

MALAWI

MALAWI - SOME FACTS AND FIGURES



POPULATION: 10,385,849 (2000 est.), 10,548,250 (2001 est.).

AGE STRUCTURE:

0-14 years: 45% (male 2,335,440; female 2,324,012)
 15-64 years: 52% (male 2,671,580; female 2,766,560)
 65 years and over: 3% (male 117,932; female 170,325) (2000 est.)

ETHNIC GROUPS: Chewa, Nyanja, Tumbuka, Yao, Lomwe, Sena, Tonga, Ngoni, Ngonde, Asian, European.

LANGUAGES: English (official), Chichewa (official, Central and Southern Regions), other include are Tumbuka (Northern Region) and Yao (Central and Southern Regions).

RELIGIONS: Protestants 34%; Catholics 28%, Muslims 16%, Animist (indigenous beliefs) 19%, others such as Hindu (mainly Indian immigrants).

LAND: total: 45,745 sq.mls. (118,480 sq.kms.).

land: 36,324 sq.mls. (94,080 sq.kms.)
 water: 9,344 q.mls. (24,400 sq.kms.)

LAND USE: arable land: 34%
 permanent crops: 0%
 permanent pastures: 20%
 forests and woodland: 39%
 other: 7% (1993 est.)

Elevation Extremes: Four major topographical regions: the Lake to the east, 3,551 mls. (5,71.5 kms.) long and 1,542 ft. (470 ms.) above sea level, and the Great Rift Valley; high tableland between the Lake and the Luangwa River 4,501 to 8,002 ft. (1,372 to 2,439 ms.); the Shire Highlands Plateau 2,001 to 5,272 ft. (610 to 1,607 ms); and the lowlands of Lower River Shire Basin in the south. The lowest point is 120 ft. (37 m.) at the junction of the Shire River (Lower River Shire Basin) and international boundary with Mozambique. The highest point is Sapitwa (Mount Mulanje) 9,850 ft. (3,002 m.).

CLIMATE: sub-tropical, the temperature ranges from 63°F (17°C) to 84°F (29°C);

the highlands are cooler than the areas around the Lake and the Shire Valley; there is a rainy season (November to May) and a dry season (May to November); the average rainfall varies with altitude; 29 ins. (73.7 cms.) at Mangochi, 102 ins. (259.1 cms.) on the slopes of Mount Mulanje.

THE DIOCESES OF MALAWI



Sources: Aid to the Church in Need; AMECEA; Church Book of Statistics 1999; CIA - The World Factbook 2000; Fides International; WorldTravel-Guide.Net.

Key to Map

- ● ○ = Towns and Cities
- = Rivers
- = Roads and Tracks
- - - = Railways
- = District Boundaries
- - - = Regional Boundaries
- = International Borders
- Dedza = District Names
- Shire = Rivers and Lakes Names

