

DEMOGRAPHY: FROM SUCCESSIVE CENSUSES				Household characteristics			Health						
				1977	1987	1998	Births for which the mother received:						
Population ('000s unless stated)							Malawi	Urban	Rural				
1977	1987	1998		Mean household size	..	4	4.3						
Total	5,547	7,989	9,934	% of households headed by:				Antenatal care from a health professional (%)	2000	91	97	91	
By sex:				Female	..	33	31	Tetanus toxoid injection during pregnancy (%)	2000	85	87	85	
Male	2,674	3,867	4,868	Male	..	67	69	Medical assistance at delivery (%)	2000	56	82	52	
Female	2,874	4,121	5,066					% of children age 12-23 months:					
By region:				Poverty	Malawi	Urban	Rural	% of children < 5 years taken to health facility in response to recent:					
Northern region	649	912	1,234	Poverty headcount (percent below poverty line)	1998	65.3	54.9	66.5	Fully vaccinated	2000	70	79	69
Central region	2,144	3,111	4,066	Percentage of poor	1998	100	10.3	89.7	No vaccinations	2000	3	1	3
Southern region	2,755	3,966	4,634	Gini coefficient of consumption	1998	0.4	0.52	0.37					
% under 15 years of age	44.6	46.1	43.6	Consumption of poorest 20% of population as % of total	1998	6.3	4.5	6.7	% of children < 5 years taken to health facility in response to recent:				
% living in urban areas	8.5	10.7	14						Acute respiratory infection (ARI)	2000	27	48	25
Population of principal towns:				Population Projections (mn) (Mid – Year Population)	2003		2008	2013	Fever	2000	35	46	34
Blantyre City	219	333	502	Malawi		11.5	13.6	16	Diarrhoea	2000	28	35	28
Lilongwe City	99	223	440	Births		0.6	0.6	0.7	Water		Malawi	Urban	Rural
Mzuzu City	16	44	87	Deaths		0.2	0.2	0.2	Access to protected water supply (% of households)	2000	65	95	61
Zomba Municipality	24	43	66										
Population density (persons per sq. km)	1977	1987	1998	Recent demographic indicators (from 2000 MDHS)	Malawi	Urban	Rural	THE ECONOMY					
Malawi	59	85	105	Total fertility rate (children per woman)	2000	6.3	4.5	6.7	Price inflation rates (annual averages, %)	2000	2001	2002	2003
Northern region	24	34	46	Infant mortality (infant deaths per 1,000 births)	2000	104	83	117	National	100	22.7	14.8	9.6
Central region	60	87	114	Child mortality (child deaths per 1,000 births)	2000	95	71	106	Urban	100	28	16.6	10.5
Southern region	87	125	146	Under 5 mortality rate (under 5 deaths per 1,000 births)	2000	189	148	210	Rural	100	20.4	13.9	9.1
Population growth rates (compared to previous census)	1977	1987	1998	Education	2001	2002	2003	National product	2000	2001	2002	2003	
Malawi	2.9	3.7	2	Enrolment in Primary Schools	000'	3188	3164	3113	GDP (factor cost, 1994 prices, (K'bn)	13.1	12.6	12.9	13.5
Northern region	2.4	3.4	2.7	Enrolment in Secondary Schools	000'	295	116	131	GDP (factor cost, current prices (K' bn)	103.4	123.7	148.1	170.7
Central region	3.4	3.7	2.4	Enrolment at Universities in Malawi	NO	4521	4531	4763	GDP per capita (K '000)	9.5	11.0	12.9	..
Southern region	2.6	3.7	1.4	Literacy rate	Malawi	Urban	Rural	GDP growth rate (%)	0.8	-4.1	1.9	4.6	
Fertility	1977	1987	1998	Male	2000	72	88	69	Balance of payments (K' bn)	2000	2001	2002	2003
population)	48.3	41.2	37.9	Female	2000	49	75	44	Current account balance	-11.2	-12.8	-28.7	-35.2
Total fertility rate (children per woman)	7.6	7.4	6.5	Crime	2003	North	Centre	South	Capital account balance	14.5	20.2	15.2	12.6
Mortality	1977	1987	1998	Theft of Crops	%	13.1	34.9	52.0	Errors and Omissions	2.2	-13.7	19.4	17.2
population)	25	14.1	25	Theft of Livestock	%	15.8	38.4	45.8	Balance before debt relief	5.4	-6.3	5.9	-5.5
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births)	165	159	121	Corruption	%	7.6	40.1	52.3	Exchange rates, K per unit (end of year)	2000	2001	2002	2003
Life expectancy at birth	1977	1987	1998	Home burglary	%	9.2	32.8	58.0	United States Dollar	80.0	67.3	87.3	108.6
Males	39.2	41.4	40	Assult	%	14.7	45.2	40.1	South African Rand	10.6	5.7	9.9	16.33
Females	42.4	44.6	44	Theft of personal property	%	22.4	44.3	33.3	Zimbabwe Dollar	1.45	1.2	1.6	0.14

Foreign trade (K bn)	2000	2001	2002	2003
Imports	32.28	39.48	53.66	76.65
Exports	23.62	31.82	31.42	51.67
Trade balance	-8.66	-7.66	-22.24	-24.98
Main imported commodities:				
Fuel oils	4.43	5.32	4.83	7.63
Fertilizers	1	0.3	3.71	4.56
Main exported commodities:				
Tobacco	14.2	18.36	17.89	24.19
Tea	2.25	2.46	2.83	3.48
Sugar	2.34	3.98	2.68	10.57
Trade with SADC				
Imports	16.46	22.51	30.77	43.28
Exports	3.72	7.81	7.36	11.71
Balance	-12.74	-14.7	-23.41	-31.57
Index of Industrial Production				
annual average, 1984=100	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total general industrial production	111.5	101.9	102.1	99.2
Goods for the domestic market	87.8	73.2	65.5	61
Export goods	107.5	101.5	117	120
All manufactured goods	93.1	80.7	79.3	76.7
Electricity and water	224.7	231.7	242.4	237
Public finance (k bn)	2000	2001	2002	2003
Government revenue (excluding grants)	24.1	24.51	32.47	42.75
Taxes:				
Income and profits	10.27	10.05	12.21	15.92
Goods and services	9.58	9.35	12.17	15.95
Trade taxes	2.46	3.49	3.31	8.57
Government expenditure	28.72	45.87	52.88	72.79
Type:				
Recurrent	21.85	32.20	39.75	53.59
Development	6.87	13.67	13.13	19.2
Deficit (excluding grants)	-4.6	-16.02	-12.71	-16.16
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Debt	2000	2001	2002	2003
External debt (US \$ bn)	2.34	2.42	2.47	2.48

GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE

Geography

Malawi's most striking feature is the Rift Valley, which runs the entire length of the 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 plains and high mountain ranges (heights below).

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)	2000	2001	2002	2003
Mzuzu	1,154	1,116	1,245	1,359
Lilongwe	669	988	787	1,038
Blantyre	1,107	1,257	1,130	1,182

Average monthly temperature (1994-2003, degree celsius)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Maximum				
Mzuzu	25.9	21.5	24.2	27.3
Lilongwe	27.2	24.1	28.3	28.2
Blantyre	26.2	22.6	27.5	26.7
Minimum				
Mzuzu	16.9	8.7	10.4	16.5
Lilongwe	17.8	9.6	13.7	18.8
Blantyre	17.4	12.1	15.3	18.3

Malawi in Figures is an annual publication of the National Statistical Office. Data sources include the Statistical Yearbook, the 1998 Population Census, the 1998 Integrated Household Survey, 2000 Core Welfare Indicators Questionnaire, 2000 Demographic and Health Survey (MDHS) and 2002 DHS EdData Survey.

Symbols Used and their meaning:

..	not available	K	Malawi Kwacha
billion	-		zero or less than half
%	per cent	mn	million
mm	millimetres	Km	kilometres
ha	hectares		



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