Demography from Successive Censuses

Population ('000s unless stated)	197	7 198	87 19	98
Total	5,547	7,989	9,934	
By sex				
Male	2,674	3,867	4,868	
Female	2,874	4,121	5,066	
By region				
Northern region	649	912	1,234	
Central region	2,144	3,111	4,066	
Southern region	2,755	3,966	4,634	
% under 15 years of age	44.6	46.1	43.6	
% living in urban areas	8.5	10.7	14	
Population of principal towns				
Blantyre City	219	333	502	
Lilongwe City	99	223	440	
Mzuzu City	16	44	87	
Zomba Municipality	24	43	66	
Population density (persons per sq. km)	1977			1987
Malawi	59	85	105	
Northern region	24	34	46	
Central region	60	87	114	
Southern region	87	125	146	
Population growth rates (compared to previous gensus) 987 1998				
Malawi	2.9	3.7	2	
Northern region	2.4	3.4	2.7	
Central region	3.4	3.7	2.4	
Southern region	2.6	3.7	1.4	
Fertility	1977	1987	1998	
Crude birth rate (births per thousand populat	io4#\$8.3	41.2	37.9	
Total fertility rate (children per woman)	7.6	7.4	6.5	

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Mortality	1977	1987	1998
Crude death rate (deaths per thousand po	pula2165n)	14.1	25
Infant mortality rate (infant deaths per 1,00)0 liv le65 irth	s)159	121
Life expectancy at birth	1977	1987	1998
Males	39.2	41.4	40
Females	42.4	44.6	44

Key: .. =Not available;bn=billion;%=percent;mm=millimetres;ha=hectares; K=Malawi Kwacha;-=zero or less than half;mn=million;km=kilometres.

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