Datasource:

Integrated Business Enterprise Survey

Period:

January, 2018 to December, 2018

Key statistics from the survey:

- The estimated total number of workers employed by enterprises in formal sector in 2018 was 242,659 working in an estimate of 15,821 enterprises.
- 62.5% of employees in the formal business sector were based in Kigali.
- The largest business activity in the formal sector is manufacturing, employing around 15.9% of all employees.
- 36.0% of formal businesses were owned by a single individual, while around 45.7% were limited companies and 5.4% are cooperatives.
- 9.1% of enterprises employed at least 100 staff, while 21.0% had 3 employees or fewer.
- 76.7% of enterprises were owned by Rwandan resident, while 6.9% were owned by non-residents.
- 43.6% of businesses had been operating for less than 5 years, while 11.0% had been in existence for at least 20 years.
- Amongst the largest businesses (those with100 or more employees) 24.5% had been operating for less than 5 years, while 20.2% had been operating for 20 or more years.
- 70.4 % of formal sector employees were men, and 29.6% women.
- In the informal sector, 84.3% of all businesses were found to have at most 3 employees.
- 71.5% of informal workers were men, and 28.5% women.

Reference document (PDF)

- IBES_2018_Final_Report.pdf (pdf, 1.91 MB)
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