

2010 Malawi Demographic and Health Survey (MDHS)

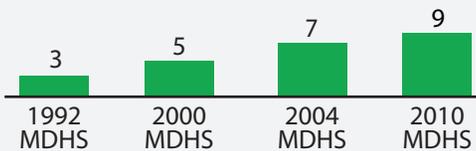
The 2010 Malawi Demographic and Health Survey (MDHS) provides up-to-date information on the population and health situation in Malawi. The 2010 MDHS is the fourth national Demographic and Health survey conducted in the country. Repeated surveys allow for an analysis of trends over time.

The survey is based on a nationally representative sample. It provides estimates at the national, regional, and district levels.

	Number interviewed	Response rate
Households	24,825	98%
Women 15-49	23,020	97%
Men 15-54	7,175	92%

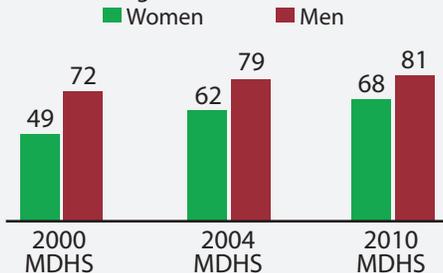
Trends in Household Electricity

Percent of households with electricity



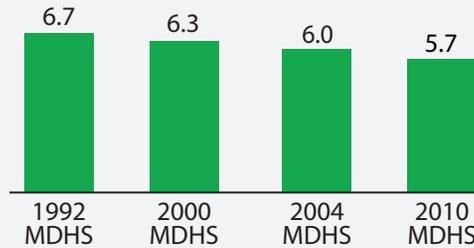
Trends in Literacy

Percent of women age 15-49 and men age 15-54 who can read



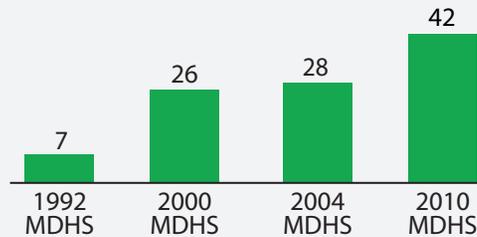
Trends in Fertility

Births per woman



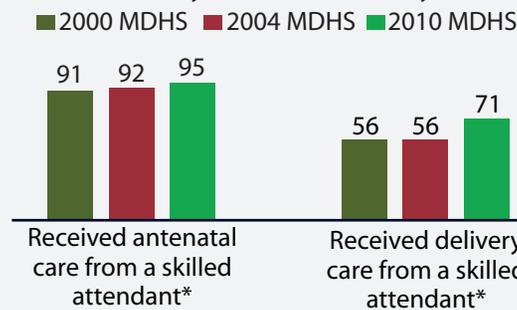
Trends in Use of Modern Methods of Contraception

Percent of currently married women using a modern method



Trends in Maternal Health Care

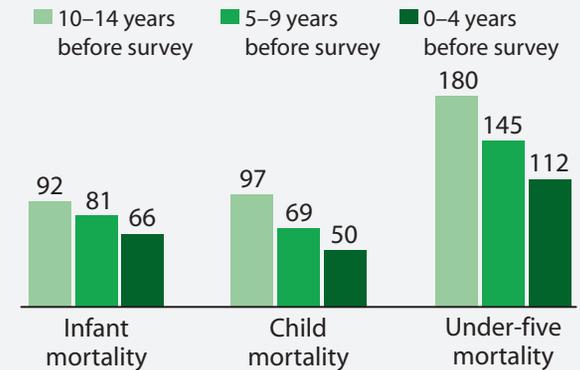
Percent of women with a live birth in the 5 years before the survey



*Skilled attendant includes doctor, clinical officer, nurse, and midwife.

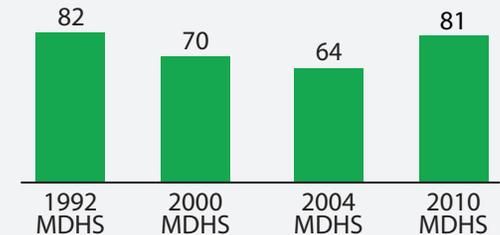
Childhood Mortality

Deaths per 1,000 live births



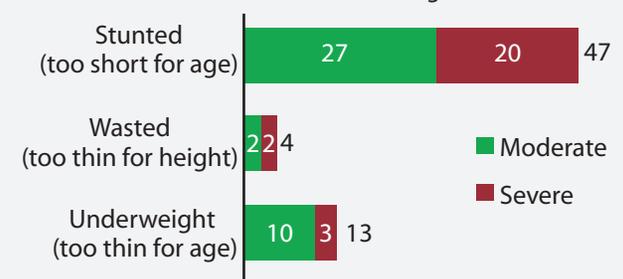
Trends in Vaccination Coverage

Percent of children age 12-23 months who have received all basic vaccinations (BCG, measles, and 3 doses each of DPT-Hep B-Hib and polio)



Nutritional Status of Children

Percent of children under age 5



Based on the new WHO Child Growth Standards



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Fact Sheet

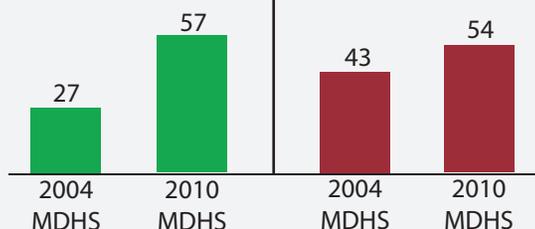


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Trends in ITN Ownership and IPT

Percent of households that own at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN)

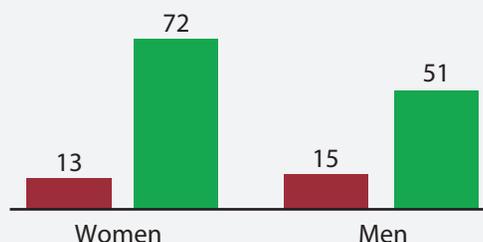
Percent of women who took 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar, at least once during an ANC visit



Trends in HIV Testing

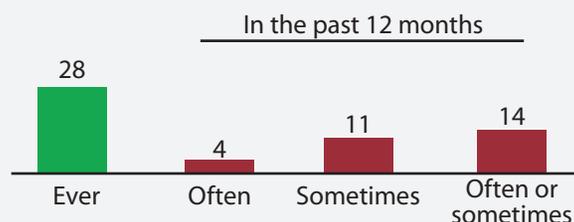
Percent of men and women age 15-49 who have ever been tested for HIV and received the results of the last test

■ 2004 MDHS ■ 2010 MDHS



Experience of Physical Violence

Percent of women age 15-49 who have ever experienced physical violence since age 15 and those who experienced physical violence in the past 12 months



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MDHS 2010	Residence			Region		
	Total	Urban	Rural	Northern	Central	Southern
Fertility						
Total fertility rate	5.7	4.0	6.1	5.7	5.8	5.6
Women age 15–19 who are mothers or now pregnant (%)	26	21	27	28	22	29
Median age at first marriage for women age 25–49 (years)	17.8	18.6	17.7	17.7	18.1	17.6
Median age at first intercourse for women age 25–49 (years)	17.2	17.6	17.1	16.9	17.7	16.8
Median age at first birth for women age 25–49 (years)	18.9	19.4	18.8	18.9	19.2	18.7
Married women (age 15–49) wanting no more children (%)	47	51	46	41	50	46
Mean ideal number of children for women 15–49	4.0	3.4	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0
Family Planning						
Current use of any modern method (currently married women 15–49) (%)	42	50	41	39	45	41
Currently married women with an unmet need for family planning ¹ (%)	26	24	27	24	27	26
Maternal and Child Health						
Maternity care (women who gave birth in past 5 years)						
Received antenatal care from a skilled provider ² (%)	95	96	94	96	94	95
Births assisted by a skilled provider ² (%)	71	84	69	79	69	72
Births delivered in a health facility (%)	73	86	71	79	71	74
Child vaccination						
Children 12–23 months fully vaccinated ³ (%)	81	76	82	84	78	83
Nutrition						
Children <5 years who are stunted (moderate or severe) (%)	47	41	48	45	47	48
Children <5 years who are wasted (moderate or severe) (%)	4	2	4	2	4	4
Children <5 years who are underweight (moderate or severe) (%)	13	10	13	11	14	13
Median duration of any breastfeeding (months)	23.7	22.5	23.9	23.2	24.4	23.4
Median duration of exclusive breastfeeding (months)	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.9
Prevalence of anaemia in children 6–59 months (%)	63	53	64	58	64	62
Prevalence of anaemia in non-pregnant women age 15–49 (%)	28	25	29	25	28	29
Prevalence of anaemia in pregnant women age 15–49 (%)	38	37	38	35	40	36
Childhood Mortality						
Number of deaths per 1,000 births:⁴						
Infant mortality (between birth and first birthday)	66	73	73	70	68	79
Under-five mortality (between birth and fifth birthday)	112	113	130	108	129	130
Malaria						
Households with at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN) (%)	57	64	55	57	54	59
Children <5 who slept under an ITN the night before the survey (%)	39	48	38	37	39	41
Pregnant women who slept under an ITN the night before the survey (%)	35	44	34	36	32	38
Pregnant women who received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar as IPT during antenatal care	54	55	54	50	59	50
Among children with fever, percent who received antimalarial drugs the same or next day (%)	28	24	29	28	29	28
HIV and AIDS-related Knowledge and Behaviour						
Knows ways to reduce the risk of getting HIV:						
Limiting sex to one uninfected partner (%) (women/men)	87/85	89/90	86/84	87/84	83/83	90/88
Using condoms (%) (women/men)	72/73	76/74	71/72	67/68	66/73	79/74
Knows risk of MTCT can be reduced by mother taking special drugs during pregnancy (%) (women/men)	85/78	90/84	84/76	79/69	84/80	89/77
Ever been tested for HIV and received results of the last test (%) (women/men)	72/51	76/55	71/50	76/60	68/51	74/49
Women's Experience of Violence						
Ever experienced physical violence since age 15 (women 15–49) (%)	28	35	27	30	26	30
Ever experienced physical or sexual violence committed by a husband/partner (ever-married women 15–49) (%)	31	38	30	35	32	29

¹ Currently married women who do not want any more children or want to wait at least 2 years before their next birth, but are not currently using a method of family planning. ² Skilled provider includes doctor, clinical officer, nurse, and midwife. ³ Fully vaccinated includes BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT-Hep B-Hib and polio. ⁴ Figures are for the ten-year period before the survey, except for the national rate, in italics, which represents the five-year period before the survey.