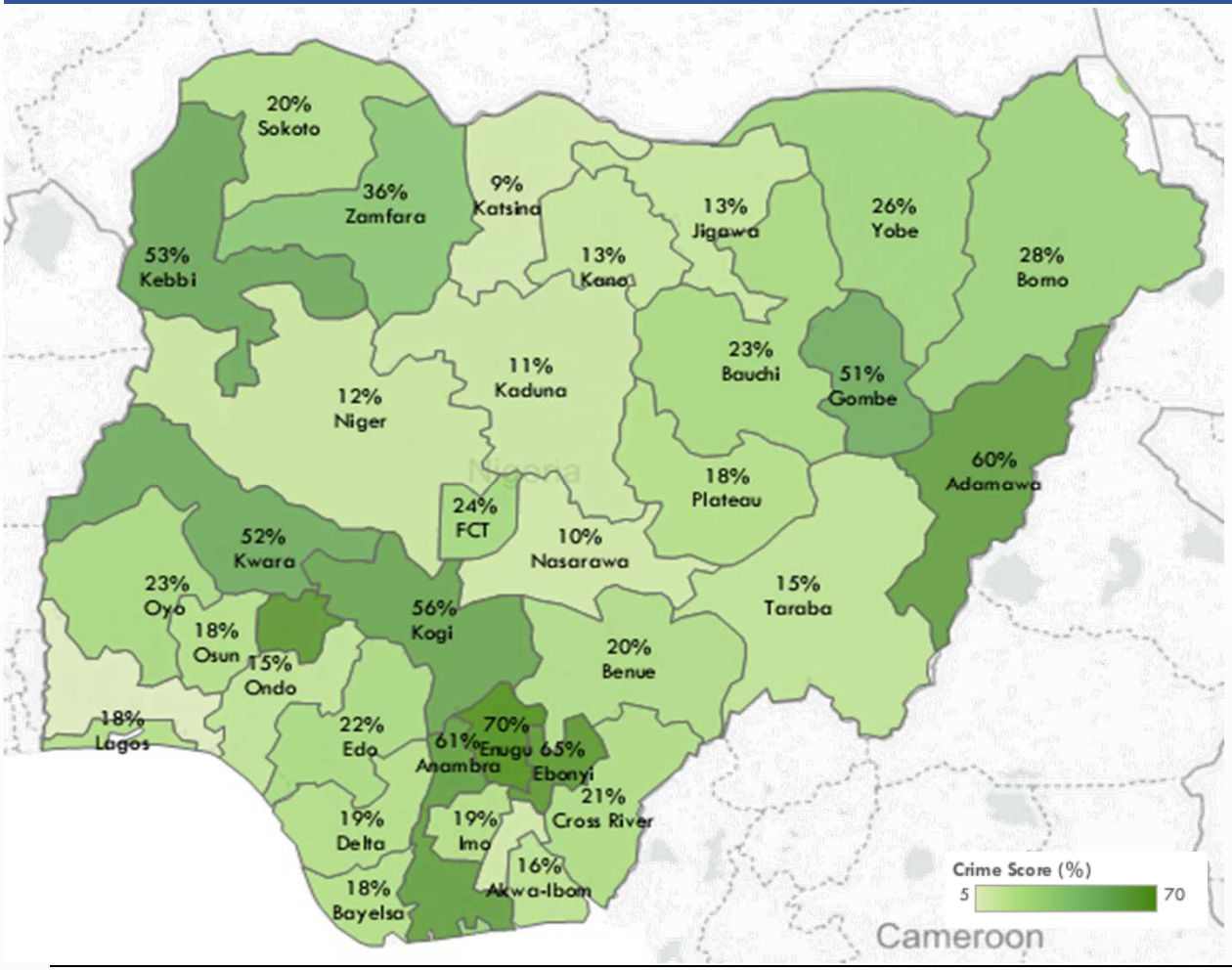
Number: 28

ValueFronteira Ltd

Reflections

Measuring & Visualizing Nigeria's Pulse

South Eastern States | National Crime Leaders



The map on the left shows actual (not perceived) experience of crimes across all the States in Nigeria. The data were taken from the report of a 2013 National Crime Victimization and Safety survey conducted by CLEEN Foundation. In summary, the survey shows that the number of victims of crime was highest in Enugu State which has a 70% score, followed by Ekiti and Ebonyi States (both 65%). The national average was 25%. Katsina State had 9%, while Ogun had the lowest score of 5%.

Three out of the five States of the South East belong to the top 10% in terms of national crime. Surprisingly Enugu State is 52 percentage points higher than Lagos State which scored as low as 18%. What is driving high level of criminality in the Enugu-Ebonyi-Anambra axis?

Emeka Umeagbalasi in a 2010 article titled "Why crimes remained untamed in South East" (http://www.vanguardngr.com/2010/07/why-crimes-remained-untamed-in-south-east/) explained that it is a consequence of the infiltration and proliferation of small arms and other dangerous weapons as well as proliferation of vigilante groups with consequent institutionalization of gun-culture. The major sources of arms are illegal arms vendors scattered in Onitsha and Aba markets. Worse still, there are little or no control mechanisms by the authorities to tame their excesses or regulate their conducts.

- Martin Oluba | PhD, DBA

8/15/2014 For Further Inquiries Contact: martin@valuefronteira.com or call: 08033148722