

Attendance rate in primary

The overall non-attendance rate (never been to school or not yet attended school) for the population aged 3 years and above in Rwanda is 16.4%, which is significantly lower than the 2012 census figure of 25.5%.

The percentage of females who have never attended school or are not yet in school (17.8%) is higher than that of males (14.9%).

The majority of individuals who have never attended school or are not yet in school are located in rural areas (18.3%). Primary school is the most common level of education, with 58.3% of the population aged 3 and above attending.

TABLE: Primary school pupils by school status

Description/Year	2018	2019	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Total pupils	2,503,705	2,512,465	2,729,116	2,742,551	2,838,343
Male	1,259,344	1,268,996	1,370,022	1,384,332	1,445,412
Female	1,244,361	1,243,469	1,359,094	1,358,219	1,392,931
%Of Male	50.3%	50.5%	50.2%	50.5%	50.9%
%Of Female	49.7%	49.5%	49.8%	49.5%	49.1%
Pupils in Public schools	790,906	812,077	1,063,617	1,097,453	1,143,847
Male	397,253	409,920	534,244	553,802	582,517

Female	393,653	402,157	529,373	543,651	561,330
Pupils in Government- subsidized schools	1,609,471	1,592,142	1,532,460	1,507,756	1,537,759
Male	810,129	804,421	768,918	761,619	783,814
Female	799,342	787,721	763,542	746,137	753,945
Pupils in Private schools	103,328	108,246	133,039	137,342	156,737
Male	51,962	54,655	66,860	68,911	79,081
Female	51,366	53,591	66,179	68,431	77,656

Secondary education

Looking at lower secondary education, the numbers show that 8.8% of males have reached this level, slightly lower than the 10.0% of females who have done the same.

Moving on to upper secondary education, 6.9% of males and 6.9% of females have achieved this level, while university attendance is 3.5%.

The majority of both male and female resident population aged 15 and above in Rwanda hold a primary school certificate, with 28.6% of both sexes, 28.4% of males, and 28.8% of females attaining this level of education.

A considerable portion of the population possesses various levels of secondary education certificates, such as O'level certificates, A2/D6/D7 certificates, and Diploma (A1): D6+2-3yrs. These certificates are held by 7.4%, 7.9%, and 0.7% of the total population, respectively.

Data sources

[RPHC5 Thematic Report: Educational Characteristics of the population](#)

[Rwanda Statistical Yearbook - 2024 \(P. 28-31\)](#)

[Integrated Household Living Conditions Survey 6 \(EICV 6\)](#)

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