IMO STATE

Imo is one of the 36 states of Nigerian and lies in the south-east region of the country. Owerri is its capital and largest city. Its other major cities are Orlu and Okigwe. It occupies the area between the lower River Niger and the upper and middle Imo River. Nickname: Eastern Heartland.

Imo State is bordered by Abia State on the east, River Niger and Delta State on the west, Anambra State on the north and Rivers State to the south. The state lies within latitudes 4°45′N and 7°15′N, and longitudes 6°50′E and 7°25′E with an area of around 5,100 sq. km. The economy of the state depends primarily on agriculture and commerce.

The Orashi River has its source in Imo State. Imo River being the major river in the state, drains through Abia State, where it is joined by the Aba River from the north and passes through Akwa-Ibom into the Atlantic Ocean. Other rivers in the state are Njaba River, Utu River, Awbana River, Otamiri River, Nworie River, Okitankwo River, Ohia River, and Efuru River.

Imo state came into existence in 1976 under the leadership of the late military head of state Murtala Muhammad, having been previously part of the East Central State.

Imo State consists of 27 LGAs. They are: Aboh Maise, ahiazu mbaise, ehime mbano, ezinihitte mbaise, ideato north, ideato south, ihitte/uboma, Ikeduru, isiala mbano, Isu, mbaitoli, ngor okpala, njaba, nkwerre, nwangele, obowo, oguta, ohaji/egbema, egbema, okigwe, onuimo, orlu, orsu, oru east, oru west, Owerri municipal, Owerri north, and Owerri west.

There are several institutions of higher learning including state and federal government institutions. They are Imo State University, Federal University of Technology Owerri, Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Eastern Palm University, Ogboko-Ideato, Imo State Polytechnic, Omuagwo, Alvan Ikoku College of Education, Technological Skills Acquisition Institute, Orlu.