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Malawi

Census Results

1966-08-09 4,039,583
1977-09-20 5,547,460
1987-09-01 7,988,507
1998-09-12 9,933,868
2008-06-08 13,077,160

General Information

Official name	Republic of Malawi
Official name [native]	Dziko la Malaŵi «Chichewa» the Republic of Malawi «English»
Capital	Lilongwe
Capital [native]	Lilongwe «English»
Region	Eastern Africa
ISO code	MW
Statistical agency	National Statistical Office

Name in Chinese

Name in Arabic جمهورية ملاوي

Name in Spanish la República de Malawi

Name in Russian Республика Малави

Name in French la République du Malawi

Administrative units

administrative units	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
Central Region		35,592	3,110,986	4,066,340	5,510,195
Dedza District	Dedza	3,624	411,787	486,682	624,445
Dowa District	Dowa	3,041	322,432	411,387	558,470
Kasungu District	Kasungu	7,878	323,453	480,659	627,467
Lilongwe District	Lilongwe	5,703	753,309	905,889	1,230,834
Lilongwe City	Lilongwe	456	223,318	440,471	674,448
Mchinji District	Mchinji	3,356	249,843	324,941	456,516
Nkhotakota District	Nkhotakota	4,259	158,044	229,460	303,659
Ntcheu District	Ntcheu	3,424	358,767	370,757	471,589
Ntchisi District	Ntchisi	1,655	120,860	167,880	224,872
Salima District	Salima	2,196	189,173	248,214	337,895
Northern Region		26,931	911,787	1,233,560	1,708,930
Chitipa District	Chitipa	4,288	96,794	126,799	178,904
Karonga District	Karonga	3,355	148,014	194,572	269,890
Likoma District	-	18	8,192	8,074	10,414
Mzimba District	Mzimba	10,382	389,479	524,014	727,931
Mzuzu City	Mzuzu City	48	44,217	86,980	133,968
Nkhata Bay District	Nkhata Bay	4,071	130,189	164,761	215,789
Rumphi District	Rumphi	4,769	94,902	128,360	172,034
Southern Region		31,753	3,965,734	4,633,968	5,876,784
Balaka District	Balaka	2,193	213,416	253,098	317,324
Blantyre District	Blantyre	1,792	256,405	307,344	340,728
Blantyre City	Blantyre City	220	333,120	502,053	661,256
Chikwawa District	Chikwawa	4,755	316,733	356,682	434,648
Chiradzulu District	Chiradzulu	767	210,912	236,050	288,546
Machinga District	Machinga	3,771	301,849	369,614	490,579
Mangochi District	Mangochi	6,273	496,578	610,239	797,061
Mulanje District	Mulanje	2,056	419,928	428,322	521,391
Mwanza District	Mwanza	826	60,305	63,220	92,947
Neno District	Neno	1,469	61,208	74,795	107,317
Nsanje District	Nsanje	1,942	204,374	194,924	238,103
Phalombe District	Phalombe	1,394	218,134	231,990	313,129
Thyolo District	Thyolo	1,715	431,157	458,976	587,053
Zomba District	Zomba	2,541	398,365	480,746	579,639

source: National Statistical Office, Malawi.

note: area = land area.

note: NP = National Park; TA = Traditional Authority; STA = Sub-Traditional Authority; S/C Sub-Chiefdom.

administrative units	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
Zomba City	Zomba City	39	43,250	65,915	88,314
total		94,276	7,988,507	9,933,868	13,077,160

source: National Statistical Office, Malawi.

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Expanded administrative units

administrative units	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
Central Region		35,592	3,110,986	4,066,340	5,510,195
Dedza District	Dedza	3,624	411,787	486,682	624,445
S/C Chauma				16,389	20,896
STA Chilikumwendo				46,282	60,707
Dedza Town				15,408	20,241
TA Kachindamoto				68,092	93,532
S/C Kamenya Gwaza				23,720	30,358
TA Kaphuka				103,622	133,778
TA Kasumbu				56,115	71,199
TA Pemba				105,343	131,097
TA Tambala				51,711	62,637
Dowa District	Dowa	3,041	322,432	411,387	558,470
TA Dzoole				53,902	75,121
STA Chakhaza				93,813	121,488
TA Kayembe				61,484	85,855
TA Chiwere				61,773	82,112
STA Mkukula				52,524	74,849
TA Msakambewa				48,159	64,505
STA Mponela				35,239	49,775
Dowa Boma				4,493	4,765
Kasungu District	Kasungu	7,878	323,453	480,659	627,467
STA Chilowamatambe				30,196	38,129
STA Chisikwa				4,636	6,320
TA Chulu				43,327	59,683
TA Kaluluma				29,823	45,769
TA Kaomba				31,943	40,892
TA Kapelula				21,866	37,641

source: National Statistical Office, Malawi.

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administrative units capital		area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
Kasungu National Park				385	321
Kasungu Township				27,754	39,640
STA Kawamba				40,537	41,486
TA Lukwa				26,397	31,150
STA M'nyanja				19,346	30,963
TA Mwase				18,171	21,053
STA Njombwa				24,539	39,081
TA Santhe				64,544	82,823
STA Simlemba				23,241	29,685
TA Wimbe				73,954	82,831
Lilongwe District	Lilongwe	5,703	753,309	905,889	1,230,834
TA Chadza				79,900	112,230
TA Chimutu				64,236	90,027
TA Chiseka				173,468	229,184
STA Chitekwele				26,750	37,660
TA Chitukula				21,900	28,959
TA Kabudula				80,531	111,791
TA Kalolo				104,939	141,624
TA Kalumba				17,739	23,206
TA Kalumbu				44,519	57,997
TA Khongoni				76,121	100,304
TA Malili				63,445	90,809
TA Mazengeru				75,018	95,958
STA Mtema				35,652	48,088
STA Njewa				22,044	31,731
STA Tsabango				19,627	31,266
Lilongwe City	Lilongwe	456	223,318	440,471	674,448
Area 1				10,922	13,684
Area 2				2,774	3,041
Area 3				4,658	4,471
Area 4				42	94
Area 5				225	755
Area 6				1,365	2,498
Area 7				31,686	39,966
Area 8				23,310	26,249
Area 9				1,529	1,866
Area 10				3,987	3,189
Area 11				1,075	935
Area 12				2,629	2,311

source: National Statistical Office, Malawi.

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administrative units capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
Area 13			37	
Area 14			861	1,157
Area 15			1,872	1,571
Area 16			0	25
Area 17			0	4
Area 18			10,677	13,942
Area 20			0	14
Area 21			35,314	44,764
Area 22			19,622	29,458
Area 23			33,664	45,606
Area 24			13,602	22,708
Area 25			39,132	65,672
Area 26			3,892	4,847
Area 27			1,434	2,233
Area 28			321	48
Area 29			658	539
Area 30			2,914	2,329
Area 32			247	346
Area 33			1,938	2,496
Area 34			0	46
Area 35			5,176	7,304
Area 36			16,164	47,308
Area 37			0	555
Area 38			2,591	9,733
Area 39			3,886	4,690
Area 40			0	8
Area 42			0	13
Area 43			1,651	2,307
Area 44			13,203	25,911
Area 45			414	170
Area 46			2,244	3,198
Area 47			5,497	8,139
Area 49			13,501	25,509
Area 50			8,178	26,881
Area 51			14,499	13,709
Area 52			2,843	3,268
Area 53			11,947	18,332
Area 54			3,469	4,695
Area 55			10,867	15,505

source: National Statistical Office, Malawi.

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administrative units capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
Area 56			22,369	36,642
Area 57			34,692	59,805
Area 58			16,893	23,902
Mchinji District Mchinji	3,356	249,843	324,941	456,516
STA Dambe			35,214	53,850
STA Mavwere			68,202	89,896
Mchinji Boma			11,473	17,881
STA Mduwa			58,363	79,738
TA Mkanda			61,454	86,006
TA Mlonyeni			27,181	37,415
TA Zulu			63,054	91,730
Nkhotakota District Nkhotakota	4,259	158,044	229,460	303,659
STA Kafuzila			11,995	17,775
TA Kanyenda			74,932	91,064
TA Malenga Chanzi			41,501	52,612
STA Mphonde			18,767	25,492
TA Mwadzama			45,997	68,158
TA Mwansambo			16,918	23,832
Nkhotako Boma			19,262	24,726
Nkhotakota Game Reserve			88	0
Ntcheu District Ntcheu	3,424	358,767	370,757	471,589
TA Chakhumbira			21,685	26,234
STA Champiti			13,584	16,306
STA Goodson Ganya			77,078	104,889
TA Kwataine			35,322	41,107
STA Makwangwala			66,339	85,418
TA Masasa			17,586	24,533
TA Mpando			37,275	50,334
TA Njolomole			45,867	53,423
Ntcheu Boma			8,783	14,642
TA Phambala			47,238	54,703
Ntchisi District Ntchisi	1,655	120,860	167,880	224,872
TA Chikho			19,568	26,925
STA Chilooko			47,543	62,259
TA Kalumo			17,103	90,585
TA Kasakula			10,895	15,315
Ntchisi Boma			5,773	7,918
STA Nthondo			66,998	21,870
Salima District Salima	2,196	189,173	248,214	337,895

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administrative units capital		area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
TA Kambalame				10,590	15,794
STA Kambwiri				20,117	27,114
TA Karonga				42,498	55,553
TA Khombedza				45,765	67,568
STA Kuluunda				9,372	10,320
Lake Malawi NP (A)				186	
TA Maganga				35,688	47,498
STA Msosa				4,418	5,611
STA Mwanza				12,609	20,773
TA Ndindi				31,176	40,250
TA Pemba				15,440	19,562
Salima Township				20,355	27,852
Northern Region		26,931	911,787	1,233,560	1,708,930
Chitipa District	Chitipa	4,288	96,794	126,799	178,904
Chitipa Boma				7,636	14,753
TA Kameme				14,419	19,313
TA Mwabulambya				49,443	69,721
TA Mwenemisuku				22,970	27,426
TA Mwenewenya				13,650	19,468
TA Nthalire				18,660	28,223
Nyika NP (C)				21	0
Karonga District	Karonga	3,355	148,014	194,572	269,890
Karonga Town				27,811	40,334
TA Kilupula				47,445	61,648
TA Kyungu				46,063	66,318
STA Mwakaboko				15,377	19,360
STA Mwirang'ombe				20,151	28,215
Nyika NP (B)				0	0
TA Wasambo				37,725	54,015
Likoma District	-	18	8,192	8,074	10,414
Likoma Boma					1,352
TA Mkumpha				8,074	9,062
Mzimba District	Mzimba	10,382	389,479	524,014	727,931
TA Chindi				94,250	131,584
S/C Jaravikuba				10,314	14,742
Munthali					
S/C Kampingo Sibande				38,370	57,076
S/C Khosolo Gwaza				26,045	37,540
Jere					
TA M'mbelwa				85,470	117,707

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administrative units capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
TA Mabulabo			45,905	63,514
TA Mpherembe			37,413	44,196
TA Mtwalo			99,230	139,479
TA Mzikubola			49,709	68,427
Mzimba Boma			13,742	20,994
TA Mzukuzuku			23,194	32,530
Vwaza Game Reserve (B)			372	142
Mzuzu City	Mzuzu City 48	44,217	86,980	133,968
Chasefu ward			1,596	1,820
Chibanja ward			6,440	9,840
Chiputula ward			15,867	21,699
Jombo ward			1,333	1,347
Kaning'ina ward			3,701	4,016
Katawa ward			2,876	3,617
Katoto ward			3,920	7,022
Lupaso ward			10,084	17,511
Masasa ward			1,175	1,507
Mchengautuwa ward			16,112	29,271
Msongwe ward			1,540	2,731
Mzilawayingwe ward			2,779	3,297
New Airport Site ward			3,733	7,570
Nkhorongo ward			2,385	3,190
Viphya ward			6,752	12,182
Zolozolo ward			6,687	7,348
Nkhata Bay District	Nkhata Bay 4,071	130,189	164,761	215,789
TA Boghoyo			1,158	1,264
STA Fukamalaza			7,867	11,104
TA Fukamapiri			11,287	17,051
TA Kabunduli			30,130	37,295
STA Malanda			16,767	21,095
TA Malenga Mzoma			8,441	9,027
TA Mankhambira			17,118	21,794
STA Mkondowe			1,677	1,933
STA Mkumbira			7,653	10,958
TA Musisya			12,851	16,156
Nkhata Bay Boma			9,433	11,269
STA Nyaluwanga			5,239	7,365
TA Timbiri			24,911	35,858

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administrative units	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
STA Zilakoma				10,229	13,620
Rumphi District	Rumphi	4,769	94,902	128,360	172,034
S/C Chapinduka				2,389	2,789
TA Chikulamayembe				45,510	62,227
S/C Kachulu				6,709	9,251
TA Katumbi				9,206	13,210
S/C Mwahenga				9,822	12,340
S/C Mwalweni				16,209	20,192
TA Mwamlowe				7,356	8,220
S/C Mwankhunikira				13,203	20,643
Nyika NP (A)				516	409
Rumphi Boma				14,069	17,845
Vwaza Game Reserve (A)				215	41
S/C Zolokere				3,156	4,867
Southern Region		31,753	3,965,734	4,633,968	5,876,784
Balaka District	Balaka	2,193	213,416	253,098	317,324
Balaka Boma				14,298	22,733
TA Kalembo				93,752	122,305
TA Msamala				145,048	172,286
Blantyre District	Blantyre	1,792	256,405	307,344	340,728
TA Chigaru				33,243	39,836
Senior TAKapeni				73,055	72,236
TA Kuntaja				64,025	71,434
TA Kunthembwe				26,703	33,770
TA Lundu				20,184	25,676
TA Machinjili				21,430	22,297
TA Makata				13,656	15,991
TA Somba				55,048	59,488
Blantyre City	Blantyre City	220	333,120	502,053	661,256
Bangwe Ward				35,723	34,773
Blantyre Central Ward				3,668	4,808
Blantyre East Ward				3,578	5,786
Blantyre West Ward				18,458	22,901
Chichiri Ward				5,708	5,452
Chigumula Ward				17,002	23,352
Chilomoni Ward				23,223	37,690
Likhubula Ward				48,966	51,853

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administrative units capital		area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
Limbe Central Ward				2,558	2,960
Limbe East Ward				32,780	38,512
Limbe west Ward				10,865	13,877
Mapanga Ward				17,265	23,854
Michiru Ward				28,303	46,639
Misesa Ward				18,893	31,212
Msamba Ward				2,614	4,330
Mzedi Ward				9,177	13,333
Namiyango Ward				13,367	18,761
Nancholi Ward				10,876	25,109
Ndirande Norh Ward				20,009	29,033
Ndirande South Ward				61,638	64,602
Ndirande West Ward				13,795	15,529
Nkolokoti Ward				23,703	35,218
Nyambadwe Ward				7,272	8,304
Soche East Ward				14,793	14,887
Soche West Ward				33,453	50,617
South Lunzu Ward				24,366	37,864
Chikwawa District	Chikwawa	4,755	316,733	356,682	434,648
TA Chapananga				64,993	86,495
Chikwawa Boma				7,474	6,987
TA Kasisi				25,362	31,003
TA Katunga				16,429	24,680
Lengwe NP				304	53
TA Lundu				42,511	46,372
Majete Game Reserve (A)				59	0
TA Makhwira				59,022	62,929
TA Maseya				19,216	26,639
TA Ngabu				121,312	149,490
Chiradzulu District	Chiradzulu	767	210,912	236,050	288,546
Chiradzulu Boma				2,699	2,348
TA Chitera				15,789	18,394
TA Kadewere				62,198	77,540
TA Likoswe				46,527	56,840
TA Mpama				46,914	58,005
TA Nchema				27,542	33,779
TA Nkalo				34,381	41,640
Machinga District	Machinga	3,771	301,849	369,614	490,579
TA Chamba				16,526	21,591

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administrative units capital		area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
TA Chikweo				39,108	54,295
STA Chiwalo				12,101	19,470
Senior TAKawinga				84,648	113,022
TA Liwonde				63,798	81,583
Liwonde National Park				206	1,242
Liwonde Township				15,701	22,927
Machinga Boma				1,269	1,220
TA Mlomba				28,045	40,752
TA Mposa				17,655	21,705
TA Ngokwe				20,476	25,655
TA Nyambi				38,593	48,506
TA Sitola				31,488	38,611
Mangochi District	Mangochi	6,273	496,578	610,239	797,061
TA Chimwala				87,024	112,486
TA Chowe				83,204	108,615
TA Jalasi				58,406	74,215
TA Katuli				47,106	52,080
Lake Malawi NP (B)				0	771
TA Makanjila				47,919	68,662
Mangochi Township				26,570	39,575
TA Mbwana Nyambi				59,695	79,797
Monkey Bay Urban				10,749	11,246
TA Mponda				87,426	109,082
STA Namabvi				22,721	32,185
TA Nankumba				79,419	108,347
Mulanje District	Mulanje	2,056	419,928	428,322	521,391
TA Chikumbu				60,466	71,736
TA Juma				61,207	78,149
Laston Njema				50,181	66,287
TA Mabuka				133,118	155,099
Mulanje Boma				12,548	14,497
Mulanje Mountain Reserve				58	
TA Nkanda				76,056	93,892
TA Nthiramanja				34,688	41,731
Mwanza District	Mwanza	826	60,305	63,220	92,947
TA Kanduku				23,735	35,971
Mwanza Boma				8,189	14,226
TA Nthache				31,296	42,750

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administrative units capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
Neno District Neno	1,469	61,208	74,795	107,317
TA Dambe			19,262	24,858
Majete Game Reserve			117	36
TA Mlauli			17,153	24,775
Neno Boma				1,649
TA Ngozi			13,133	17,820
TA Symon			25,130	38,179
Nsanje District Nsanje	1,942	204,374	194,924	238,103
TA Chimombo			8,844	10,239
STA Makoko			5,037	6,687
TA Malemia			16,009	18,033
TA Mbenje			34,254	43,394
TA Mlolo			47,663	57,937
Mwabvi Game Reserve			4,044	5,562
TA Ndamera			23,550	26,596
TA Ngabu			9,094	11,146
Nsanje Boma			16,987	20,179
TA Nyachikadza			4,366	3,640
TA Tengani			25,076	34,690
Phalombe District Phalombe	1,394	218,134	231,990	313,129
STA Chiwalo				32,165
TA Mkhumba			152,909	206,554
TA Nazombe			76,503	69,475
Phalombe			2,578	4,935
Thyolo District Thyolo	1,715	431,157	458,976	587,053
TA Bvumbwe			72,643	92,444
TA Chimaliro			83,281	112,127
STA Chingata			27,960	36,887
TA Kapichi			39,642	50,143
STA Kwethemule			37,016	47,490
Luchenza Township			8,842	10,896
STA Mbawela			31,072	40,534
STA Mphuka			36,021	50,763
TA Nchilamwela			52,187	56,225
TA Nsabwe			28,417	34,746
TA Thomas			24,811	32,050
STA Thukuta			11,771	15,055
Thyolo Boma			5,313	7,693
Zomba District Zomba	2,541	398,365	480,746	579,639

source: National Statistical Office, Malawi.

note: area = land area.

note: NP = National Park; TA = Traditional Authority; STA = Sub-Traditional Authority; S/C Sub-Chiefdom.

administrative units capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
TA Chikowi	660		45,650	56,726
TA Kuntumanji	332		61,076	71,926
TA Malemia	306		47,590	59,031
STA Mbiza			108,967	137,593
TA Mkumbira	83		5,074	4,803
TA Mlumbe	678		116,283	132,340
TA Mwambo	482		96,106	117,220
Zomba City	Zomba City	43,250	65,915	88,314
Chambo Ward			4,310	6,072
Chikamveka Ward			2,542	2,978
Chikamveka North Ward			8,851	13,710
Chilunga Ward			1,591	3,636
Chilunga East Ward			4,324	6,960
Likangal North Ward			9,575	12,855
Likangala Central Ward			4,822	7,696
Likangala South Ward			923	1,541
Masondola Ward			1,732	872
Mbedza Ward			3,246	4,207
Mtiya Ward			10,176	9,688
Sadzi Ward			5,722	9,103
Zakazaka Ward			5,417	6,423
Zomba Central Ward			2,684	2,573
total	94,276	7,988,507	9,933,868	13,077,160

source: National Statistical Office, Malawi.

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Main cities

name	population 1987-09-01 census	population 1998-09-12 census	population 2008-06-08 census
Lilongwe	223,318	440,471	674,448
Blantyre	333,120	502,053	661,256
Mzuzu	44,217	86,980	133,968
Zomba	43,250	65,915	88,314

source: National Statistical Office, Malawi.