

**Datasource:**

Population and Housing Census

**Period:**

August, 2002

The third General Census of Population and Housing was held in Rwanda in August 2002 with the view to meeting three main objectives:

- To improve on the knowledge on the socio-demographic characteristics of the inhabitants of this country in order to ensure a more rigorous integration of the "population" variable into social and economic plans and programmers;
- To update the statistical database on population, especially after the traumatic incidents of the early 1990s which had far reaching effects on the status and evolution of this population, in other words, on the size, structure and spatial distribution of this population on the one hand, and on its internal dynamics resulting from the interplay of fertility and mortality levels and migratory flows;
- To create a geo-demographic database and to update the national;
- Sampling frame which shall enhance the conduct of subsequent population datasources.

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