Governor: H.E. Anne Mumbi Waiguru, EGH
Deputy Governor: H.E. David Githanda
Speaker: Hon. Muteti Julius Murimi
Capital: Kutus
Key towns: Wang’uru, Kutus, Kerugoya, Kagio, Kianyaga and Sagana
Regional Bloc: Central Region Economic Bloc (CEREB)
Constituencies: 4
Electoral wards: 20
Land area and size: 1,478.1 km²
Temperature range: 8.1°C and 30.3°C

Population of 632,714 people
Annual Growth Rate of 1.5%

Governance structures

Recommendations

- Improvement of the county’s overall revenue profile mainly in fully digitising all the income lines for business permits, licenses, building approval fees, land rates, hotel fees and parking fees, among other levies.
- Strengthen compliance for established county laws and policies such as the climate change policies and enhance capacity building and awareness in climate change and green finance.
- Exploring alternative financing options such as the debt capital markets to fund capital development projects.

Agriculture is the primary economic activity of the county, contributing 42.5% to the county’s GCP.

Governance structures

- Presence of a legal & regulatory framework for green/climate finance - Kirinyaga County Climate Change Act, 2023
- Presence of the Kirinyaga County Solid Waste Management Bill, 2020 and the Kutus Municipality Local Physical and Land Use Development Plan, 2020-2030 (Situation Analysis Report)
- Qualified for Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) funds

Green assets

Water bodies: Sagana River, Nyamindi River, Rupingazi River, Thiba River, Rwamuthambi River and Ragati River
Mountains: Mount Kenya
Forests: 5 gazetted forests (35,854.68 Ha) and 2 non-gazetted forests (22 Ha)

Kirinyaga County is the source of 84% of all the rice produced in Kenya.