

Yaba and Ikeja, is the political and economic centre of Nigeria. It is the nation's chief port and major point of entry for international travellers. The sprawling population is estimated to exceed five million. Ibadan, an industrial city located 145 kilometres (90 miles) north of Lagos, is the second largest city with an estimated population of two million. It is situated in the heart of the cocoa producing area of Oyo State and is Nigeria's leading university town.

Kano is an important commercial centre in the north and serves as an alternative point of entry for international air travellers. Industries located here include textiles, tanning, groundnut oil extraction, meat processing and soap manufacturing.

Other major cities include Kaduna, a well-planned city in central Nigeria noted for its many textile mills; Benin City which is becoming increasingly industrialized and is a significant timber centre; Warri, site of the direct reduction steel smelter complex; Port Harcourt which is an important centre for the petroleum industry and the second major port, and Enugu, the former administrative centre for the eastern region.