

RWANDA TELECOMMUNICATION PROFILE IN BRIEF

1 . Basic Socio-Economic Indicators

	2003
Population	8 128 553
Density	321
Population annual growth	2.7%
Rural Population	83.1%
Households	1,757,426
Nominal GDP (Rwf bn)	905.02
Real GDP Growth	0 .9%

2. Operators and Services Providers

Services	Operators
Fixed telecom operator	Rwandatel s.a, a state owned company (it is in process to be privatised and the winner will be granted a mobile licence)
Mobile operator	MTN Rwandacell
ISPs	Rwandatel sa Terracom(new entrant) Artel Mediapost
VSAT network operator	Artel s.a.r.l (rural communication)
Data/leased line	Rwandatel s.a
Gateway	Rwandatel s.a MTN Rwandacel

3. Subscribers (active lines)

Operators	Services	2001	2002	2003
Rwandatel	Fixed telephone	21,458	25,105	25,565
	Internet	1,482	2,047	2,378
MTNRwandacell	Mobile phone	44,117	82,391	130,720
Artel	Telephone		30(sites)	152(sites)
	Internet		Not available	12
Mediapost	Internet	Not available	Not available	114

4. Net Operating Income(Rwf)

Operators	2001	2002	2003
Rwandatel	7,751,555,7959	8,436,618,616	10,599,16 3,036
MTN Rwandacell	11,240,887,000	13,501,865,000	15,333,778,570

5. Radio spectrum licences issued or renewed

Services	2003	2004
Radio broadcasting	4	7
Radiocommunication	79	91
Satellite Phone	7	7
VSAT	5	8

6. Policy and legal framework

National ICT policy	Integrated ICT- led Socio- Economic Development Policy and Plan for Rwanda 2001- 2005
Independent regulator	Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Agency
Legal framework	Law n° 39/2001 establishing Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Agency as a Multisector Regulatory Authority (telecom, energy, gaz, transport, water and sanitation) Law n° 44/2001 governing telecommunications
Regulations/Orders	More details on www.rura.gov.rw