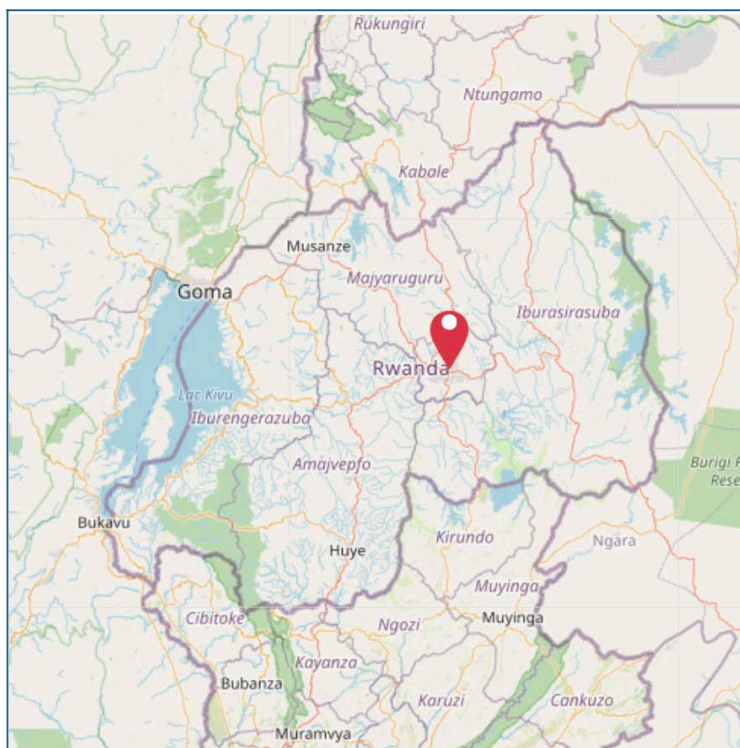


Rwanda Immigration Detention Data Profile



Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
International migrants (2019)	539,937
New asylum applications (2019)	379

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/africa/rwanda>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	Not Available	2019	Total number of detained minors	Not Available	2017
Criminal prison population	54,279	2015	Percentage of foreign prisoners	0.3	2002
	55,618	2012			
	59,311	2008			
	82,000	2006			
	87,000	2004			
	112,000	2002			
	145,021	1998			
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	434	2015			
	492	2012			
	221	2008			
	167	2006			
	111	2004			
	102	2002			
	139	1998			

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date	
Population	13,000,000	2020	International migrants	539,937	2019	
	11,610,000	2015			441,500	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	3.8	2015	Refugees	145,054	2019	
					170,990	2017
					156,055	2016
					144,737	2015
					73,820	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	13.13	2016	Total number of new asylum applications	379	2019	
	6.51	2014			50	2016
					43	2014
Refugee recognition rate	100	2014				

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION		
Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Civil law	2017
	Customary law	2017
COVID-19 UPDATES		
Latest Update	Update Status	Observation Date
	Refugees and migrants, relocated to Rwanda from Libya and subsequently held in Gashora Emergency Transit Centre outside Kigali, have protested against their lockdown. Rwanda has accepted several hundred persons, evacuated from Libya's notorious detention facilities. Some have been screened and approved for relocation to countries including Canada and Norway, but the lockdown has suspended their onward travel, leaving them stuck in the transit centre indefinitely. UNHCR reportedly issued a statement urging calm and emphasised that Rwandan laws have ordered the various restrictions in place.	2020

INTERNATIONAL LAW		
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification		
International treaties	Name	Ratification Year
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1974
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1975
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1975
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	1975
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1981
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1991
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	2008
	ICRMW, International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	2008
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2008
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1980
	CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons	2006
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2003
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	2006
	OPCAT, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	2015
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	14/19	

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Individual complaints procedure	Name		Acceptance Year
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999		2008
	CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2008
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number		Observation Date
	2/8		2017
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Relevant recommendations issued by treaty bodies	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year
	Human Rights Committee	§ 30. [...]The State party should ensure that detention pending deportation is only applied if reasonably necessary and proportionate, after due consideration of less invasive means and for the shortest possible period of time, and that individuals detained for immigration-related reasons are held in facilities specifically designed for that purpose.	2016
	Committee on Migrant Workers	"§24. (a) ensure that detention of migrants for violations of immigration law is used only as a measure of last resort and in special facilities; and that, in so far as practicable, migrants detained for immigration offences are held separately from ordinary prisoners; and (b) include in its next periodic report detailed information on the number of migrants detained for immigration offences and on the place, average duration and conditions of their detention."	2012
Regional treaties, regulations, and directives			
Regional legal instruments	Name		Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)
	ACHPR, African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights		1983
	ACRWC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child		2001
	APRW, Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol)		2004
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms			
Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recommendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2011	2017
	No	2015	2017

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

More information about immigration detention in Rwanda is available at the website of the Global Detention Project (www.globaldetentionproject.org)