# **Gombe State Macroeconomic Overview**

#### **Economic Growth and Outlook**

Gombe State aligns with Nigeria's projected national real GDP growth of 3.00% annually for 2024 through 2026, providing a stable economic foundation for investors.

The national inflation rate is expected to gradually decrease from 21.50% in 2024 to 20.50% by 2026, fostering a conducive economic environment.

#### **Population and Labor Force**

The estimated population of Gombe State in 2024 is approximately **3.6 million**, growing at an annual rate of **3.5%**. The metropolitan area of Gombe alone is home to about **600,000** residents.

The state's labor force participation rate stands at **56.4%**, with a significant portion engaged in agriculture and informal sectors. The youth (aged 15-35) make up approximately **60%** of the labor force, representing a vibrant and dynamic workforce for industrial and entrepreneurial activities.

## **Budget and Fiscal Policy**

The 2024 budget of Gombe State outlines a revenue projection of **#216.17 billion**, with a focus on capital expenditure amounting to **#120.54 billion**.

Key initiatives include the Muhammadu Buhari Industrial Park, aimed at enhancing economic opportunities and infrastructure.

#### **Investment Climate**

Gombe State ranks among Nigeria's top states for investment potential, offering incentives such as free land allocation for investments exceeding **#100 million**.

## **Key Sectors for Investment**

- Agriculture: Leveraging fertile land and a favorable climate for crop production and livestock farming.
- · Mining: Opportunities in mineral resource extraction and processing.
- · Renewable Energy: Projects addressing the growing energy demands of the state.

# Infrastructure Development

Infrastructure projects like the Muhammadu Buhari Industrial Park are designed to boost access and create increased economic opportunities across the state.

Investment Hub in Northeast.