

Datasource:

Integrated Business Enterprise Survey

Period:

January, 2017 to December, 2017

Key statistics from the survey:

- The estimated total number of workers employed by enterprises in formal sector in 2017 was 223,043 working in an estimate of 13,244 enterprises.
- 55.7% of employees in the formal business sector were based in Kigali.
- The largest business activity in the formal sector is education, employing around 19.1% of all employees.
- 36.0% of formal businesses were owned by a single individual, while around 28.3% were limited companies and 10.0% are cooperatives.
- 2.7% of enterprises employed at least 100 staff, while 27.7% had 3 employees or fewer.
- 75.8% of enterprises were owned by Rwandan resident, while 3.6% were owned by non-residents.
- 40.1% of businesses had been operating for less than 5 years, while 15.1% had been in existence for at least 20 years.
- Amongst the largest businesses (those with 100 or more employees) 33.9% had been operating for less than 5 years, while 25.1% had been operating for 20 or more years.
- 66.4 % of formal sector employees were men, and 33.6% women.
- In the informal sector, 96.3% of all businesses were found to have at most 3 employees.
- 66.8% of informal workers were men, and 33.2% women.

Reference document (PDF)

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