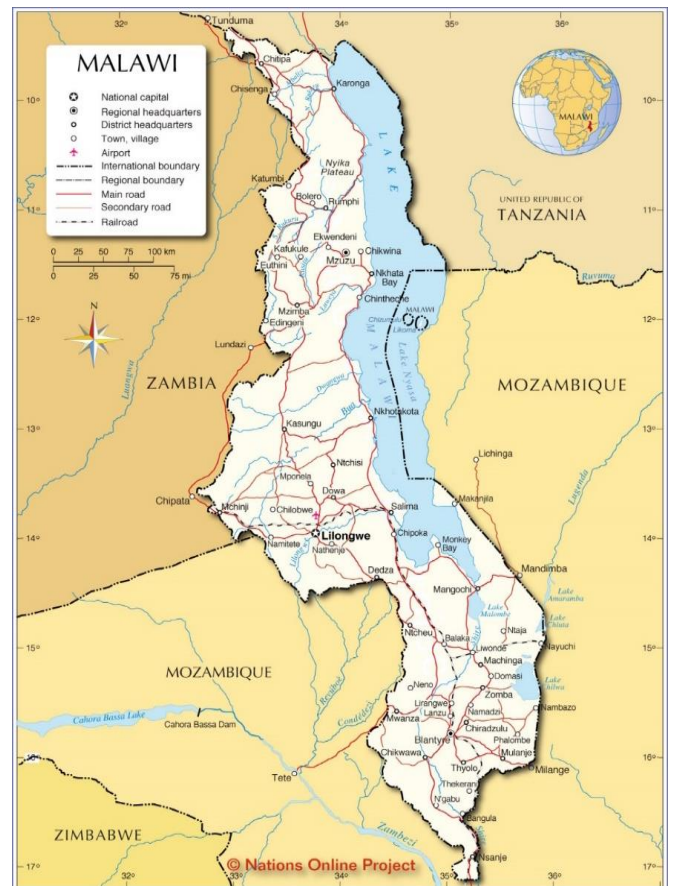




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Symbols

The following symbols are used throughout the booklet

%	percent	'bn	billion
P	provisional	'mn	million
mm	millimeters	km	kilometers
K	Malawi Kwacha	Kg	Kilogram

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Geography

Malawi is a sub-Saharan land locked country located south of the equator. It is bordered to the north and northeast by the United Republic of Tanzania; to the east, south and southwest by the People's Republic of Mozambique; and to the west and Northwest by the Republic of Zambia. To the west and south of the lake are fertile plains and high mountain ranges (heights shown below).

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)	2022
Mzuzu (Mzuzu Airport)	1019
Lilongwe (Chitedze Met.)	741
Blantyre (Chichiri Met.)	1288

Average quarterly temperatures (degree celcius) 2013-2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Maximum				
Mzuzu (Mzuzu Airport)	26.0	22.7	23.6	27.7
Lilongwe (Kamuzu Airpot)	26.7	24.8	25.5	29.4
Blantyre (Chileka Airport)	28.4	26.5	27.5	31.8

Minimum				
Mzuzu (Mzuzu Airport)	17.4	12.8	9.5	16.3
Lilongwe (Kamuzu Airport)	18.5	12.8	11.7	17.9
Blantyre (Chileka Airport)	20.1	16.4	15.6	20.4

Land and Water Area ('Mn Hectares)	2020	2021	2022
Total area	11.85	11.85	11.85
Land area	9.42	9.42	9.42
Water area	2.43	2.43	2.43

Population

Mid-year population by sex

Sex	2022p		2023p	
	Number ('000)	%	Number ('000)	%
Total	19,351.9	100.0	19,809.5	100.0
Male	9,379.8	48.5	9,599.3	48.5
Female	9,972.1	51.5	10,210.2	51.5

Note: p = Projections

Population (de-jure) distribution by Region

Region	2008		2018	
	Number ('000)	%	Number ('000)	%
Malawi	13,029.5	100.0	17,563.7	100.0
Northern	1,679.5	12.9	2,287.0	13.0
Central	5,497.3	42.2	7,526.2	42.9
Southern	5,852.8	44.9	7,750.6	44.1

Population (de-jure) Density by Region

Region	Land Area (Sq. Km.)	2008		2018	
		Population Density		Population Density	
Malawi	94,552	138	186		
Northern	27,131	62	84		
Central	35,641	186	211		
Southern	31,780	184	244		

Population (de-jure) Distribution of Persons Ages 18 years and Over by Region, 2018

	Total 18+	Male 18+	Female 18+
Malawi	8,669,215	4,120,104	4,549,111
Northern	1,128,446	541,149	587,297
Central	3,761,964	1,820,791	1,941,173
Southern	3,778,805	1,758,164	2,020,641

Population (de-jure) by Urban/Rural Residence, 2018

	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Malawi	17,563,749	8,521,456	9,042,293
Urban	2,783,364	1,385,218	1,398,146
Rural	14,780,385	7,136,238	7,644,147

Households and Household Size by Region, 2008 and 2018

Region	2008		2018	
	Total Number of Households	Average Household Size	Total Number of Households	Average Household Size
Malawi	2,869,933	4.6	3,984,929	4.4
Northern	336,602	5.1	471,863	4.8
Central	1,192,139	4.6	1,713,490	4.4
Southern	1,341,192	4.4	1,799,576	4.3

External Trade

	Value of Imports and Exports			Mn Kwacha
	2020	2021	2022p	
Total Imports (a)	2,074,642.2	2,479,051.6	1,446,263.5	
Domestic Exports (b)	598,031.0	772,477	875,284	
Re-exports	29,418	36,482	175,774	
Total Exports	627,449	808,958	757,413	
Trade Balance	-1,470,356	-1,670,093	-542,028	

Note: (a) Imports are valued c.i.f. (cost, insurance and freight), and consist of goods imported directly for consumption and goods imported "on bond".

(b) Exports are valued f.o.b. (free on board) or f.o.r. (free on rail).

	Value of Imports of Selected Commodities			Mn Kwacha
	2020	2021	2022p	
Diesel	79,261.4	83,770.3	101,884.6	
Petrol	56,126.8	96,098.9	126,412.6	
Paraffin	172.4	380.6	180.5	
Fertilizers	177,365.1	225,853.4	206,957.1	
Coal	2,076.8	2,138.2	259.6	

	Value of Exports of Selected Commodities(a)			Mn Kwacha
	2020	2021	2022p	
Tea	54,969.4	56,069.7	73,881.0	
Tobacco	275,411.0	329,612.6	372,017.5	
Cotton	1,522.7	3,643.6	10,526.0	
Sugar	56,627.2	59,971.4	22,047.4	
Pulses	26,775.1	26,167.8	49,780.5	
Rice	125.9	730.5	276.0	
Coffee	1,399.5	2,240.3	2,263.3	
Nuts (b)	40,566.9	34,758.4	113,137.0	
Skins & Hides	308.4	390.1	828.1	

a) Exports are valued f.o.b. (free on board) or for. (free on rail)

(b) Includes ground, cashew and Macadamia nuts

Trade with SADC Region

	Imports			Mn Kwacha
	2020	2021	2022p	
SADC (a)	630,212.6	668,334.6	320,868.5	
Botswana	5,862.7	7,560.8	1,977.2	
Lesotho	29.9	22.1	1.2	
Mauritius	1,091.7	1,804.4	2,541.1	
Mozambique	75,402.1	44,381.2	22,137.4	
Namibia	549.1	967.3	530.1	
South Africa	411,805.8	441,251.8	201,352.7	
Zimbabwe	22,683.1	23,213.6	9,883.7	
Swaziland	1,821.3	2,870.3	4,170.0	
Tanzania	30,072.0	41,333.4	22,735.7	
Zambia	88,915.3	104,929.7	37,566.4	

	Exports			Mn Kwacha
	2020	2021	2022p	
SADC (a)	120,647.5	178,230.8	241,357.3	
Botswana	3,569.9	1,258.9	1,646.0	
Lesotho	8.9	-	342.7	
Mauritius	204.0	116.7	388.1	
Mozambique	10,603.9	16,115.2	17,857.8	
Namibia	35.0	21.7	219.4	
South Africa	35,642.3	52,912.8	59,256.4	
Zimbabwe	25,965.0	29,093.6	41,500.1	
Swaziland	1,821.4	889.5	261.2	
Tanzania	24,658.1	57,022.8	82,105.0	
Zambia	19,030.6	20,799.6	37,780.6	

Trade Balance

Mn Kwacha

	2020	2021	2022
SADC (a)	-516,545	-490,104	-113,615
Botswana	-4,667	-6,302	-511
Lesotho	-21	-22	683
Mauritius	-1,037	-1,688	-4,396
Mozambique	-64,513	-28,266	-6,118
Namibia	-440	-946	-1,058
South Africa	-377,101	-388,339	-412,828
Zimbabwe	-7,298	-5,880	-48,372
Swaziland	-1,734	-1,981	-11,720
Tanzania	5,145	15,689	124,540
Zambia	663,234	-84,130	-28,039

Note: (a) Southern Africa Development Community (comprises fifteen countries)

Map of SADC Region



Prices

Month to Month Consumer Price Inflation rates (December 2021=100) (percentages)

	2021	2022
National	0.9	1.9
Urban	0.8	2.2
Rural	1.1	1.8
Blantyre		
City	0.7	1.7
Lilongwe		
City	0.4	2.3
Mzuzu City	0.4	1.7
Zomba City	1.8	2.4

Composite National Consumer Price Index

	2021	2022
All items	136.0	111.8
Food	149.9	113.2
Alcoholic drinks and Tobacco	128.0	108.0
Clothing and Footwear	128.3	107.1
Housing, water and electricity	122.0	111.7
Furnishing and Household Operation	134.2	109.6
Health	130.6	110.4
Transportation	132.1	120.2
Communication	110.4	100.9
Recreation and Culture	112.8	101.7
Education	114.4	102.5
Restaurants and Hotels	118.4	109.2
Miscellaneous	132.6	111.8

Note: The indices are the Laspeyres "base-weighted" type, where prices are compared to a fixed base period. The weights are based on expenditure patterns of households derived from the results of the Integrated Household Survey (IHS5). This was conducted from March 2019 to March 2020.

National Accounts

Gross Domestic Product by Activity in Current Market Prices

	MK' Million	
	2021	2022
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,547,033.1	3,276,390.9
01 Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	2,424,838.2	3,122,902.4
02 Forestry and logging	1,627,240.6	1,992,844.9
03 Fishing and aquaculture	111,314.1	140,844.3
B Mining and quarrying	65,219.1	78,894.1
C Manufacturing	1,185,674.7	1,256,439.6
D+E Electricity , gas & water	281,677.6	295,640.3
F Construction	305,316.1	370,075.2
G Wholesale and retail trade	1,166,888.6	1,326,332.2
H Transportation and storage	423,293.0	493,203.5
I Accommodation and food service activities	101,866.7	127,170.5
J Information and communication	573,820.1	673,616.8
K Financial and insurance activities	596,261.3	725,939.9
L Real estate activities	604,102.3	710,082.4
M+N Professional, scientific and technical activities,	114,862.1	136,794.4
O Public administration and defence	294,724.1	354,250.2
P Education	359,814.2	435,269.4
Q Human health and social work activities	559,982.9	661,258.5
R+S+T+U Other services, nec	148,360.8	169,068.3
Sum of all industries	9,349,604.2	11,123,193.8
Plus: Taxes less Subsidies on products and production	625,917.7	726,443.4
GDP at current market prices	9,975,521.9	11,849,637.3

National Accounts (Cont'd)

GDP by Activity in 2017 Constant Prices

	MK' Million	
	2021	2022
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,705,940.5	1,721,105.5
01 Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	1,622,861.6	1,638,639.6
02 Forestry and logging	8,750.2	8,819.0
03 Fishing and aquaculture	74,328.6	73,646.9
B Mining and quarrying	52,448.6	55,026.8
C Manufacturing	919,760.5	913,550.6
D+E Electricity , gas & water	211,867.1	211,314.9
F Construction	245,532.3	258,118.7
G Wholesale and retail trade	938,400.5	925,085.5
H Transportation and storage	331,980.1	335,390.0
I Accommodation and food service activities	84,035.3	90,988.6
J Information and communication	461,460.6	469,831.9
K Financial and insurance activities	479,507.6	506,326.0
L Real estate activities	499,509.5	509,228.5
M+N Professional, scientific and technical activities,	92,371.0	95,410.9
O Public administration and defence	242,944.1	256,894.0
P Education	301,089.1	315,897.0
Q Human health and social work activities	427,418.3	437,744.0
R+S+T+U Other services, nec	137,593.3	142,919.4
Sum of all industries	7,131,768.4	7,244,832.2
Plus: Taxes less Subsidies on products	461,651.4	440,620.9
GDP at constant 2017 prices	7,593,419.8	7,685,453.1

Balance of Payments

Category	US\$ Million	
	2021	2022
Current account	(1,783.3)	(350.9)
Credit	2,354.2	2,299.4
Debit	4,137.5	2,650.3
Goods	(1,917.2)	(498.0)
Credit	1,076.6	1,028.2
Debit	2,993.8	1,526.2
Services	(129.0)	(101.1)
Credit	462.1	466.2
Debit	591.2	567.2
Primary Income	(371.9)	(348.6)
Credit	20.5	21.2
Debit	392.4	369.8
Secondary Income	634.9	596.8
Credit	795.0	783.8
Debit	160.1	187.0
Capital Account	742.6	885.3
Credit	742.9	885.6
Debit	0.3	0.3
Financial Account	(242.9)	(913.8)
Direct Investment	(101.9)	(158.6)
Net acquisition of financial assets	21.0	(17.7)
Net incurrence of liabilities	37.8	(10.1)

Balance of Payments (Cont'd)

Concept	US\$ Million	
	2021	2022
Portfolio Investment	183.0	45.0
Net acquisition of financial assets	-	-
Net incurrence of liabilities	(183.0)	(45.0)
Other Investments	(150.9)	(452.1)
Net acquisition of financial assets	20.5	54.1
Net incurrence of liabilities	171.4	506.2
Reserve Assets	(156.3)	(340.5)
Net errors and omissions	797.9	(1,448.2)
Trade Credit and Advances	30.1	(124.5)
Net acquisition of financial assets	1.2	1.2
Other Sectors	1.2	1.2
Net incurrence of liabilities	(28.9)	125.6
Central Bank	(42.4)	112.9

Banking

Average annual exchange rates

	2020	2021	2022
UK Pound Sterling	974.44	1,170.28	1,248.47
United States Dollar	749.39	805.90	949.03
Euro	873.22	1,033.92	1,091.31
Zambian Kwacha	40.85	40.80	55.95
South African Rand	46.19	59.03	62.71
Chinese Yuan	107.91	124.01	139.50

Source: Reserve Bank of Malawi

Public Sector Finance

Central Government Revenue and Expenditure (K'mn)

	2020	2021	2022
Revenue			
Income and Profits Tax	520,427	...	...
Import Duties	77,590	...	...
Excise surtax & Customs Collection	81,529	...	...
Total tax Revenue	1,086,907	...	...
Non-tax Revenue	59,865	83,697	51,895
Domestic Revenue	1,146,772	1,330,104	758,016
Grants (a)	165,532	177,586	...
Total Revenue and Grants	1,312,304	1,488,460	840,068
Expenditure			
Gross Expenditure on Revenue accounts (b)	1,622,004	1,917,568	1,093,708
Development Account Expenditure	386,357	409,089	228,852
Total Expenditure	2,008,361	2,326,738	1,322,559

Tourism

Departing International visitors by top 5 Country of Residence, Malawi, 2021. (Number)

	2021
Zambia	175,217
Mozambique	125,915
Tanzania	84,955
Zimbabwe	9,517
South Africa	1,757

Transport

Freight and Passengers handled by Rail, Lake and Air

	2020	2021	2022
Rail ('000)			
Freight Net Tonnage per kilometre	368,023	381,461	268,486
Passenger kilometre	246,779	248,579	16,219
Number of passengers	253,754	238,909	237,758
Lake ('000)			
Freight Net Tonnage per kilometre	3,504	...	...
Passenger kilometre	51,296	...	...
Number of passengers	...	...	...
Air (a)			
Freight tonnes	6,724	...	...
Number of passengers ('000)	...	...	...

Note: (a) Includes freight and passengers in transit

(b) Freight handled includes loaded, unloaded and in-transit, but excludes mail.

Education

Key Education Indicators

	2020/21	2021/22
Total Primary Enrolment	4,956,667	4,943,633
Boys	2,418,869	2,418,376
Girls	2,537,798	2,525,257
Total Number of Primary schools	6,583	6,750
Public	5,806	5,860
Private	777	890
Net enrolment rate - Primary	88	88
Boys	86	88
Girls	90	88
Net enrolment rate - Secondary	14.6	16.6
Boys	14.6	16.4
Girls	14.5	16.8
Total Secondary Enrolment	392,229	441,102
Boys	197,143	225,229
Girls	195,086	215,873
Number of Secondary schools	1,524	2,538
Public	890	923
Private	347	365
Open Day Sec Sch.	287	327

Education (continued)

Quality Indicators

	2020/21	2021/22
Pupil Teacher Ratio- Primary	58.9	59.0
Pupil Qualified Teacher Ratio- Primary	62.0	62.0
Pupil permanent classroom ratio- Primary	102.3	98.0
Primary Completion Rate	50.0	56.0
Boys	50.0	57.0
Girls	50.0	55.0
Secondary completion rate	19.8	19.4
Boys	21.6	21.1
Girls	18.2	17.9

Efficiency Indicators

	2020/21	2021/22
Drop-out proportion primary	3.4	4.7
Boys	3.3	4.7
Girls	3.5	4.8
Transition rate to secondary	38.9	42.5
Boys	38.1	42.7
Girls	39.3	42.3
Repetition rate- Primary	18.7	25.0
Boys	19.1	26.0
Girls	18.3	24.0

Equity indicators

Gender Parity Index (GPI) for primary enrolment	1.02	1.04
Gender Parity Index (GPI) for secondary enrollment	0.96	0.96
Percentage of SNE students (Primary)	3.3	...
Percentage of SNE students (Secondary)	2.3	2.1

Source: Ministry of Education, Science & Technology (EMIS)

Health

Fertility rate (15-49)

	2019/20
Total	4.2
Urban	2.9
Rural	4.5

Deaths per 1,000 live births

	2019/20
Under-5 mortality	56
Infant mortality	40
Neonatal mortality	26

Deaths per 100,000 live births

	2015
Maternal mortality ratio (MMR)	439

Children age 12-23 month who received: (%)

	2019/20
All basic vaccinations	72
No vaccination	3

Percentage of live birth weighed at birth

	2019/20
Total	94.7
From Card	39.1
From recall	54.2

Live births according to place of birth (%)

	2019/20
Health facility	96.7
Home / Other	3.2
DK / Missing	0.1
Total	100

Use of drinking water main source (%)

	2019/20
Unimproved sources	87.9
Improved sources	12.1

Source: MDHS, 2015/16 & MICS 2019/20

Agriculture

Tobacco Average Auction Price (U.S Cents/Kg)

	2020	2021
Burley	139.8	149.1
Flue-cured	233.4	233.1
Northern Division	148.2	158.1
Southern Division	144.5	168.5

Value of Sales ('000 U.S \$)

	2020	2021
Burley	132,846	155,346
Flue-cured	38,337	37,383
Northern Division	2,910	2,908
Southern Division	820	1,413

National Crop Production (Metric Tonnes)

	2021	2022
Maize	4,581,524	3,716,479
Rice	155,433	136,083
Cassava	6,101,396	6,193,001
Sweet Potatoes	7,448,247	7,491,115
Potatoes	1,419,527	1,442,661
Wheat	302	163
Millet	42,289	41,071
Sorghum	118,351	116,918

Source: APES, Ministry of Agriculture

Tea and Sugar Production

	Production ('000 tonnes)		Sales ('Mn Kwacha)	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
Tea	50.6	47.8	3,322	...
Sugar	275.0	...	...	...

Electricity

Electricity Production	'Mn Kwh			
	2021	2022		
Quantity	2,117.6	1,759.5		
Electricity Sales			'Mn Kwacha	
	2021	2022	2018	2019
Quantity ('Mn Kwh)	1,784.7	1,671.5	75,430.1	115,756.6
Value ('Mn Kwacha)	178,199.2	175,594.7	29,916.0	37,255.7
Average Price (MK)	99.7	105.1	23,147.6	45,572.9
			23,189.9	32,387.8
			336.0	538.1

Source: EGENCO & ESCOM

Poverty

Poverty by background characteristics, Malawi 2020

Background characteristics	Poverty	Ultra-poverty	Poverty 2019/20 (IHS 5)
Malawi	50.7	20.8	50.7
Urban	19.2	3.3	19.2
Rural	56.6	23.6	56.6
North Rural	32.9	8.6	32.9
Centre Rural	55.8	25.4	55.8
South Rural	51.0	19.1	51.0

Source: 2020 Malawi Poverty Report, & Integrated Household Survey (IHS5), 2019/2020