



Republic of Rwanda and Iowa Compared:

- **Population: Rwanda** - 8.6 million (UN, 2005 estimate)
- **Population: Iowa** - 2,982,085 (US Census Bureau, 2006 estimate)
- **Iowa Population Under 18:** 22.6 percent (2005)
- **Rwandan Population Under 16:** 48.67 percent (2002 Census)

- **Land Area: Rwanda** 10,169 square miles; Iowa 55,869 square miles
- **Persons per Square Mile:** Rwanda 845 (2005); Iowa 52 (2000)

- **Parcels of Land:** Rwanda 7.9 million; Iowa 2.4 million
- **Rwandan Protected Areas as Percent of Total Land Area:** 7.7 (Earthtrends, 2003)
- **Iowa Protected Areas as Percent of Total Land Area:** 2 (State of Iowa Wildlife Action Plan, 2005)

- **Rwanda's Capital:** Kigali, 1,000,000 (2007 estimate, Kigali City Official Website)
- **Iowa's Capital:** Des Moines, 198,682 (US Census, 2000)

- **Major Languages of Rwanda:** Kinyarwanda (official), French (official), English (official), Swahili is also now widely spoken.
- **Major Languages of Iowa:** 93.6% of all Iowans aged five or more speak only English at home while 5.8% speak a language other than English. A total of approximately 50 languages are spoken in Iowa, including approximately 3.5% who speak Spanish at home (US Census Bureau, 2006).

- **Rwanda National Parliament:** 49% women
- **Iowa Legislature:** 22% women

- **Rwanda's Major Religions:** Christianity, indigenous beliefs
- **Iowa's Major Religions:** Christianity, although 41.5% of Iowans were not counted as members of any religious organization in the 2000 census.

- **Life Expectancy in Rwanda:** 42 years (men), 45 years (women) (UN)
- **Life Expectancy in the US:** 77.9 years

- **Money:** Approximately 500 Rwandan francs = \$1
- **Rwanda's Main Exports:** Coffee, tea, hides, tin ore
- **Iowa's Main Exports:** Iowa's leading export category is machinery manufactures. Iowa's other top manufactured exports are processed foods, chemical manufactures, and primary metal manufactures (US Department of Commerce, September 2007).

- **Rwanda's Gross National Income (GNI) per capita:** US \$230 (World Bank, 2006). However, the poorest 25% of Rwandans live today on only \$35/year.
- **Iowa's Per Capita Income (1999):** \$19,674
- **Median Household Income for Iowa in 2004:** \$42,865 (US Census Bureau).