

DEMOGRAPHY: FROM SUCCESSIVE CENSUSES
Population ('000s unless stated)
Total
By sex:

Male

Female

By region:

Northern region

Central region

Southern region

% under 15 years of age

% living in urban areas

Population of principal towns:

Blantyre City

Lilongwe City

Mzuzu City

Zomba Municipality

Population density (persons per sq. km)
Malawi

Northern region

Central region

Southern region

Population growth rates (compared to previous census)
Malawi

Northern region

Central region

Southern region

Fertility

Crude birth rate (births per thousand population)

Total fertility rate (children per woman)

Mortality

Crude death rate (deaths per thousand population)

Life expectancy at birth

Males

Females

Household characteristics

Mean household size

% of households headed by:

Female

Male

DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL INDICATORS
Poverty

line)

Percentage of poor

Gini coefficient of consumption

Consumption of poorest 20% of population as % of total

Population Projections (mn) (Mid – Year Population)
Malawi

Births

Deaths

Recent demographic indicators (from 2004 MDHS)

Total fertility rate (children per woman)

Infant mortality (infant deaths per 1,000 births)

Child mortality (child deaths per 1,000 births)

Under 5 mortality rate (under 5 deaths per 1,000 births)

Maternal mortality ratio (maternal death per 100,000 live birth)

Education

Enrolment in Primary Schools

Enrolment in Secondary Schools

Enrolment at Universities in Malawi

Literacy rate

Male

Female

Median year of school Males

Median year of school Females

Theft of Crops

Theft of Livestock

Corruption

Home burglary

Assault

Theft of personal property

Health
Births for which the mother received:

Antenatal care from a health professional (%)

Tetanus toxoid injection during pregnancy (%)

Medical assistance at delivery (%)

% of children age 12-23 months:

Fully vaccinated

No vaccinations

% of children < 5 years taken to health facility in response to recent:

Acute respiratory infection (ARI)

Fever

Diarrhoea

Water

Access to protected water supply (% of households)

THE ECONOMY
Price inflation rates (annual averages, %)

National

Urban

Rural

National Accounts (new series)

GDP by expenditure at constant prices

GDP by activity at current prices (K'bn)

GDP per capita (K '000)

GDP growth rate (%)

Balance of payments (K' bn)

Current account

Capital account

Financial account

Errors and Omissions

Uk Pound Sterling

United States Dollar

Euro

South African Rand

Zimbabwe Dollar

Zambian Kwacha

Malawi Urban Rural
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Foreign trade (K bn)	2003	2004	2005	2006
Imports	76.7	101.6	140.2	162.497
Exports	51.7	52.6	59.6	90.8
Trade balance	-25.0	-48.9	80.5	-71.7
Main imported commodities:				
Fuel oils	7.6	10.3	12.4	23.6
Fertilizers	4.6	7.0	15.4	8.5
Main exported commodities:				
Tobacco	24.2	22.3	31.6	31.6
Tea	3.5	5.1	5.9	5.9
Sugar	10.6	7.9	5.4	5.4
Trade with SADC				
Imports	43.3	50.3	84.7	95.0
Exports	11.7	17.0	16.1	28.4
Balance	-31.6	-33.3	-68.2	-66.6
Index of Industrial Production annual average, 1984=100	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total general industrial production	102.1	99.2	108.4	151.8
Goods for the domestic market	65.5	61.0	68.1	138.6
Export goods	117.0	120.0	127.6	114.0
All manufactured goods	79.3	76.7	84	132.0
Electricity and water	242.4	237.0	258.3	273.3
Public finance (k bn)	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
Government revenue (excluding grants)	32.5	42.8	50.7	58.9
Taxes:				
Income and profits	12.2	12.7	21.8	25.3
Goods and services	12.2	12.2	21.6	25.8
Trade taxes	3.3	3.8	7.1	7.8
Government expenditure	33.0	42.8	73.1	111.7
Recurrent	24.8	31.6	49.6	79.0
Development	8.2	11.2	23.5	32.7
Deficit (excluding grants)	-25.2	-25.2	-11.2	-15.8
Debt	2003	2004	2005	2006
External debt (US \$ bn)	3.03	3.08	2.9	1.9

GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

Geography

country from Lake Malawi in the Northern and Central regions, to the Shire Valley in the Southern Region. Lake Malawi covers 2.43 million hectares of Malawi's total area of 11.85 million hectares. To the west and south of the lake are fertile

Plateau	3,002m	Zomba Plateau	2,087m
Nyika Plateau	2,606m	Viphya Plateau	1,954m
Kirk Range	2,198m	Dowa Highlands	1,698m

Climate

Malawi has two distinct seasons, a wet, warm season and a dryer, cooler season. The wet, rainy season runs from October to April, while the dry season runs from May to September.

Annual rainfall (mm)	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mzuzu	1,359	1,411	1,004	1,048
Lilongwe	1038	776	797	726
Blantyre	1,182	852	871	1,315

Average monthly temperature (1996-2005, degree celsius)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Maximum				
Mzuzu	26.1	21.6	24.1	27.1
Lilongwe	27.2	24.1	28.1	27.9
Blantyre	26.6	22.3	26.7	26.9
Minimum				
Mzuzu	17.0	9.2	10.7	16.8
Lilongwe	17.7	9.8	13.6	18.9
Blantyre	17.9	12.6	15.3	18.6

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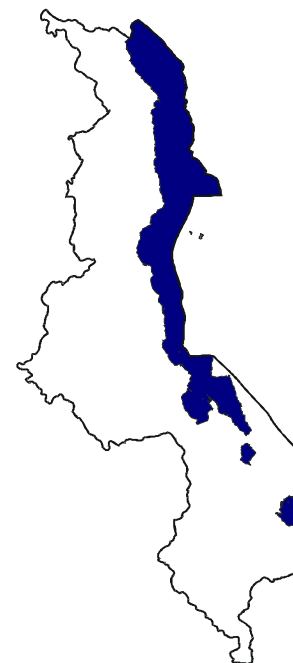
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% per cent **mn** million
mm millimetres **Km** kilometres
ha hectares



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