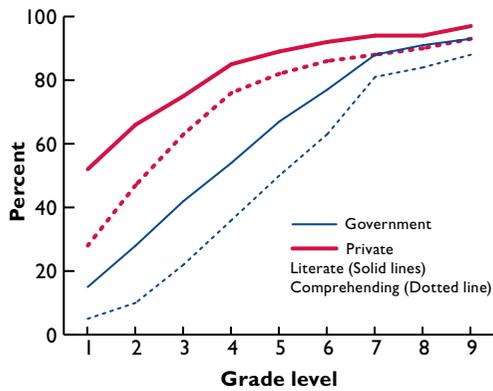
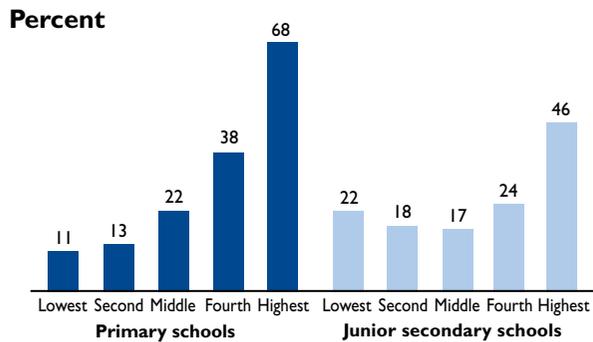


## CHILDREN'S LITERACY BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL PARTICIPATION, BY GRADE

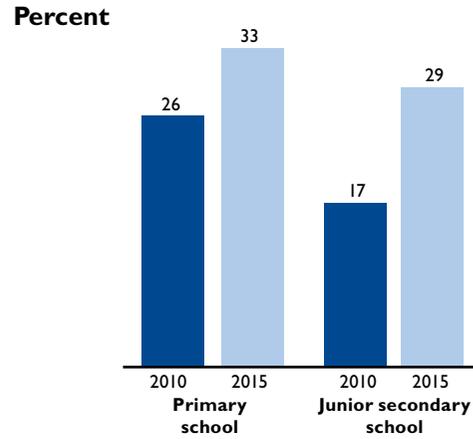


The chart above shows the percentage of children in any given class who are literate (solid lines) and who demonstrate comprehension (dotted lines). The chart shows that children in private schools demonstrate higher levels of literacy and comprehension than children in government schools at all levels. However, the gap narrows significantly at junior secondary school (JSS). The chart below shows the percentage of children attending private school by economic quintile. As might be expected, most children in the highest economic quintile attend a private school, particularly for primary school. Surprisingly, over one in five children in the lowest economic quintile attend a private JSS.

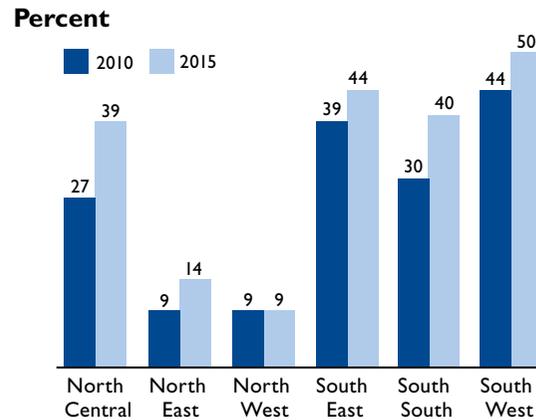
## PRIVATE SCHOOL PARTICIPATION (PRIMARY AND JSS), BY ECONOMIC QUINTILE



## PARTICIPATION IN PRIVATE PRIMARY AND JSS SCHOOLS OVER TIME



## PARTICIPATION IN PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS OVER TIME, BY REGION



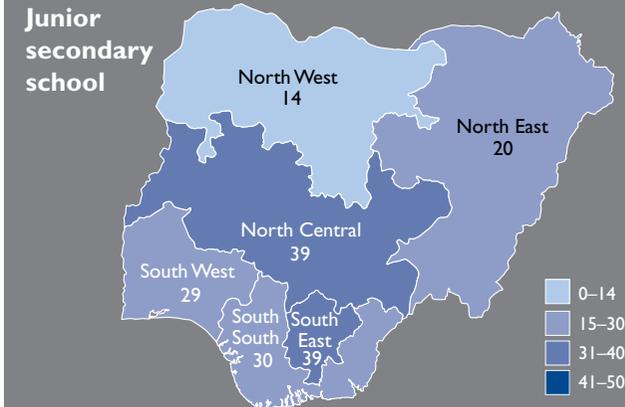
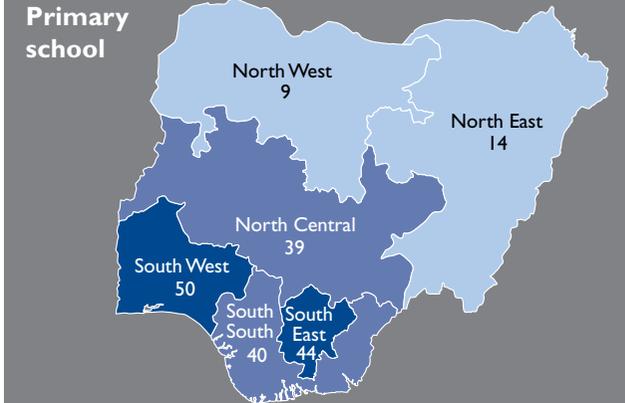
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# COMPARISONS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLING IN NIGERIA

2015 Nigeria Education Data Survey (NEDS)

## PRIVATE SCHOOL PARTICIPATION RATES BY REGION



## INTRODUCTION

The 2015 Nigeria Education Data Survey (NEDS) was a national survey designed and conducted to provide information on education for children age 4–16. It focused on factors influencing household decisions about children’s schooling. This brochure uses the 2015 NEDS data to compare school attendance in private and public formal schools. The main national and state level reports can be found on the NEDS website at <https://www.EdDataGlobal.org> and NPC’s website at [www.population.gov.ng](http://www.population.gov.ng).

## DEFINITIONS

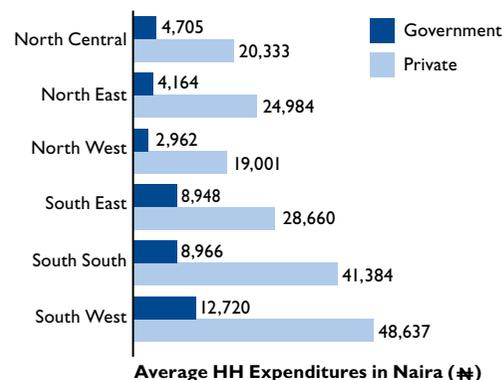
NEDS, measures children’s participation in schooling using data provided by parent/guardians on school participation (referred to as attendance), as reported from a representative sample of households. For each child in a household, the parent/guardian is asked whether the school the child is attending is a formal public or formal private school. A formal school is one that offers a Universal Basic Education-approved curriculum.

**Private and JSS participation rates** Private school participation rate is the proportion of all children attending formal school who are attending a school owned and managed by a private entity.

**Economic quintile** A wealth index was derived for each household (HH) based upon its characteristics and ownership of certain items by its members. All households were listed by the index. The top 20% of households in Nigeria are considered the wealthiest quintile. The bottom 20% of households are the poorest quintile.

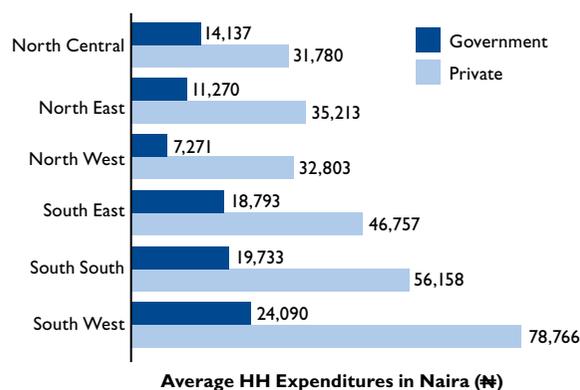
**Household Expenditures** HH expenditures are presented as annual amounts based on amounts provided from the previous term and for the previous school year.

## AVERAGE PER-PUPIL EXPENDITURES IN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, BY REGION



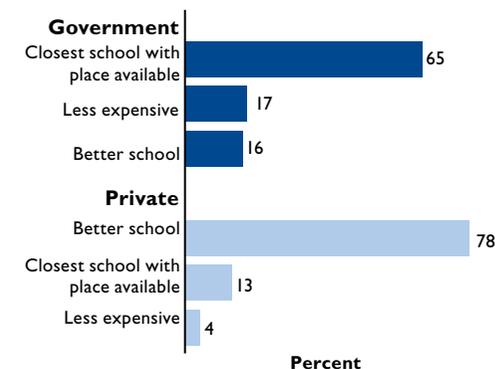
The chart above compares the per-pupil household expenditure on public and private primary education. As might be expected, expenditures on private education both at primary school and JSS regardless of region is considerably higher. Expenditures on private JSS education is on average twice as much as private primary education.

## AVERAGE PER-PUPIL EXPENDITURES IN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, BY REGION

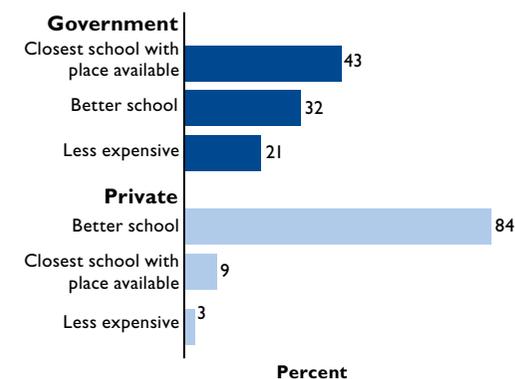


## TOP 3 REASONS FOR SCHOOL CHOICE BY, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL

### Primary school



### Junior secondary school



The chart above shows the main reasons cited by parents for choosing the type of school their children attend. For primary school education, two thirds of parents with children in a government school identified school proximity as the principal reason. In contrast, 4 out of 5 parents with a child in a private primary school said the decision was based on quality, suggesting a dissatisfaction with government primary schools. For JSS, parents of children in government schools cited proximity, quality, and lower cost; whereas, again, parents with children in private school overwhelmingly cited school quality as the reason for their choice.