The Rwandan labour market is predominated by agriculture (73%).A higher percentage of employed females is employed in agriculture (82%) compared to males (63%) and a higher percentage of employed persons in rural areas is farmers(83%) compared to those in urban areas (21%).

Non-agricultural occupations in urban areas were mainly services and sales workers and craft and related trades workers. Except for agricultural and clerical support workers, men predominated in all other occupations.

Of the entire population aged 16 and above 74% were economically active. The economic activity rate was higher in rural areas (75%) compared to urban areas (68%) and it was higher among males (76%) compared to females (72%).

Reference document (PDF & Excel)

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