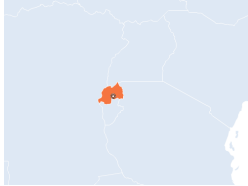


Introduction

Rwanda is a country located in Central Africa. It borders Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, and Uganda. Rwanda is landlocked other than its western border of Lake Kivu. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Although much of the economy relies on subsistence farming, Rwanda has a mixed economic system in which there is a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation. Rwanda is a member of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the East African Community (EAC).



Location: Eastern Africa

Capital City: Kigali (+2 GMT)

Chief of State: President Paul Kagame

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Edouard Ngirente

Currency: Francs (RWF)

Major Languages: <p>Kinyarwanda only (official, universal Bantu vernacular) 93.2%, Kinyarwanda and other language(s) 6.2%, French (official) and other language(s) 0.1%, English (official) and other language(s) 0.1%, Swahili (or Kiswahili, used in commercial centers) 0.02%, other 0.03%, unspecified 0.3%</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Roman Catholic 49.5%, Protestant 39.4% (includes Adventist 12.2% and other Protestant 27.2%), other Christian 4.5%, Muslim 1.8%, animist 0.1%, other 0.6%, none 3.6% (2001), unspecified 0.5%</p>

Calling Code: 250

Voltage: 230

Key Websites

Main Government Page: gov.rw

Investment Promotion Agency: rdp.rw

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Low Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$22.80 billion (2016)
GDP growth (annual %):	5.93% (2016)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$1,912.90 (2016)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$2,783,188,000.00 (2016)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	6.26% (2016)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$1.21 billion (2016)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	5.73% (2016)
Labor force, total:	6,296,061 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	1.30% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$2.78 billion (2016)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$1.26 billion (2016)

GDP Composition %



**Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

Rankings

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	48 / 178
Global Competitiveness Index	57 / 137
Global Enabling Trade Index	50 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	39 / 180
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	62 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	133 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	138 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	80 / 139
Open Budget Index	88 / 115

Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: B - Political and economic uncertainties and an occasionally difficult business environment can affect corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is appreciable.

Business Climate rating: B - The business environment is mediocre. The availability and the reliability of corporate financial information vary widely. Debt collection can sometimes be difficult. The institutional framework has a few troublesome weaknesses. Intercompany transactions run appreciable risks in the unstable, largely inefficient environments rated B.

Strengths

- Geological potential: cassiterite, coltan, gold
- Tourism potential
- Skilled labor, good infrastructure
- Significant progress on governance and the business climate

Weaknesses

- Heavily dependent on commodity prices (tea, coffee) and international aid
- Geographically isolated and exposed to geopolitical tensions in the Great Lakes region
- Strong demographic pressure and population density among the highest in Africa

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