RWANDA

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Paul KAGAME
Head of Government
President Paul KAGAME
Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Kigali
Legislature
bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate or Senat (26 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Chambre des Deputes (80 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of the chief and deputy chief justices and 15 judges); High Court (consists of the court president, vice president, and a minimum of 24 judges)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Mathilde MUKANTABANA
US Ambassador
Ambassador Peter H. VROOMAN

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
agriculture, minerals, and agro-processing account for about 63% of export earnings; tourism, minerals, coffee, and tea are main sources of foreign exchange; food production often does not keep pace with demand, requiring food imports
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$24.68 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$2,100 (2017 est.)
Exports
$1.05 billion (2017 est.) partners: UAE 38.3%, Kenya 15.1%, Switzerland 9.9%, Democratic Republic of the Congo 9.5%, US 4.9%, Singapore 4.5% (2017)
Imports
$1.92 billion (2017 est.) partners: China 20.4%, Uganda 11%, India 7.2%, Kenya 7.1%, Tanzania 5.3%, UAE 5.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
12.7 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
2% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Hutu, Tutsi, Twa (Pygmy)
Language
Kinyarwanda (official, universal Bantu vernacular) 93.2%, French (official) <.1, English (official) <.1, Swahili/Kiswahili (official, used in commercial centers) <.1, more than one language, other 6.3%, unspecified 0.3% (2002 est.)
Religion
Protestant 49.5% (includes Adventist 11.8% and other Protestant 37.7%), Roman Catholic 43.7%, Muslim 2%, other 0.9% (includes Jehovah's Witness), none 2.5%, unspecified 1.3% (2012 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 17.4% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.86% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
69.4% (2018)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 26,338 sq km
Land: 24,668 sq km
Water: 1,670 sq km
Climate
temperate; two rainy seasons (February to April, November to January); mild in mountains with frost and snow possible
Natural Resources
gold, cassiterite (tin ore), wolframite (tungsten ore), methane, hydropower, arable land

as of February 2020