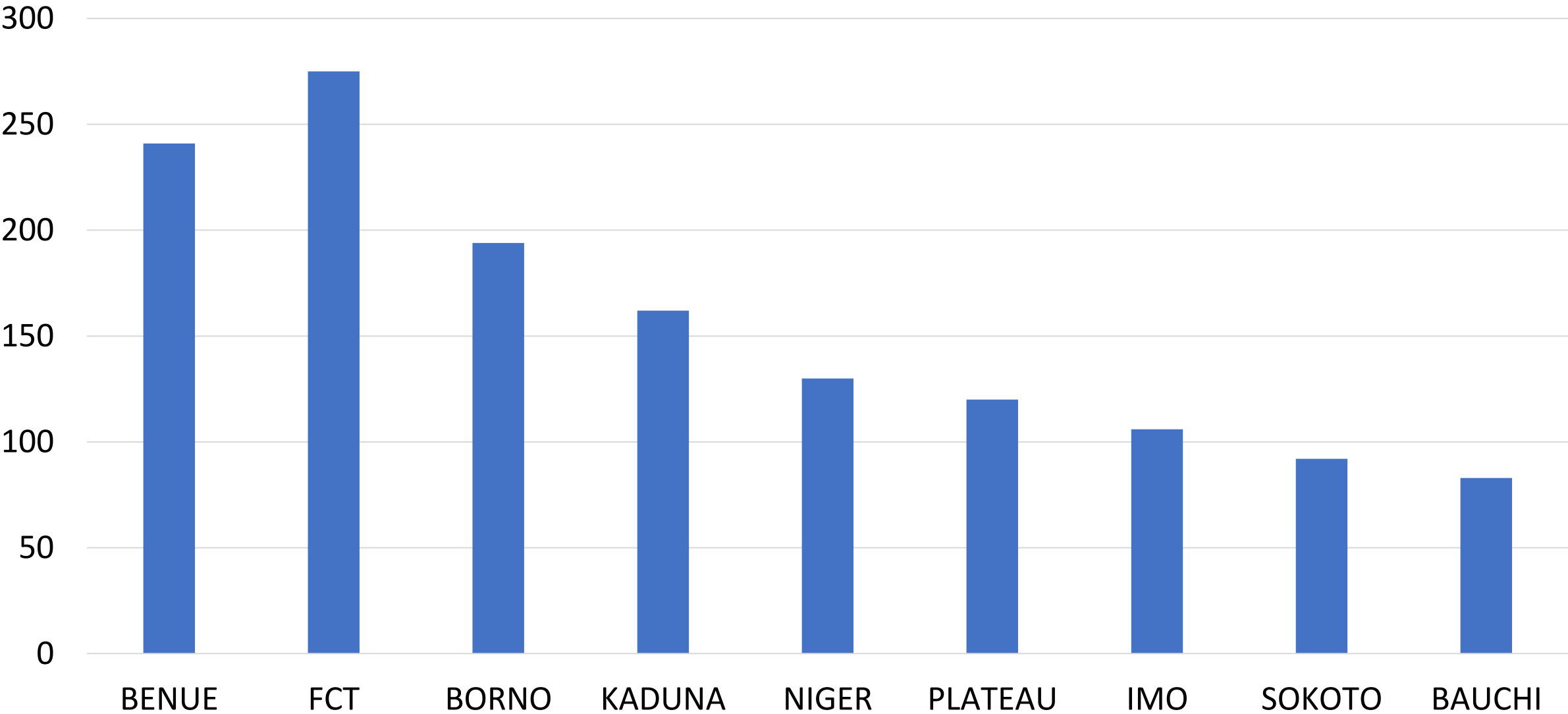
May 2026 Sexual and Gender Based Violence



May 2026 Violation of Children's Rights



Top 10 States with Violation of Child Rights May 2026



NHRC in Numbers – May 2026

Number of
Investigations
Completed –
3,560

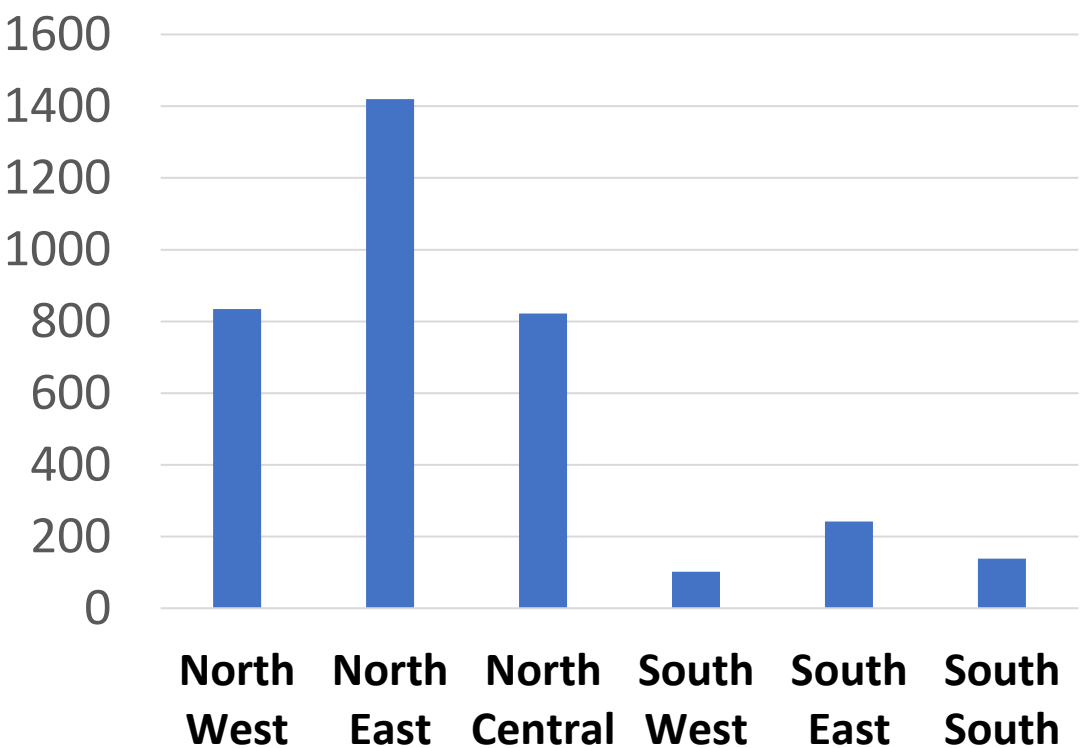


Summons and
Letters to
Nigerian Police -
32

Visitation to
Police Stations,
Correctional
Centres and
Places of
Detention – **107**

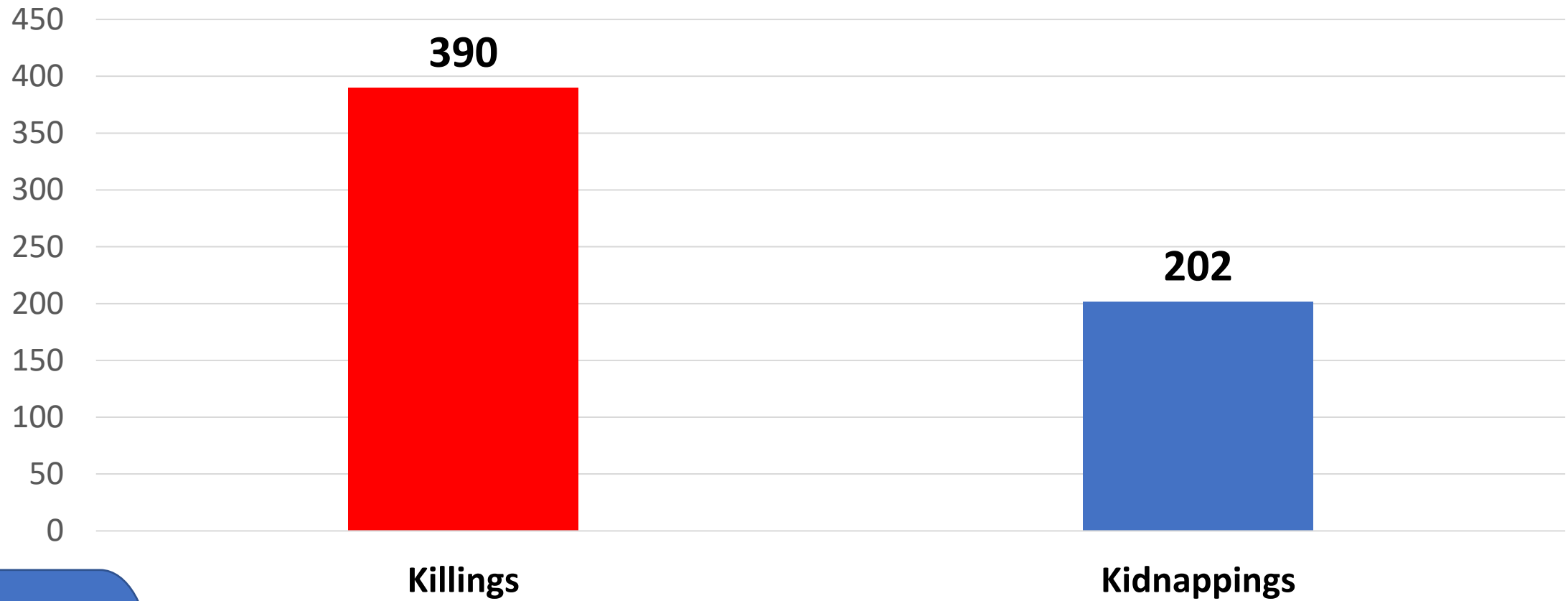
Visitation to
Military
Formations - **2**

Completed Investigations in May 2026 Across Zones



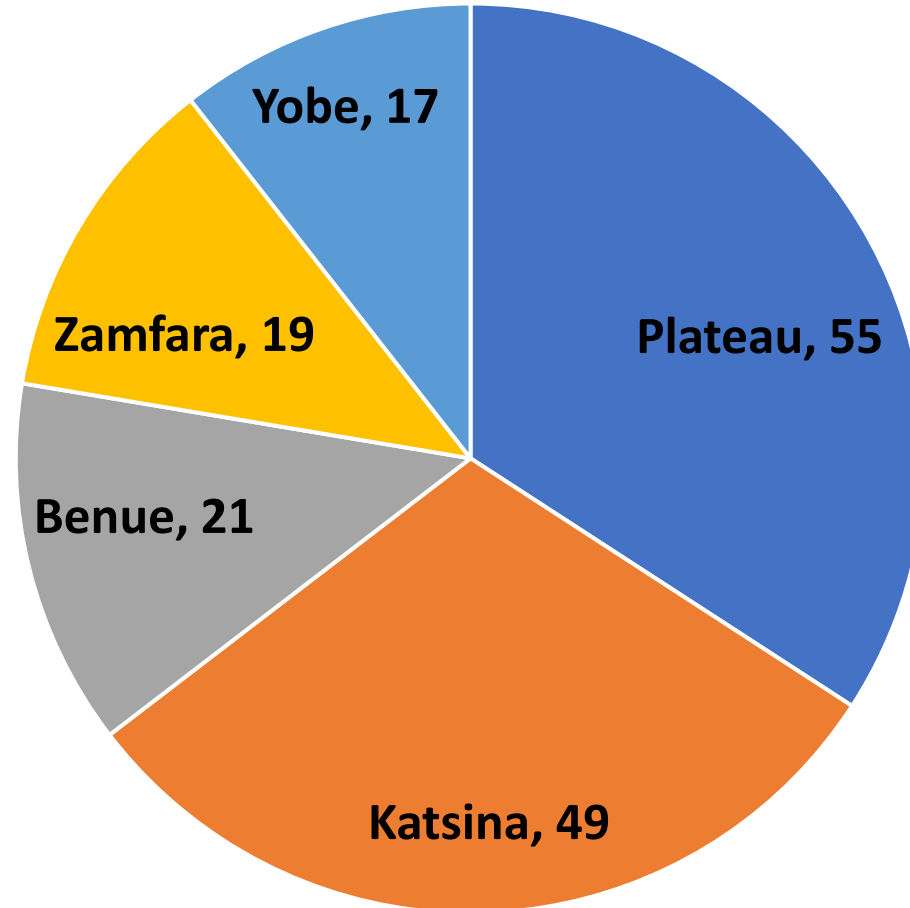
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Killings and Kidnappings May 2026



**Deaths by Road
Accidents 92**

Top 5 States with Killings in May 2026





Human Rights Report — Mass Killings in May 2026

- **Katsina:**
 - Bandits killed 17 villagers in Gwalgoro village, Kankia
 - Bandits raided and killed 16 persons after Juma'at prayers in Kiliya village in Dutsinma.
- **Plateau:** Gunmen attacked Ngbra Zongo community in Bassa LGA late at night killing 13, including pregnant women and children
- **Sokoto:** Armed bandits with sophisticated weapons opened fire on Dangulbi community in Tureta killing 17
- **Yobe:** 17 police officers who were undergoing specialized combat training were killed during a terrorist attack in Gujba.

Crimes Against Children in May 2026

- **Sexual Violence on Children**

- **Adamawa:** Defilement of a 5 year old in Yolde Pate
- **Adamawa:** Defilement of a 3 year old in Lamurde
- **Adamawa:** Rape of a 17 year old girl in Yola by two men.
- **Bauchi:** 70 year old man defiled a 10 year old in Toro
- **Ondo** 16 year old apprentice was sexually assaulted by her madame's husband.
- **Rivers:** A 16-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by one of her neighbors in Port Harcourt.
- **Enugu:** A 9 year old girl was beaten to death by her stepmother



Human Rights Report – Major Abductions in May 2026



- **Borno**: Abduction of 42 school children in Mussa Primary and Junior Secondary School in Askira Uba
- **Katsina**: 15 persons, including Women and infants were abducted during a raid on Sabon Layi community in Bakori
- **Kebbi**: 13 males were abducted Tangaram village, Danko/Wasagu
- **Ondo**: 12 Passengers aboard a commercial vehicle were abducted in Akure South.
- **Oyo**: 50, including 45 students were abducted in Ahoro-Esinele community



Human Rights Report – Freedom of Religion in May 2026

- **Kwara:**
 - Worshippers were attacked at a remote prayer ground during their night vigil in Ikiran, Ekiti, killing 3 and abducting 15
 - An Islamic Cleric was hacked to death in Ilesha-Baruba community
- **Kaduna:** Bandits attacked a mosque during prayers in Giwa LGA .
- **Abuja:** 13 young men and women were kidnapped and tortured on their way to a religious event organised by the Holiness Revival Movement in Abuja.

Attacks on the Right to Education



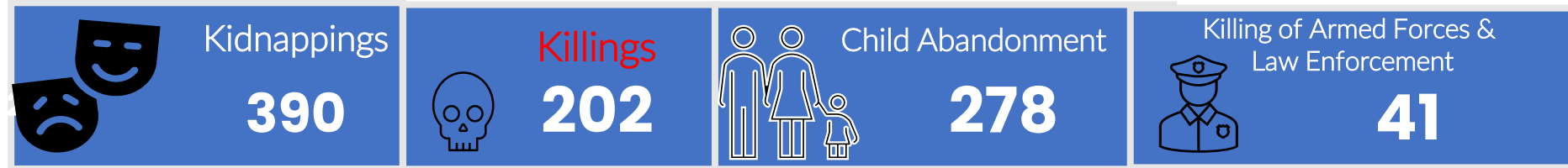
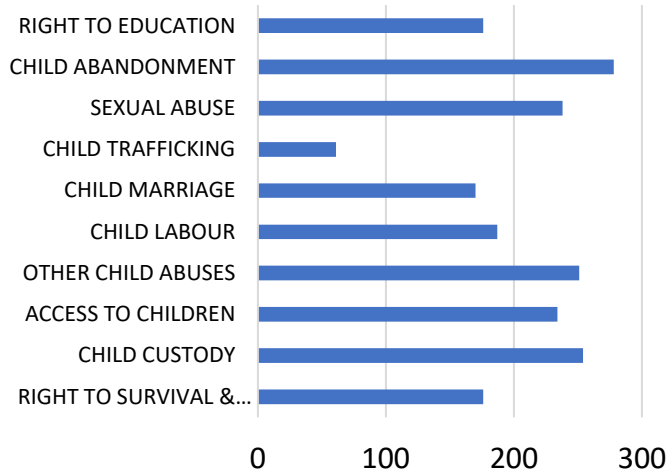
- **Oyo State:** On May 15, bandits attacked the following schools in two rural communities — Yawota and Esiele — in Oriire LGA around 9:30 a.m abducting 46 individuals, including 39 students and seven teachers:
 - Community High School, Ahoro-Esinele
 - Yawota Baptist Nursery and Primary School
 - L.E.A. Primary School, Yawota
- **Borno State:** On May 16, 2026, 42 schoolchildren were abducted by suspected Boko Haram fighters during an attack on Mussa Primary and Junior Secondary School in Askira/Uba LGA, Borno State.
 - 4 secondary school students
 - 28 primary school pupils
 - 10 children taken from nearby houses



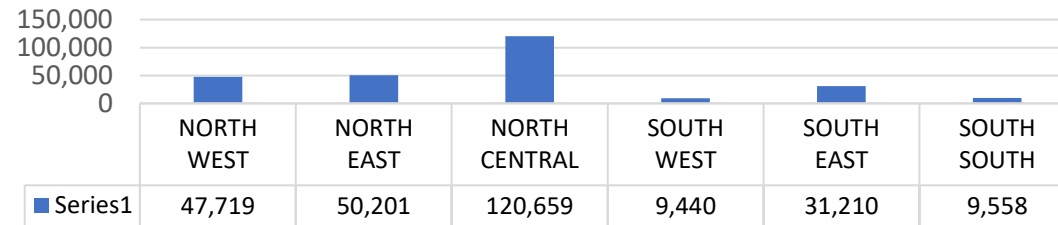
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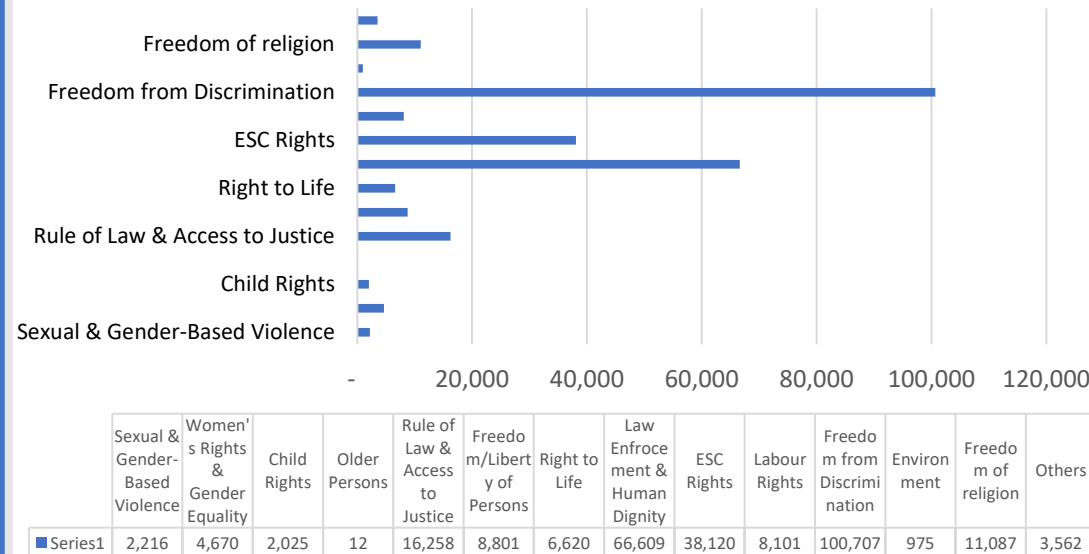
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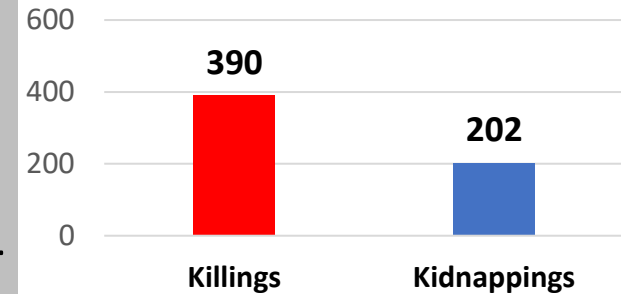


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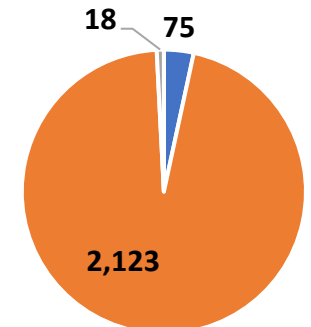


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May 2026 Sexual and Gender Based Violence



■ SEXUAL VIOLENCE ■ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ■ RAPE



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