

In Rwanda youth was defined as the population aged 14 to 35 years before 2015. Since then, the new national youth policy defines youth as the population whose age is between 16 and 30 years.

The EICV7 results shows that 24.7% of youth population live in households below the poverty line while only 4.9% of youth population live in households below the extreme poverty line.

Overall, youth population (16-30 years) constitutes 27% of Rwanda' s total population. The 16-20 years age group represented the largest proportion, accounting for 12% of the national population, followed by 21-25 years age group (8%) and finally 26-30 years age group (7%) of the total population.

The largest age group in youth was 16-20 years, which comprises 10.2% of the total population. The age group 21-25 years comprises 8.4% of the total population and finally 26-30 years group represents 8.0% of the total population.

TABLE: Number of youth (16-30 years) by district, sex and residence

Province/District	Total		
	Both sexes	Male	Female
Rwanda	3,595,670	1,767,063	1,828,607
City of Kigali	584,290	288,533	295,757
Nyarugenge	126,094	65,433	60,661
Gasabo	282,898	137,605	145,293
Kicukiro	175,298	85,495	89,803
Southern Province	746,908	370,748	376,160
Nyanza	87,247	43,603	43,644
Gisagara	96,997	48,165	48,832
Nyaruguru	80,401	40,128	40,273
Huye	94,211	48,390	45,821
Nyamagabe	99,691	49,141	50,550
Ruhango	85,663	42,138	43,525
Muhanga	90,816	44,843	45,973

Kamonyi	111,882	54,340	57,542
Western Province	757,749	368,921	388,828
Karongi	94,832	46,491	48,341
Rutsiro	99,652	49,078	50,574
Rubavu	153,630	75,745	77,885
Nyabihu	89,609	42,913	46,696
Ngororero	92,595	43,679	48,916
Rusizi	122,794	60,957	61,837
Nyamasheke	104,637	50,058	54,579
Northern Province	564,353	274,197	290,156
Rulindo	92,714	45,113	47,601
Gakenke	95,141	45,791	49,350
Musanze	139,508	67,241	72,267
Burera	112,731	54,951	57,780
Gicumbi	124,259	61,101	63,158
Eastern Province	942,370	464,664	477,706
Rwamagana	130,746	67,206	63,540
Nyagatare	177,981	87,827	90,154
Gatsibo	145,378	71,160	74,218
Kayonza	120,691	59,127	61,564
Kirehe	123,154	59,826	63,328
Ngoma	99,607	47,908	51,699
Bugesera	144,813	71,610	73,203

Information on education among youth population presented in this report consists of literacy rates, current school attendance, higher learning education, and technical or vocational education training. Literacy rate for the individuals aged 16 to 30 years stood at 88%, showing a slight increase from 85% recorded in EICV5.

At the provincial level, the City of Kigali demonstrated the highest literacy rate (94%) and the Eastern province showed the lowest (84%) literacy rate. Furthermore, the literacy rate was higher in urban areas (92%) compared to rural areas (85%) indicating persistent geographical disparities in educational attainment.

Economic activity

Overall, the workforce to population ratio among youth population was 68% during the seven days preceding the interview. Workforce participation was relatively higher in the male youth (71%) compared to their female counterparts (65%).

In Rwanda, median weekly hours actual worked by youth population was 35 hours, the mean weekly hours actual worked was 36.9 hours.

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