Tourism statistics

The number of tourists visiting national parks in Rwanda increased from 24,120 in 2005 up to 135,869 tourists in 2023. Akagera National Park has recorded a surge in welcoming 63,341 visitors in 2023 followed by Volcanoes National park with 47,802 visitors and Nyungwe National park with 24,726 visitors during the same period.

TABLE: Rwanda Parks Visits from 2005-2023

	Volcanoes National Park		**Akagera National Park**		**Nyungwe National Park**		**Total**
Year	**Number**	**%**	**Number**	**%**	**Number**	**%**	
2005	10,495	44	11,239	47	2,386	10	24,120
2006	14,008	45	13,720	45	3,088	10	30,816
2007	18,001	47	16,323	43	3,981	10	38,305
2008	19,783	46	18,490	43	4,810	11	43,083
2009	18,865	49	14,890	39	4,695	12	38,450
2010	23,372	52	16,180	36	5,755	13	45,307
2011	26,821	47	22,457	39	8,274	14	58,153
2012	28,483	47	25,200	41	7,621	12	61,304
2013	25,199	41	29,687	48	6,902	11	61,788
2014	27,885	41	30,846	45	9,140	14	67,871
2015	27,111	37	36862	51	8,817	12	72790
2016	32,743	37	41797	47	13,644	15	88184
2017	35,567	38	44,054	47	14,415	15	94,036
2018	30,868	31	51,724	52	16,086	16	98,678
2019	34,888	31	58,385	53	17,863	16	111,136
2020	10,853	30	19,761	55	5,405	15	36,019
2021	9,481	21	25,984	57	9,840	22	45,305
2022	34,570	32	50,971	47	22,435	21	107,976
2023	47,802	35	63,341	47	24,726	18	135,869

Transport statistics

The number of public transport companies and cooperatives increased from 44 to 47 in four years between 2019 and 2023. The number of driving schools increased from 72 companies in 2019 up to 126 facilities offering driving lessons in 2023.

The passenger coaster is the most common form of public utility vehicle with 1,800 buses recorded in 2023 compared to 1439 coaster buses in 2017.

Access to all-weather roads remains nearly universal (99%), with 95% of rural households reaching roads within 20 minutes. Nationally, 67% of households live within 200 meters of an all-weather road.

Satisfaction with these roads stands at 62%, with 20% perceiving quality improvements. Public transport accessibility is better in urban areas; 54% of urban and 17% of rural households are within 20 minutes of a transport stage. Bicycle ownership is higher in rural areas (16%) compared to urban (12%), while private car ownership in urban areas is 6%.

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