

**Datasource:**

Integrated Business Enterprise Survey

**Period:**

January, 2015 to December, 2015

Key statistics from the survey:

- The estimated total number of workers in formal sector enterprises in 2015 was 183,667 working in estimated 10,172 enterprises.
- 51.7% of employees in the formal business sector were based in Kigali.
- The largest business activity in the formal sector is manufacturing, employing around 14.3% of all employees.
- 49.4% of formal businesses were owned by a single individual, while around 22.2% were limited companies and 9.9% are cooperatives.
- 2.3% of enterprises employed at least 100 staff, while 38.3% had 3 employees or fewer.
- 90.5% of enterprises were owned by Rwandan resident, while 3.1% were owned by non-residents.
- 47.9% of businesses had been operating for less than 5 years, while 8.4% had been established for at least 20 years.
- Amongst the largest businesses (100 or more employees) 34.2% had been operating for less than 5 years, while 18.9% had been operating for 20 or more years.
- 70.1 % of formal sector employees were men, and 29.9% women.
- In the informal sector, 94.9% of all businesses had at most 3 employees.
- 61.1% of informal workers were men, and 38.9% women.

**Reference document (PDF)**

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