| Background characteristic | borehole | community standpipe | dam | lake | piped into dwelling | piped into yard plot | protected well | rainwater | unprotected well | other drinking source | spring 1 percent | river stream | tanker truck bower | bottled water | total |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Balaka | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 35 |
| Blantyre | 72.31 | 3.85 | 0.77 | 0.77 | 10.00 | 4.62 | 0.77 | 3.85 | 3.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 130 |
| Dedza | 80.00 | 2.86 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 1.90 | 6.67 | 4.76 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 105 |
| Lilongwe | 78.07 | 0.66 | 1.99 | 0.00 | 0.33 | 2.33 | 8.64 | 2.33 | 3.32 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.99 | 0.33 | 0.00 | 301 |
| Mangochi | 84.50 | 3.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.55 | 4.65 | 0.00 | 0.78 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.78 | 0.78 | 2.33 | 1.55 | 129 |
| Nkhatabay | 41.67 | 5.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8.33 | 30.56 | 0.00 | 8.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 36 |
| Salima | 85.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11.48 | 1.64 | 1.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 61 |
| In land | 77.05 | 1.87 | 1.31 | 0.19 | 2.80 | 2.61 | 5.41 | 3.54 | 3.54 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 1.12 | 0.19 | 0.00 | 536 |
| Lake shore | 80.84 | 2.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.92 | 9.20 | 0.38 | 1.92 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.38 | 1.15 | 1.15 | 0.77 | 261 |
| Total | 78.29 | 2.01 | 0.88 | 0.13 | 2.51 | 4.77 | 3.76 | 3.01 | 2.38 | 0.13 | 0.25 | 1.13 | 0.50 | 0.25 | 797 |