

Muslim and Christian Governors in Nigerian North-Eastern states (1967-2015)

State	Governor/Administrator	Affiliation	Ethnic group / LGA	Religion	Head of State (Federal)	Deputy governor	Ethnic group / LGA	Religion
1) North-East State (created in May 1967 from the Northern Region.)	Brig. Musa Usman (Apr 1968–Jul 1975)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Yakubu Gowon	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Muhammadu Buhari (Jul 1975 – Mar 1976)	Military	Fulani/Daura (Katsina State)	Muslim	Gen. Murtala Mohammed	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2) Adamawa State (formerly Gongola ; created out of Gongola and renamed Adamawa in 1991)	Mohammed Jega (Mar 1976 – Jul 1978)	Military	Hausa/Jega (Kebbi State)	Muslim	Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Abdul Rahman Mamudu (Jul 1978 – Oct 1979)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Abubakar Barde (Oct 1979 – Oct 1983)	GNPP	Mumuye/Jalingo (Taraba State)	Muslim	Shehu Shagari (NPN)	Wilberforce Juta	Bachama/Numan (Adamawa State)	Christian
	Wilberforce Juta (Oct 1983)	GNPP	Bachama/Numan (Adamawa State)	Christian	Shehu Shagari (NPN)	Bello Jidda	Fulani/Fufore (Adamawa State)	Muslim

	Bamanga Tukur (Oct 1983 – Dec 1983)	NPN	Fulani/Yola North (Adamawa State)	Muslim	Shehu Shagari (NPN)	David Barau	n.a.	Christian
	Mohammed Jega (Jan 1984 – Aug 1985)	Military	Hausa/Jega (Kebbi State)	Muslim	Gen. Muhammadu Buhari	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Yohanna Madaki (Aug 1985 – Aug 1986)	Military	Atyap/Zangon Kataf (Kaduna State)	Christian	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Jonah David Jang (Aug 1986 – Dec 1989)	Military	Berom/Jos South (Plateau State)	Christian	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Isah Mohammed (Dec 1987 – Dec 1989)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Abubakar Salihu (Dec 1989 – Jan 1992)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	Abbo Jimeta	n.a.	Muslim
	Abubakar Saleh Michika (Jan 1992 – Nov 1993)	NRC	Kanmue/Michika (Adamawa State)	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	Lynn Nathan	Bachama/Numan (Adamawa State)	Christian
	Gregory Agboneni (Dec 1993 – Sep 1994)	Military	n.a.	Christian	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

	Mustapha Ismail (Sep 1994 – Aug 1996)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Joe A. Kalu-Igboama (Aug 1996 – Aug 1998)	Military	n.a.	Christian	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Ahmadu G. Husseini (Aug 1998 – May 1999)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Boni Haruna (May 1999 – May 2007)	ANPP (re-elected in 2003)	Kanmue/Michik a (Adamawa State)	Christian	Olusegun Obasanjo (PDP)	Bello Tukur	Fulani/Girei (Adamawa State)	Muslim
	Murtala Nyako (Apr 2007 – Jul 2014)	PDP	Fulani/Mayo-Belwa (Adamawa State)	Muslim	Umaru Yar'Adua (PDP); Goodluck Jonathan (PDP)	James Bala Ngillari	Marghi/Madagali (Adamawa State)	Christian
	James Shaibu Barka (acting Feb 2008 – April 2008)	PDP	Kilba/Hong (Adamawa State)	Christian	Umaru Yar'Adua (PDP)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Ahmadu Umaru Fitiri (acting Jul 2014 – Oct 2014)	PDP	Fulani/Madagali (Adamawa State)	Muslim	Goodluck Jonathan (PDP)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

	James Bala Ngillari (Oct 2014 – May 2015)	PDP	Marghi/Madagali (Adamawa State)	Christian	Goodluck Jonathan (PDP)	Sa'ad M.C. Tahir	Fulani/n.a.	Muslim
	Mohammed Jibrilla Bindow (May 2015–)	APC	Fali/Mubi (Adamawa State)	Muslim	Muhammadu Buhari (APC)	Martin Baballe	Chamba/Ganye (Adamawa State)	Christian
3) Borno State (created February 1976 from North-Eastern State)	Muhammadu Buhari (Mar 1976)	Military	Fulani/Daura (Katsina State)	Muslim	Gen. Murtala Muhammad	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Mustapha A. Amin (Mar 1976 – Jul 1979)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Tunde Idiagbon (Jul 1978 – Oct 1979)	Military	Yoruba/Ilorin (Kwara State)	Muslim	Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Mohammed Goni (Oct 1979 – Oct 1983)	GNPP	Kanuri/n.a. (Northern Borno State)	Muslim	Shehu Shagari (NPN)	Ibrahim Anas	Bura/Biu (Borno State)	Muslim
	Asheikh Jarma (Oct 1983 – Dec 1983)	NPN	Shuwa Arab/Marte (Borno State)	Muslim	Gen. Muhammadu Buhari	Umaru Sanda Birma	Bura/Biu (Borno State)	n.a.
	Abubakar Waziri (Jan 1984 – Aug 1985)	Military	Bolewa/Fika (Yobe State)	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Abdul Mumini Aminu (Aug 1985 – Dec 1987)	Military	Fulani/n.a. (Katsina State)	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

	Abdu One Mohammed (Dec 1987 – Dec 1989)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Mohammed Maina (Dec 1989 – Jun 1990)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	Mustafa Umara	Kanuri/n.a.	Muslim
	Mohammed Buba Marwa (Jan 1990 – Jan 1992)	Military	Kanmue/Michik a (Adamawa State)	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	Mustafa Umara	Kanuri/n.a.	Muslim
	Maina Ma'aji Lawan (Jan 1992 – Nov 1993)	SDP	Kanuri/Kukawa (Borno State)	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	Mohammed Hassan	Bura/Biu (Borno State)	Muslim
	Ibrahim Dada (Dec 1993 – Aug 1996)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Victor A . Ozodinobi (Aug 1996 – February 1997)	Military	Igbo/n.a.	Christian	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Augustine Aniebo (February 1997 to August 1998)	Military	Igbo/Orumba South (Anambra State)	Christian	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Lawal Ningi Haruna (Aug 1998 – May 1999)	Military	Fulani/Ningi (Bauchi State)	n.a.	Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Mala Kachalla (May 1999 – May 2003)	APP	Kanuri/Maiduguri Metropolitan Council (Borno State)	Muslim	Olusegun Obasanjo (PDP)	Abubakar Jatau	Bura/Hawul (Borno State)	Muslim

	Ali Modu Sheriff (May 2003 – May 2011)	ANPP	Kanuri/Ngala (Borno State)	Muslim	Olusegun Obasanjo (PDP)	Shettima Dibal	Bura/Hawul (Borno State)	Muslim
	Kashim Shettima (May 2011. Relected in May 2015)	ANPP APC	Kanuri/Maidugu ri Metropolitan Council (Borno State)	Muslim	Muhammadu Buhari (APC)	Zannah Umaru Mustapha; Usman Mamman Durkwa	Bura/Biu (Borno State); Bura/Hawul (Borno State)	Muslim; n.a.
4) Bauchi State (created in March 1976 from part of North- Eastern State	Mohammed Bello Kaliel (Mar 1976 – Jul 1978)	Military	n.a./n.a. (Kebbi State)	Muslim	Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Garba Duba (Jul 1978 – Oct 1979)	Military	Hausa/Kontagor a (Niger State)	Muslim	Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Abubakar Tatari Ali (Oct 1979 – Dec 1993)	NPN	Hausa/Bauchi (Bauchi State)	Muslim	Shehu Shagari (NPN)	Adamu Tafawa Balewa	Fulani/Tafawa Balewa (Bauchi State)	Muslim
	Mohammed Sani Sami (Jan 1983 – Aug 1985)	Military	Hausa/Zuru (Kebbi State)	Muslim	Gen. Muhammadu Buhari	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Chris Garuba (Aug 1985 – Dec 1987)	Military	Idoma/Otukpo (Benue State)	Christian	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Joshua Madaki (Dec 1987 – Aug 1990)	Military	Kaura/Kaduna North (Kaduna State)	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

	Abu Ali (Aug 1990 – Jan 1992)	Military	n.a.	n.a.	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	Shehu Wunti	Hausa/Bauchi (Bauchi State)	Muslim
	Dahiru Mohammed (Jan 1992 – Nov 1993)	NRC	n.a./Yamaltu-Deba (Gombe State)	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	Umaru Ahmed	n.a.	Muslim
	James Kalau (Dec 1993 – Sep 1994)	Military	Kibaku/Chibok (Borno State)	Christian	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Rasheed Adisa Raji (Sep 1994 – Aug 1996)	Military	Yoruba/Abeokuta (Ogun State)	Muslim	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Theophilus Bamigboye (Aug 1996 – Aug 1998)	Military	Yoruba/Irepodun (Kwara State)	Christian	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Abdul Mshelia (Aug 1998 – May 1999)	Military	Bura/Hawul (Borno State)	Muslim	Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Adamu Muazu (May 1999 – May 2007)	PDP	Fulani/Tafawa Balewa (Bauchi State)	Muslim	Olusegun Obasanjo (PDP)	Abdulmalik Mahmood	Hausa/Itas Gadau (Bauchi State)	Muslim
	Isa Yuguda (May 2007 – May 2011)	ANPP PDP	Fulani/Bauchi (Bauchi State)	Muslim	Umaru Yar'Adua (PDP); Goodluck Jonathan (PDP)	Muhammadu Garba Gadi; Babayo Garba Gamawa	Hausa/Katagum (Bauchi State); n.a./Gamawa (Bauchi State)	Muslim

	Mohammed Abdullahi Abubakar (May 2015–)	APC	Hausa/Bauchi (Bauchi State)	Muslim	Muhammadu Buhari (APC)	Nuhu Gidado	Fulani/Jama'are (Bauchi State)	n.a.
5) Taraba State (created August 1991 from part of Gongola)	Adeyemi Ambrose Afolahan (Aug 1991 – Jan 1992)	Military	Yoruba/Ibadan (Oyo State)	Christian	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Jolly Nyame (Jan 1992 – Nov 1993)	NRC	Mumuye/Zing (Taraba State)	Christian	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	Samuel Danjuma Gani	Jukun/Wukari (Taraba State)	Christian
	Yohanna Dickson (Dec 1993 – Aug 1996)	Military	n.a./n.a. (Kaduna State)	Christian	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Amen Oyakhire (Aug 1996 – Aug 1998)	Military	n.a./n.a. (Edo State)	Christian	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Aina Joseph Owoniyi (Aug 1998 – May 1999)	Military	n.a.	Christian	Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

	Jolly Nyame (May 1999 – May 2007)	PDP	Mumuye/Zing (Taraba State)	Christian	Olusegun Obasanjo (PDP)	Saleh Usman Danboyi (1999–2003); Uba Maigari; Armaya’u Dauda Abubakar	Hausa/Ibi (Taraba State); n.a./Donga (Taraba State); n.a.	Muslim; Muslim; n.a.
	Danbaba Suntai (May 2007 – Nov 2012)	PDP	Bali/Bali (Taraba State)	Christian	Umaru Yar’Adua (PDP); Goodluck Jonathan (PDP)	Sani Abubakar Danladi; Garba Umar	Wurkum/Karim Lamido (Taraba State); Wurkum/Karim Lamido (Taraba State)	Muslim; Muslim
	Garba Umar (acting Nov 2012 – 2013)	PDP	n.a.	Muslim	Goodluck Jonathan (PDP)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Sani Abubakar Danladi (acting 2013 – May 2015)	PDP	n.a.	Muslim	Goodluck Jonathan (PDP)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Darius Dickson Ishaku (May 2015–)	PDP	Jukun/Takum (Taraba State)	Christian	Muhammadu Buhari (APC)	Haruna Manu	Hausa-Fulani/Gassol (Taraba State)	Muslim
6) Yobe State	Sanni Daura Ahmed (Aug 1991 – Jan 1992)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

(created August 1991 from part of Borno)	Bukar Abba Ibrahim (Jan 1992 – Nov 1993)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Ibrahim Babangida	Goni Modu Zanna Bura	n.a.	Muslim
	Dabo Aliyu (Dec 1993 – Aug 1996)	Military	Hausa/Ruma (Katsina State)	Muslim	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	John Kamio (Aug 1996 – Aug 1998)	Military	n.a./n.a. (Rivers State)	Christian	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Musa Muhammed (Aug 1998 – May 1999)	Military	n.a.	Muslim	Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Bukar Abba Ibrahim (May 1999 – May 2007)	ANPP	Kanuri & Fulani/Potiskum (Yobe State)	Muslim	Olusegun Obasanjo (PDP)	Aliyu Sale Bagare	Karai-Karai/Potiskum (Yobe State)	Muslim
	Mamman Bello Ali (May 2007 – Jan 2009)	ANPP	Karekare & Ngizim/Potiskum (Yobe State)	Muslim	Umaru Yar'Adua (PDP)	Ibrahim Geidam	Kanuri/Geidam (Yobe State)	Muslim
	Ibrahim Geidam (Jan 2009–)	APC	Kanuri/Geidam (Yobe State)	Muslim	Umaru Yar'Adua (PDP)	Abubakar D. Ali	Ngizim/Potiskum (Yobe State)	Muslim
7) Gombe State (created August 1996)	Joseph I. Orji (Oct 1996 – Aug 1998)	Military	n.a.	Christian	Gen. Sani Abacha	n.a.	n.a.	Muslim
	Mohammed Bawa (Aug 1998 – May 1999)	Military	n.a./Yauri (Kebbi State)	Muslim	Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar	n.a.	n.a.	Muslim

from Bauchi)	Abubakar Habu Hashidu (May 1999 – May 2003)	APP	Fulani/Dukku (Gombe State)	Muslim	Olusegun Obasanjo (PDP)	Joshua Lidani	Tangale/Kaltungo (Gombe State)	Christian
	Mohammed Danjuma Goje (May 2003 – May 2011)	PDP	Kanuri/Akko (Gombe State)	Muslim	Olusegun Obasanjo (PDP); Umaru Yar'Adua (PDP); Goodluck Jonathan (PDP)	John Lazarus Yoriyo	Waja/Balanga (Gombe State)	Christian
	Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo (May 2011–)	PDP	Bolewa/Gombe (Gombe State)	Muslim	Goodluck Jonathan (PDP); Muhammadu Buhari (APC)	David Miyims Albashi Tha'anda; Jason Rubainu; Hon. Charles Iliya	Lunguda/Balanga (Gombe State); Nyuwar/Balanga (Gombe State); Tangale/Billiri (Gombe State)	Christian; Christian; Christian