



RWANDA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Paul KAGAME

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Kigali

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate or Senat (26 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Chambre des Deputes (80 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of the chief and deputy chief justices and 15 judges); High Court (consists of the court president, vice president, and a minimum of 24 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Mathilde MUKANTABANA

US Ambassador

Ambassador Peter H. VROOMAN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 26,338 sq km

Land: 24,668 sq km

Water: 1,670 sq km

Climate

temperate; two rainy seasons (February to April, November to January); mild in mountains with frost and snow possible

Natural Resources

gold, cassiterite (tin ore), wolframite (tungsten ore), methane, hydropower, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

agriculture, minerals, and agro-processing account for about 63% of export earnings; tourism, minerals, coffee, and tea are main sources of foreign exchange; food production often does not keep pace with demand, requiring food imports

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$24.68 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2,100 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$1.05 billion (2017 est.)

partners: UAE 38.3%, Kenya 15.1%, Switzerland 9.9%, Democratic Republic of the Congo 9.5%, US 4.9%, Singapore 4.5% (2017)

Imports

\$1.92 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 20.4%, Uganda 11%, India 7.2%, Kenya 7.1%, Tanzania 5.3%, UAE 5.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

12.7 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

2% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Hutu, Tutsi, Twa (Pygmy)

Language

Kinyarwanda (official, universal Bantu vernacular) 93.2%, French (official) <.1, English (official) <.1, Swahili/Kiswahili (official, used in commercial centers) <.1, more than one language, other 6.3%, unspecified 0.3% (2002 est.)

Religion

Protestant 49.5% (includes Adventist 11.8% and other Protestant 37.7%), Roman Catholic 43.7%, Muslim 2%, other 0.9% (includes Jehovah's Witness), none 2.5%, unspecified 1.3% (2012 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 17.4% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 2.86% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

69.4% (2018)

