Datasource:

Establishment Census

Period:

January, 2020 to December, 2020

The total number of establishments found in the year 2020 amounts to 232,283; among them 226,359 are enterprises (head offices or single unit establishments). Out of the total number of establishments in 2020, 77.2 percent operate in two economics activities; namely wholesale and retail trade (57.4 percent) and accommodation and food services (19.8 percent).

A comparison of the results of 2017 and 2020 Establishment Censuses shows that there was a growth of 22.1 percent in term of the number of all establishments and 22.9 percent in term of private business oriented establishments since 2017. The results have shown that the noticeable change overtime in terms of the number of establishments was in the urban areas (+24.1 percent) vis-à-vis the rural areas (+20.7 percent); specifically, the business oriented establishments have increased by 24.7 percent in urban areas and 21.6 percent in rural areas.

The total number of enterprises has increased from 186,822 in 2017 to 226,359 enterprises in 2020 (21.2 percent). The majority of enterprises were single unit establishments (99.3 percent in 2020). In 2020, head offices were 1,608 units, branches were 4,103 and sub branches were 1,821 (see - Table 2.1.2).

Overall, establishments and enterprises have increased from 2017 to 2020. Single unit establishments and enterprises have increased by 21.2 percent from 2017 to 2020. By type of establishments, the highest increase was observed for sub-branches (154.7 percent, by more than doubling from 715 to 1,821 establishments). Head offices have increased from 839 to 1,608 (91.7 percent) while branches have increased by 49.1 percent.

For provinces, Kigali City has the highest percentage changes in the number of establishments from 2017 to 2020 that is 23.5 percent. It is followed by the East Province with 22.6 percent, the West Province (20.1 percent), the South Province (19.3 percent) and the North Province (14.7 percent).

Reference documents (PDF & Excel)

- 2020 Establishment Census.pdf (pdf, 2.69 MB)
  LAST UPDATED: 14 Jan 2025
- Establishment Census 2020_Final tables.xlsx (xlsx, 176.63 KB)
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