Country Fact Sheet
Malawi

LAND AND POPULATION	Year	Value	Unit
Area			
Country total area	2012	11 848	1 000 ha
Cultivated area	2012	3 885	1 000 ha
Population			
Total population	2013	16 363	1 000
Population density	2012	134.3	inhab/km²
Rural population	2013	13 751	1 000
Economically active population in agriculture	2013	5 376	1 000

WATER RESOURCES (WR)	Year	Value	Unit
Long-term average annual precipitation			
Depth		1 181	mm/year
Volume		139.9	km³/year
Long-term average annual renewable WR			
Internal (IRWR)		16.14	km³/year
External (ERWR)		1.14	km³/year
Total (TRWR)		17.28	km³/year
Dependency ratio		6.597	%
TRWR per capita	2012	1 086	m³/year
Total dam capacity	2010	0.0418	km³

WATER WITHDRAWAL	Year	Value	Unit
By sector			
Agricultural	2005	1.166	km³
Municipal	2005	0.1431	km³
Industrial	2005	0.0477	km³
Total	2005	1.357	km³
Total water withdrawal per capita	2005	98.95	m³
By source			
Surface water withdrawal		-	km³
Groundwater withdrawal		-	km³
Total freshwater withdrawal	2005	1.357	km³
Desalinated water produced		-	km³
Direct use of treated wastewater		-	km³
Pressure on water resources			
Total freshwater withdrawal as % of ARWR	2005	7.853	%
Agricultural water withdrawal as % of ARWR	2005	6.748	%

WATER MANAGED AREAS	Year	Value	Unit
Area equipped for irrigation			
Full control irrigation	2006	73.5	1 000 ha
surface irrigation (2000) 6.357 1 000 ha			
sprinkler irrigation (2000) 43.19 1 000 ha			
localized irrigation (2000) 5.45 1 000 ha			
Equipped lowland areas	1992	0	1 000 ha
Spate irrigation	1992	0	1 000 ha
Total area equipped for irrigation	2006	73.5	1 000 ha
As percentage of cultivated area	2006	2.344	%
Actually irrigated	1992	26.9	1 000 ha
Other agricultural water managed area	1992	61.9	1 000 ha

Notes: 1 km³ = 10^9 m³ = 1 000 million m³; 1 ha = 1 hectare = 10 000 m²