Abia leads 2026 NECO results with 81.78%

NECO's state data show Abia had the highest share of candidates with five credits including English and Mathematics; Sokoto had the lowest.

81.78%
Abia, top state
9,666 of 11,820 candidates

−1.59 pts
National pass rate
58.67% in 2026, from 60.26% in 2025

26.82%
Sokoto, lowest state
8,222 of 30,661 candidates

74,413
Kano, most passes
But 45.85% of candidates; 31st

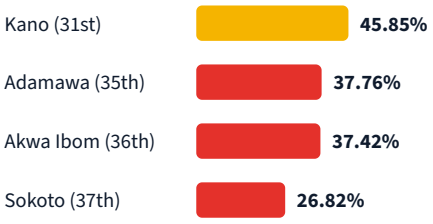
The top 10 states

Share of candidates with 5 credits incl. English & Maths, %



The lowest three, and Kano

Same measure, %; national average 58.67%



Ranked among 36 states and the FCT.

Most passes by number

Candidates who sat and passed with 5 credits incl. English & Maths

STATE	SAT	PASSED	RATE
Kano	162,302	74,413	45.85%
Lagos	97,771	72,496	74.15%
Oyo	74,937	55,543	74.12%
Nigeria	**1,371,992**	**804,948**	**58.67%**

Why the gap

Size is not success

1,917

Kano had 64,531 more candidates than Lagos but only 1,917 more passes. NECO gave no reasons for state results.

WHAT IT MEANS For the economy, households and businesses

1 The economy

- 567,044 candidates missed the benchmark, shrinking the pool for further study.
- A gap of almost 55 points between Abia and Sokoto could widen skills gaps.

2 Households

- Families in low-scoring states may face resit fees and delayed university entry.
- State-paid exam fees, such as Kano's N4.4bn in 2026, ease costs for parents.

3 Businesses

- Firms in high-scoring states may find it easier to hire able school leavers.
- Tutoring, private schools and edtech could see more demand for remedial classes.

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Sources: National Examinations Council (NECO), 2026 SSCE (Internal) results, 24 Sep 2026; state-by-state data as reported by Premium Times, ICIR and BusinessDay; Voice of Nigeria.

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