According to the results of the Pilot LFS (Table 1 below) there were 6,611,000 persons 16 years old and over living in regular households in Rwanda in February 2016.

About 3,161,000 of them were in the labour force, either employed (2,831,000) or unemployed (430,000).

An additional 3,350,000 persons were outside the labour force including some 2,205,000 persons engaged wholly or mostly in subsistence foodstuff production, not classified as employment according to the new international standards on statistics of work, employment and labour underutilization.

The national labour force participation rate, that is the percentage of the working age population engaged in the labour force, was 49.3 percent indicating that slightly less than half of the working age population was either working for pay or profit or seeking employment.

The male labour force participation rate was 58.1 percent, higher than the female rate of 41.5 percent. Similarly, the labour force participation rate in urban areas (64.5 percent) was higher than the rate in rural areas (46.9 percent).

**Reference document (PDF & Excel)**

- Labour_Force_Pilot_Survey_Report_Feb_2016.pdf (pdf, 8.29 MB)
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