

DEMOGRAPHY: FROM SUCCESSIVE CENSUSES				Household characteristics			1977	1987	1998	Health Births for which the mother received:	Malawi Urban Rural			
Population ('000s unless stated)	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					
Male	2,674	3,867	4,868	Male			..	67	69	Tetanus toxoid injection during pregnancy (%)	2000	85	87	85
Female	2,874	4,121	5,066							Medical assistance at delivery (%)	2000	56	82	52
By region:				DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL INDICATORS						% of children age 12-23 months:				
				Poverty		Malawi	Urban	Rural						
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		% of children < 5 years taken to health facility in response to recent:				
% 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		Acute respiratory infection (ARI)	2000	27	48	25
% living in urban areas	8.5	10.7	14							Fever	2000	35	46	34
Population of principal towns:				Population Projections (mn) (Mid – Year Population)	2003		2008	2013		Diarrhoea	2000	28	35	28
Blantyre City	219	333	502	Malawi		11.5	13.6	16		Water		Malawi	Urban	Rural
Lilongwe City	99	223	440	Births		0.6	0.6	0.7		Access to protected water supply (% of households)	2000	65	95	61
Mzuzu City	16	44	87	Deaths		0.2	0.2	0.2						
Zomba Municipality	24	43	66											
Population density (persons per sq. km)	1977	1987	1998	Recent demographic indicators		Malawi	Urban	Rural		THE ECONOMY				
Malawi	59	85	105	(from 2000 MDHS)						Price inflation rates (annual averages, %)	2000	2001	2002	2003
Northern region	24	34	46	Total fertility rate (children per woman)	2000	6.3	4.5	6.7		National	100	22.7	14.8	9.6
Central region	60	87	114	Infant mortality (infant deaths per 1,000 births)	2000	104	83	117		Urban	100	28	16.6	10.5
Southern region	87	125	146	Child mortality (child deaths per 1,000 births)	2000	95	71	106		Rural	100	20.4	13.9	9.1
Population growth rates (compared to previous census)	1977	1987	1998							National product	2000	2001	2002	2003
Malawi	2.9	3.7	2	Under 5 mortality rate (under 5 deaths per 1,000 births)	2000	189	148	210		GDP (factor cost, 1994 prices, (K'bn)	13.1	12.6	12.9	13.5
Northern region	2.4	3.4	2.7		2000	1,120		GDP (factor cost, current prices (K' bn)	103.4	123.7	148.1	170.7
Central region	3.4	3.7	2.4							GDP per capita (K '000)	9.5	11.0	12.9	..
Southern region	2.6	3.7	1.4	Education	2001	3188	3164	3113		GDP growth rate (%)	0.8	-4.1	1.9	4.6
Fertility	1977	1987	1998	Enrolment in Primary Schools	000'	295	116	131		Balance of payments (K' bn)	2000	2001	2002	2003
population)	48.3	41.2	37.9	Enrolment in Secondary Schools	000'	4521	4531	4763		Current account balance	-11.2	-12.8	-28.7	-35.2
Total fertility rate (children per woman)	7.6	7.4	6.5	Enrolment at Universities in Malawi	N0					Capital account balance	14.5	20.2	15.2	12.6
				Literacy rate	Malawi	Urban	Rural			Errors and Omissions	2.2	-13.7	19.4	17.2
				Male	2000	72	88	69		Balance before debt relief	5.4	-6.3	5.9	-5.5
Mortality	1977	1987	1998	Female	2000	49	75	44		Exchange rates, K per unit (end of year)	2000	2001	2002	2003
population)	25	14.1	25							United States Dollar	80.0	67.3	87.3	108.6
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,000 live births)	165	159	121	Crime	2003	North	Centre	South		South African Rand	10.6	5.7	9.9	16.33
				Theft of Crops	%	13.1	34.9	52.0		Zimbabwe Dollar	1.45	1.2	1.6	0.14
Life expectancy at birth	1977	1987	1998	Theft of Livestock	%	15.8	38.4	45.8						
				Corruption	%	7.6	40.1	52.3						
Males	39.2	41.4	40	Home burglary	%	9.2	32.8	58.0						
Females	42.4	44.6	44	Assult	%	14.7	45.2	40.1						
				Thefty of personal property	%	22.4	44.3	33.3						

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
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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
Deficit (including grants)	-2.24	-4.34	-7.13	-3.99

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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