The Rwanda population is projected to increase from 13.2 million in 2022 to 24.2 million (high scenario), to 23.8 million (medium scenario), and to or 23.4 million (low scenario) by 2052.

The absolute difference between the assumption scenarios is trivial, which suggests that the future size of Rwandan population would be approximately 80% more than the current population.

A direct consequence of this evolution is the unprecedented increase in the population density, as high as 903 inhabitants per square kilometer according to the medium scenario in 2052.

TABLE: Rwanda's population projection

	Population size (Inhabitants)		
Projection Year			
	High Scenario	Medium Scenario	Low Scenario
2022	13,206,731	13,206,731	13,206,731
2023	13,499,656	13,499,134	13,498,611
2024	13,800,155	13,798,561	13,796,964
2025	14,108,214	14,104,965	14,101,706
2026	14,423,666	14,418,145	14,412,600
2027	14,746,250	14,737,803	14,729,313
2028	15,075,696	15,063,640	15,051,507

2029	15,411,725	15,395,339	15,378,830
2030	15,754,101	15,732,629	15,710,973

The urban population will increase from 3.7 million in 2022 to 16.8 million (high scenario), 16.5 million (medium scenario) and 16.2 million (low scenario) by 2052. This corresponds to an overall increase equivalent to more than 4 times the increase rate of the total population.

The rural population will decline from 9.5 million in 2022 to 7.2 million (high scenario), 7.1 million (medium scenario) and 6.9 million (low scenario) by 2052.

This will translate in a decrease of the size of the rural population by 24.5% (high scenario), 26% (medium scenario) and 27% (low scenario) between 2022 and 2052 in consideration of the country's aspiration to have 70% of the population in urban by 2050.

Reference documents (PDF & Excel)

- Population_Projections 2022 Thematic Report.xls (xls, 1.32 MB)
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- RPHC5 Thematic Report_Population Projection.pdf (pdf, 15.67 MB)
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