



Country Fact Sheet Malawi

LAND AND POPULATION	Year	Value	Unit									
Area												
Country total area	2016	11 848	1 000 ha									
Cultivated area (arable land + permanent crops)	2016	3 940	1 000 ha									
Population												
Total population	2015	17 215	1 000									
Population density	2016	145.3	inhab/km ²									
Rural population	2015	14 399	1 000									
Economically active population in agriculture	2014	5 527	1 000									
As % of total economically active population	2014	77.16	%									
RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES (RWR)	Year	Value	Unit									
Long-term average annual precipitation												
Depth		1 181	mm/year									
Volume		139.9	km ³ /year									
Long-term average annual RWR												
Internal (IRWR)		16.14	km ³ /year									
External (ERWR)		1.14	km ³ /year									
Total Actual (TRWR)		17.28	km ³ /year									
Dependency ratio		6.597	%									
TRWR per capita	2014	1 004	m ³ /year									
Total dam capacity	2015	0.0418	km ³									
WATER WITHDRAWAL	Year	Value	Unit									
By sector												
Agricultural	2005	1.166	km ³									
Municipal	2005	0.1431	km ³									
Industrial	2005	0.0477	km ³									
Total	2005	1.357	km ³									
Total water withdrawal per capita	2005	100.5	m ³									
By source												
Surface water withdrawal		-	km ³									
Groundwater withdrawal		-	km ³									
Total freshwater withdrawal	2005	1.357	km ³									
Desalinated water produced		-	km ³									
Direct use of treated municipal wastewater		-	km ³									
Direct use of agricultural drainage water		-	km ³									
Pressure on water resources												
Total freshwater withdrawal as % of TRWR	2005	7.853	%									
Agricultural water withdrawal as % of TRWR	2005	6.748	%									
IRRIGATION AREAS	Year	Value	Unit									
Area equipped for irrigation												
Full control irrigation	2006	73.5	1 000 ha									
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Equipped lowland areas		-	1 000 ha									
Spate irrigation		-	1 000 ha									
Total area equipped for irrigation	2006	73.5	1 000 ha									
As % of cultivated area	2006	2.344	%									
Area actually irrigated	1992	26.9	1 000 ha									
As % of area equipped for irrigation	1992	96	%									

Notes: 1 km³ = 10⁹ m³ = 1 000 million m³; 1 ha = 1 hectare = 10 000 m²