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Jigawa state is comprised of the following 27 LGAs: Auyo, Babura, Biriniwa, Birnin Kudu, Buji, Dutse, Gagarawa, Garki, Gumel, Guri, Gwaram, Gwiwa, Hadejia, Jahun, Kafin Hausa, Kaugama, Kazaure, Kiri Kasama, Kiyawa, Maigatari, Malam Madori (or: Mallam Madori), Miga, Ringim, Roni, Sule Tankarkar, Taura and Yankwashi.[910](#) The capital city is Dutse.[911](#)

The main ethnic groups, according to the Jigawa state government website, are the Hausa, the Fulani and the Mangawa, Ngizimawa and Badawa.[912](#) The NGO Zaccheus Onumba Dibiaezue Memorial Libraries (ZODML) states that Jigawa state's inhabitants are mainly of Hausa or Fulani origin.[913](#) While Islam is the predominant religion in the state,[914](#) there are also Christians.[915](#)

UNFPA and the US Census Bureau projected the population at 7 499 059 in 2022, based on figures from the 2006 census.[916](#)

a) Conflict dynamics and main actors

For a general overview on actors in Nigeria, please see section [1.1. Main actors](#).

In June 2025, IOM reported a multi-dimensional crisis in Nigeria's North-West, characterised by ethnic and religious tensions leading to attacks and banditry,[917](#) with low levels of violent conflict in Jigawa state.[918](#)

Clashes between herders and farmers and communal clashes occurred in Jigawa state in the reference period, for example in May,[919](#) June[920](#) and July 2024[921](#) as well as in January[922](#) and February 2025,[923](#) in Miga,[924](#) Jahun,[925](#) Dutse, Kiyaw,[926](#) and Birnin Kudu LGAs.[927](#) According to a state representative, Guri LGA, 'a fertile region with thriving farming and herding activities, often experienced clashes between the two groups over land and resource use'.[928](#) Some clashes resulted in civilian fatalities[929](#) and injuries[930](#) as well as property loss,[931](#) and the burning of houses.[932](#) In February 2025, tensions between farmers and herders in the state increased,[933](#) with clashes described as 'persistent' in May 2025.[934](#)

Protests in Jigawa state, sparked by economic hardship[935](#) and political demands,[936](#) were reported in February[937](#) and in August 2024 in the state capital Dutse.[938](#) Protests in early August 2024 turned violent.[939](#) Violent crackdowns by the authorities led to protesters being killed among others in Jigawa state,[940](#) where a 24-hour-curfew was imposed.[941](#) In December 2024, herders protested in the Kaugama LGA after land was allegedly seized from them by a rice-farming company supported by the state authorities.[942](#)

b) Security incidents and impact on the population

For the period 1 January 2024 - 31 August 2025, ACLED recorded 26 security incidents (defined as battles, violence against civilians, and riots) in Jigawa state, which resulted in 45 fatalities. Of these incidents, 10 were coded as battles, 9 as riots, and 7 as incidents of violence against civilians.[943](#)

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Figure 7: Evolution of security events coded as battles, explosions/remote violence, riots, and violence against civilians in Jigawa state, 1 January 2024 - 31 August 2025, based on ACLED data.[944](#)

Security incidents were recorded by ACLED in 13 LGAs of the state, with the highest number documented in Dutse (5), followed by Birnin Kudu and Jahun (4 incidents each) LGAs. No incidents were recorded in 14 LGAs. According to ACLED, Fulani ethnic militia and unidentified armed groups (coded as either 'Actor 1' or 'Actor 2') were involved in the majority of incidents coded as violence against civilians.[945](#)

In June 2024, herders attacked four localities in Birnin Kudu, Dutse, and Kiyawa LGAs, including Baranda village, reportedly using machets, bows, arrows, and sticks. The residents' attempt to defend themselves reportedly led to eight of them getting injured.[946](#)

Conflict-related infrastructure damage and road security - No information could be found during the reference period.

Displacement, movement and return - No information could be found on conflict-induced displacement or returns in Jigawa state during the reference period. A May 2024 report by the Conciliation Resources and Institute of Development Studies highlights the displacement and impoverishment caused by the seizing of farmland and pastoral land from communities and families by politicians in Jigawa, as well as in corporate deals, causing some pastoralists to migrate to other states or even out of the country.[947](#)

c) State response in maintaining law and order

In late June 2024, a restoration of peace between farmers and herders in Jigawa state was reportedly initiated by the state's governor.[948](#) As clashes resumed in Birnin Kudu, Dutse and Kiyawa LGAs by the end of the same month, police forces were deployed to the areas to prevent further escalation.[949](#) In the context of a worsening of the herder-farmer conflict in early July 2024 in Birnin Kudu LGA, the Nigerian Tribune reported that security personnel and vigilante forces were deployed to the area, citing a police report, which noted that 'farmers were also mobilised in large numbers to defend their farmlands' before security personnel arrived to the areas.[950](#) In May 2025, authorities announced plans to establish an anti-riot police unit in Jigawa state, a move reportedly aimed at addressing Jigawa residents' yearnings over the area's frequent violent conflicts.[951](#)

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