Datasource:

Establishment Census

Period:

January, 2017 to September, 2017

This Establishment Census was conducted in 2017.

The total number of establishments in 2017 Establishment Census amounts to 190,288 and among them 186,822 are enterprises (head offices or single unit establishments). Nearly 80 percent of the establishments belong to two economics activities: wholesale and retail trade (50.5 percent) and accommodation and food services (27.3 percent).

In 2017, the three districts of Kigali City have the highest concentration of establishments: 8.5 percent for Gasabo, 8.3 percent for Nyarugenge and 6 percent for Kicukiro. Out of Kigali City, Rubavu (4.7 percent), Musanze (4.7 percent) and Muhanga (3.9 percent) are the ones with the highest concentration.

Almost all private establishments (98 percent) exclusively belong to Rwandans and 95 percent of them are owned by individuals (sole proprietorship) and the large majority of enterprises employ less than 4 workers (92 percent being of micro-enterprises).

A comparison of 2014 and 2017 Establishment Censuses shows that there was a growth of 23.4 percent in term of number of all establishments and 23.9 percent in term of private business oriented establishments since 2014.

It has been noticed that more change overtime occurred in urban areas (29 percent) than rural areas (20 percent) for all establishments and 30 percent (urban areas) versus 20 percent (rural areas) for business-oriented establishments respectively.

Reference Document (PDF & Excel)

- 2017 Establishment Census.pdf (pdf, 2.37 MB)
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- Establishment Census 2017_Tables.xlsx (xlsx, 150.79 KB)
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