



# Summary of results

**Afrobarometer Round 8  
Survey in Malawi, 2020**

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Afrobarometer, a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Ghana, directs a pan-African, nonpartisan research network that conducts public attitude surveys on democracy, governance, economic conditions, and related issues in African countries. Seven rounds of surveys were completed in up to 38 countries between 1999 and 2018. Round 8 surveys in 2019/2020 are planned in at least 35 countries. Afrobarometer conducts face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice with nationally representative samples.

Regional coordination of national partners in about 35 countries is provided by the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR) in South Africa, and the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Nairobi in Kenya. Michigan State University (MSU) and the University of Cape Town (UCT) provide technical support to the network.

The Afrobarometer National Partner in Malawi, Centre for Social Research, interviewed a nationally representative, random, stratified probability sample of 1,200 adult Malawians from 17th November to 4th December, 2019. A sample of this size yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-3% at a 95% confidence level. Previous surveys have been conducted in Malawi in 1999, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2014 and 2017. The Institute for Development Studies of the University of Nairobi provided technical backstopping for the survey. Technical details of the survey, including descriptions of stratification and household selection, translation languages, and related information, can be found in the survey Technical Information Form that follows immediately.

Below is an outline of the survey findings from all the questions posed to respondents. We also present the findings by some critical demographics such as gender and place of residence (rural, urban and semi-urban).

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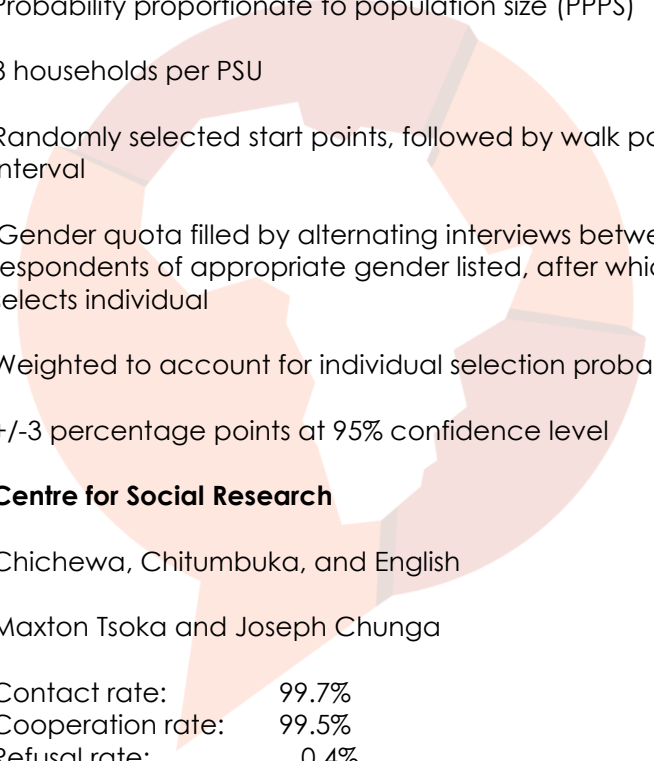
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# Technical information form



<b>Universe:</b>	Citizens of Malawi who are 18 years and older
<b>Sample design:</b>	Nationally representative, random, clustered, stratified, multi-stage area probability sample
<b>Stratification:</b>	Region and rural-urban location
<b>Stages:</b>	PSUs (from strata), start points, households, respondents
<b>PSU selection:</b>	Probability proportionate to population size (PPPS)
<b>Cluster size:</b>	8 households per PSU
<b>Household selection:</b>	Randomly selected start points, followed by walk pattern using 5/10 interval
<b>Respondent selection:</b>	Gender quota filled by alternating interviews between men and women; respondents of appropriate gender listed, after which computer randomly selects individual
<b>Weighting:</b>	Weighted to account for individual selection probabilities
<b>Margin of error:</b>	+/-3 percentage points at 95% confidence level
<b>Fieldwork by:</b>	<b>Centre for Social Research</b>
<b>Survey languages:</b>	Chichewa, Chitumbuka, and English
<b>Main researchers:</b>	Maxton Tsoka and Joseph Chunga
<b>Outcome rates:</b>	Contact rate: 99.7% Cooperation rate: 99.5% Refusal rate: 0.4% Response rate: 99.2%
<b>Dates of fieldwork:</b>	November 17-December 4, 2019
<b>Sample size:</b>	1,200
<b>Sampling frame:</b>	2018 Malawi Population and Housing Census
<b>EA substitution rate:</b>	1/150 = 0.7%

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**Note:** All figures in the following tables are percentages, rounded to one decimal place. Due to rounding, columns may not add up to exactly 100.0%. Readers are reminded that the sample size in Malawi of 1,200 yields a margin of sampling error of +/-3 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. Please note that Afrobarometer's general practice in most analysis and publications is to report findings rounded to whole numbers. A dash ("-") or blank cell indicates that there were no responses in this category. For Questions 1 through 100, weighted frequency distributions are reported.

**Note:** This presentation of findings does NOT reflect the order in which survey questions were asked during the interview. We have numbered the questions as in the questionnaire but have ordered them by topic. To see the questionnaire, please visit [www.afrobarometer.org](http://www.afrobarometer.org).

## Respondents and their households

### Demographic distribution of the sample

		Unweighted	Weighted
<b>Gender</b>			
	Male	49.9%	49.9%
	Female	50.1%	50.1%
<b>Location</b>			
	Rural	82.0%	82.2%
	Urban	14.0%	13.8%
	Semi-urban	4.0%	4.0%
<b>Region</b>			
	Northern	13.3%	13.2%
	Central	43.3%	43.4%
	Southern	43.3%	43.5%
<b>Education</b>			
	No formal education	10.9%	11.5%
	Primary	57.7%	56.8%
	Secondary	27.1%	27.8%
	Post-secondary	4.3%	3.9%
<b>Religion</b>			
	Christian	74.8%	77.1%
	Muslim	11.5%	11.6%
	Other	13.8%	11.2%
	Refused		0.1%

### Q1. How old are you?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
18-25	28.9	38.4	26.7	28.6	31.6	30.1
26-35	25.3	27.7	22.2	23.4	27.6	25.5
36-45	17.7	18.3	18.5	17.1	18.5	17.8
46-55	14.2	6.5	16.9	15.7	10.8	13.3
56-65	7.2	5.3	6.9	7.4	6.4	6.9
Over 65	6.6	3.8	8.8	7.7	4.9	6.3
Don't know	0.1				0.2	0.1

**Q2. What is the primary language you speak in your home now?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Chitumbuka	9.9	7.0	19.8	9.6	10.2	9.9
Chinkhonde	0.9	0.7		0.7	1.0	0.8
Chilambya	0.9			0.8	0.7	0.7
Chichewa	72.3	88.8	70.9	76.2	72.9	74.5
Chiyao	7.7			5.8	6.9	6.3
Chingoni	0.9		7.6	0.5	1.5	1.0
Chilomwe	1.8	0.5	1.8	1.1	2.1	1.6
Chimang'anja	1.8	0.4		1.7	1.3	1.5
Chisena	2.6	0.5		2.0	2.4	2.2
Chisukwa		0.6		0.2		0.1
Chisenga	0.3			0.2	0.2	0.2
Chitonga	0.3	0.7		0.3	0.3	0.3
Other	0.8	0.6		0.9	0.6	0.7

**Q81. What is your ethnic community, cultural group, or tribe?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Tumbuka	8.7	8.7	14.1	8.8	9.1	8.9
Nkhonde	0.8	0.7		0.7	0.8	0.7
Lambya	1.0	0.7	2.8	1.4	0.7	1.1
Chewa	37.1	29.1	18.4	34.2	36.4	35.3
Yao	14.1	6.3		12.5	12.4	12.4
Ngoni	9.5	13.4	26.3	11.1	10.2	10.7
Lomwe	16.2	29.4	31.8	20.5	16.8	18.6
Mang'anja	5.6	3.3	4.7	4.8	5.7	5.2
Sena	4.5	2.8		3.5	4.7	4.1
Sukwa		0.6		0.2		0.1
Senga	0.2		1.8	0.1	0.5	0.3
Tonga	0.8	2.4		0.7	1.2	1.0
Malawian only		0.3		0.1		0.0
Other	1.1	1.6		1.0	1.3	1.1
Refused		0.6		0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.4			0.5	0.1	0.3

**Q97. What is your highest level of education?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No formal schooling	12.7	4.7	4.7	7.3	15.2	11.3
Informal schooling only	0.2			0.1	0.3	0.2
Some primary schooling	49.7	26.3	26.5	45.4	45.7	45.5
Primary school completed	11.6	9.3	12.6	10.9	11.7	11.3
Some secondary school	15.4	23.2	15.9	18.4	14.6	16.5
Secondary school completed	8.8	20.4	32.2	12.9	9.8	11.3
Post-secondary non-university	1.3	9.3	8.1	3.7	1.7	2.7
Some university	0.3	1.3		0.6	0.3	0.4
University completed	0.1	4.7		0.7	0.7	0.7
Post-graduate		0.7		0.2		0.1

**Q98A. What is your religion, if any?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	2.8	1.1		4.8	0.2	2.5
Christian only	9.8	8.5	8.7	10.3	8.7	9.5
Roman Catholic	17.7	19.6	25.4	18.9	17.7	18.3
Orthodox	0.1				0.1	0.1
Anglican	2.7	2.8		2.1	3.2	2.6
Lutheran	0.7			0.0	1.1	0.6
Methodist	0.2				0.3	0.1
Presbyterian	14.2	23.0	20.6	15.1	16.1	15.6
Baptist	2.9	1.8		3.1	2.2	2.6
Quaker / Friends	0.1				0.2	0.1
Evangelical	1.2	0.7	1.8	1.1	1.3	1.2
Pentecostal	6.6	10.8	7.9	7.2	7.2	7.2
Independent	1.9	0.4	1.0	1.3	2.1	1.7
Jehovah's Witness	1.3	3.0	3.0	2.4	0.9	1.6
Seventh Day Adventist	5.1	7.4	7.7	4.6	6.4	5.5
Muslim only	12.4	5.2	2.2	10.3	11.7	11.0
Sunni only	0.2		3.0	0.5		0.3
Qadiriya Brotherhood	0.3	0.3			0.6	0.3
Traditional / ethnic religion	1.1			1.2	0.7	0.9
Dutch Reformed	1.5		4.8	1.2	1.8	1.5
Church of Christ	5.0	6.5	7.2	5.2	5.4	5.3
Zionist Christian Church	0.9			0.5	0.9	0.7
Last Church	1.5		2.2	1.6	1.0	1.3
Abraham Church	1.1	0.4		1.2	0.8	1.0
Apostolic Church	0.6				0.9	0.5
Other	7.8	8.5	4.6	7.4	8.2	7.8
Don't know	0.1				0.2	0.1

**Q92A. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Radio?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	51.1	29.0	26.0	38.3	55.8	47.1
Yes, someone else owns	7.1	9.6	7.3	5.2	9.7	7.4
Yes, do own	41.0	61.4	66.7	56.2	33.5	44.8
Don't know	0.8			0.3	1.0	0.7

**Q92B. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Television?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	88.3	54	55.7	80.8	83.8	82.3
Yes, someone else owns	1.3	8.2	5.7	1.5	3.4	2.4
Yes, do own	8.3	37.2	38.6	16	11	13.5
Don't know	2.1	0.6		1.7	1.9	1.8

**Q92C. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Motor vehicle or motorcycle?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	91.4	86.1	84.0	90.3	90.5	90.4
Yes, someone else owns	1.8	2.2	5.7	1.1	2.9	2.0
Yes, do own	4.3	11.1	10.3	6.7	4.3	5.5
Don't know	2.5	0.6		1.9	2.3	2.1

**Q92D. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Computer?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	96.3	82.7	85.8	93.8	94.2	94.0
Yes, someone else owns	0.4	1.8	2.2	0.3	1.0	0.6
Yes, do own	1.0	14.8	12.1	4.0	2.7	3.4
Don't know	2.4	0.6		1.9	2.1	2.0

**Q92E. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Bank account?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	87.0	55.3	52.5	78.9	83.6	81.2
Yes, someone else owns	2.1	7.6	8.2	1.6	4.5	3.1
Yes, do own	9.0	36.7	39.2	18.3	9.8	14.0
Don't know	1.9	0.5		1.2	2.1	1.7



**Q92F. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Mobile phone?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	39.6	13.1	6.8	31.8	37.4	34.6
Yes, someone else owns	8.9	6.6	4.0	3.3	13.4	8.4
Yes, do own	50.7	79.2	89.3	64.8	47.6	56.2
Refused		1.1			0.3	0.2
Don't know	0.8			0.1	1.2	0.7

**Q92G. Does your phone have access to the Internet?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	36.5	37.9	52.3	39.7	35.0	37.4
Yes	14.2	41.3	32.3	25.1	12.3	18.6
Not applicable	49.3	20.8	10.7	35.2	52.4	43.8
Don't know			4.6		0.4	0.2

**Q92H. How often do you use: A mobile phone?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	29.0	8.6	6.8	21.4	29.2	25.3
Less than once a month	7.8	2.3		4.4	9.0	6.7
A few times a month	6.3	4.2	5.0	6.2	5.8	6.0
A few times a week	10.9	10.3	8.5	10.5	11.0	10.7
Every day	45.3	74.2	79.8	57.4	44.0	50.7
Refused	0.2			0.2	0.1	0.1
Don't know	0.5	0.4			0.9	0.4

**Q92I. How often do you use: The Internet?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	84.2	58.7	65.9	73.5	86.4	80.0
Less than once a month	2.8	1.8	3.5	2.3	3.1	2.7
A few times a month	2.1	2.7	4.7	3.4	1.2	2.3
A few times a week	4.2	10.4	16.1	8.7	2.4	5.5
Every day	5.0	26.1	9.8	10.9	5.3	8.1
Refused	0.2			0.3	0.1	0.2
Don't know	1.4	0.4		0.9	1.6	1.2

**Q93A. What is your main source of water for household use?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Piped water into dwelling	0.6	15.9	12.3	3.1	3.1	3.1
Piped water into yard/plot/compound	2.4	21.7	33.2	5.9	6.6	6.3
Public tap or standpipe	3.7	21.6	31.6	6.6	7.9	7.3
Tube well or borehole	73.6	17.8	11.5	63.7	63.2	63.4
Protected dug well	2.7	10.2		3.5	3.8	3.6
Unprotected dug well	9.4	11.0	4.7	10.9	8.1	9.5

Protected spring	0.1				0.1	0.1
Unprotected spring	0.9		2.8	0.3	1.4	0.8
Purchased from a cart with a small tank or drum	0.1			0.2		0.1
Purchased from a tanker truck	0.2				0.4	0.2
Surface water (river/dam/lake/pond/stream/ canal/irrigation channel)	6.4		3.8	5.8	4.9	5.4
Other		1.8			0.5	0.2

**Q93B. Do you have a toilet, water closet or latrine available for your use? [If yes] Is it inside your house, inside your compound, or outside your compound, or is there none available?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No latrine	5.2	1.0	1.0	3.1	5.7	4.4
Inside the house	1.1	13.2	6.5	3.4	2.5	3.0
Inside the compound	36.2	36.9	41.6	36.3	36.7	36.5
Outside the compound	57.5	48.9	50.9	57.3	54.9	56.1
Don't know	0.1				0.2	0.1

**Q94A. Do you have an electric connection to your home from ESCOM**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	94.5	54.7	43.6	88.0	86.1	87.0
Yes	5.3	45.3	56.4	12.0	13.6	12.8
Refused	0.2				0.3	0.2

**Q94B. If connected to ESCOM, how often is electricity actually available from this connection?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	0.2	0.4		0.3	0.1	0.2
Occasionally	1.9	17.8	15.6	3.8	5.5	4.6
About half of the time	1.1	13.7	14.7	3.8	3.1	3.4
Most of the time	1.9	11.1	19.7	3.6	4.1	3.8
All of the time	0.2	2.1	6.3	0.5	0.9	0.7
Not Applicable	94.7	54.7	43.6	88.0	86.4	87.2

**Q94C. Does your house use electric power from any source other than ESCOM?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Batteries or power bank	12.3	3.1	4.6	11.8	9.7	10.7
Generator	0.1	0.5		0.3		0.1
Solar panels	16.5	15.3	9.1	18.5	13.6	16.0
Hydro power		1.2		0.2	0.2	0.2
Other	2.1	0.3		1.8	1.7	1.7
Multiple sources		0.5		0.1		0.1
Not Applicable	69.0	79.0	86.3	67.2	74.9	71.1
Don't know	0.1			0.1		0.1

**Q94D. If you use non-ESCOM source, what is the source of the electricity for this connection?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Batteries or power bank	12.3	3.1	4.6	11.8	9.7	10.7
Generator	0.1	0.5		0.3		0.1
Solar panels	16.5	15.3	9.1	18.5	13.6	16.0
Hydro power		1.2		0.2	0.2	0.2
Other	2.1	0.3		1.8	1.7	1.7
Multiple sources		0.5		0.1		0.1
Not Applicable	69.0	79.0	86.3	67.2	74.9	71.1
Don't know	0.1			0.1		0.1

**Q94E. If you use non-ESCOM source, is the electricity source owned by your household, or does it come from outside of your household.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Owned by household	30.6	21.0	13.7	32.7	24.5	28.6
Owned outside of household	0.3			0.1	0.4	0.2
Get power from sources both within and outside of household	0.1			0.1	0.2	0.1
Not applicable	69.0	79.0	86.3	67.2	74.9	71.1

# Country's overall direction and most important problems

**Q3. Let's start with your general view about the current direction of our country. Some people might think the country is going in the wrong direction. Others may feel it is going in the right direction. So let me ask YOU about the overall direction of the country: Would you say that the country is going in the wrong direction or going in the right direction?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Going in the wrong direction	83.6	79.2	96.5	82.7	84.3	83.5
Going in the right direction	14.5	19.0		16.2	13.0	14.6
Refused		0.5			0.1	0.1
Don't know	1.9	1.3	3.5	1.1	2.6	1.8

**Q48. In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address? First response**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Nothing/ no problems	0.1	0.5	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.2
Management of the economy	8.1	10.3	18.4	9.5	8.2	8.8
Wages, incomes and salaries	2.2	2.3		2.7	1.5	2.1
Unemployment	1.9	8.0		3.9	1.5	2.7
Poverty/destitution	4.1	5.7	10.4	4.7	4.5	4.6
Rates and taxes	1.5	3.8	6.3	2.4	1.5	2.0
Loans / credit	0.8	2.1		1.1	0.8	1.0
Farming/agriculture	8.8	4.0	3.2	9.2	6.6	7.9
Food shortage/famine	42.2	25.9	17.2	35.3	42.6	39.0
Drought	0.1			0.2		0.1
Land	0.2			0.2	0.1	0.1
Transportation	0.6			0.3	0.7	0.5
Infrastructure / roads	2.3	1.3		2.5	1.6	2.0
Education	3.0	1.7	12.0	3.2	3.1	3.1
Housing	0.0	0.6		0.2	0.0	0.1
Electricity	0.0	1.1		0.3	0.1	0.2
Water supply	4.1	2.4	2.2	3.9	3.7	3.8
Street/homeless children, orphans	0.4			0.3	0.3	0.3
Services (other)	0.1		1.8		0.3	0.2
Health	3.4	14.3	12.6	5.4	5.1	5.3
AIDS	0.0				0.0	0.0
Crime and security	1.5	0.4	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.3
Corruption	5.4	7.6	5.7	6.2	5.1	5.7
Political violence	1.4	1.4	4.7	1.3	1.7	1.5
Political instability/divisions, ethnic tensions	2.6	2.2		2.0	3.0	2.5

Discrimination/ inequality	0.3			0.3	0.2	0.2
Gender issues / women's rights		1.0			0.3	0.1
Democracy/political rights	0.5	0.3		0.4	0.5	0.5
Agricultural marketing	2.4			1.6	2.4	2.0
Other responses	0.7			1.0	0.2	0.6
Refused	0.7	2.2	1.8	0.7	1.2	0.9
Don't know	0.6	0.9	1.8	0.3	1.1	0.7

**Q48. In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address? Second response**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Management of the economy	8.9	7.1	1.0	6.8	9.8	8.3
Wages, incomes and salaries	3.1	6.3	4.7	3.6	3.5	3.6
Unemployment	3.2	5.4	5.7	4.3	3.0	3.6
Poverty/destitution	5.0	1.1	10.6	4.1	5.2	4.7
Rates and taxes	2.1	1.7		2.7	1.2	2.0
Loans / credit	1.1	1.7		1.2	1.1	1.2
Farming/agriculture	11.4	4.8		9.4	10.7	10.1
Food shortage/famine	15.1	13.0	17.8	14.2	15.6	14.9
Land	0.1	1.1			0.5	0.3
Transportation	0.4			0.4	0.3	0.3
Communications	0.2			0.1	0.2	0.2
Infrastructure / roads	2.2	3.1	2.8	2.9	1.9	2.4
Education	6.4	11.5	17.1	7.5	7.6	7.5
Housing	0.6			0.4	0.6	0.5
Electricity	0.8			0.7	0.5	0.6
Water supply	6.5	4.9	2.8	6.0	6.3	6.1
Services (other)		1.7		0.4	0.1	0.2
Health	9.5	7.1	17.7	10.1	8.9	9.5
AIDS	0.1		2.8		0.3	0.2
Sickness / disease	0.7			0.5	0.6	0.6
Crime and security	1.8	3.2		2.2	1.6	1.9
Corruption	3.2	2.8	4.0	4.0	2.4	3.2
Political violence	0.7			0.7	0.5	0.6
Political instability/divisions, ethnic tensions	1.3	1.5		1.0	1.5	1.3
Discrimination/ inequality	0.5			0.3	0.5	0.4
Gender issues / women's rights	0.2				0.3	0.1
Democracy/political rights	0.8			0.7	0.7	0.7
Agricultural marketing	3.2			3.0	2.3	2.6
Climate change	0.6			0.5	0.4	0.5
Other responses	0.2	1.7		0.7	0.2	0.4
No further reply	10.1	20.3	13.0	11.5	11.6	11.6

**Q48. In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address? Third response**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Management of the economy	4.8	4.5	4.6	5.3	4.2	4.8
Wages, incomes and salaries	0.6	3.4		0.9	1.0	1.0
Unemployment	3.6	7.1	1.8	3.6	4.4	4.0
Poverty/destitution	4.9	3.0	3.0	3.4	5.8	4.6
Rates and taxes	0.9	4.4	4.0	1.0	2.0	1.5
Loans / credit	1.6	0.6		1.0	1.8	1.4
Farming/agriculture	8.2	3.2	6.4	7.0	7.8	7.4
Food shortage/famine	4.7	2.2	12.4	4.8	4.5	4.6
Drought	0.0			0.0		0.0
Land	0.2	0.5		0.3	0.3	0.3
Transportation	0.3	0.5		0.2	0.4	0.3
Infrastructure / roads	3.3	2.6	8.6	3.5	3.2	3.4
Education	5.5	6.8	7.0	6.2	5.3	5.8
Housing	1.1			1.2	0.5	0.9
Electricity	0.9	2.3		1.3	0.7	1.0
Water supply	7.0	1.9		4.1	7.9	6.0
Street, homeless and orphaned children	0.2				0.3	0.2
Services (other)	0.5	1.5		0.7	0.5	0.6
Health	10.8	10.6	2.2	10.5	10.3	10.4
AIDS	0.4			0.3	0.3	0.3
Sickness / disease	0.2			0.2	0.1	0.2
Crime and security	3.0	1.7	10.8	3.5	2.7	3.1
Corruption	1.7	1.0	2.2	2.0	1.2	1.6
Political violence	0.3	1.8		0.9	0.1	0.5
Political instability/divisions, ethnic tensions	0.5	0.5	2.0	0.9	0.2	0.6
Discrimination/ inequality	1.0	0.3		0.9	0.8	0.8
Gender issues / women's rights	0.2			0.2	0.1	0.2
Democracy/political rights	1.5		1.8	1.9	0.7	1.3
Agricultural marketing	1.9	1.4	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.9
Other responses	0.2			0.4		0.2
No further reply	30.1	38.2	31.1	31.5	31.1	31.3

# Economic life

Let's discuss economic conditions.

**Q4A. In general, how would you describe the present economic condition of this country?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very Bad	49.6	46.0	37.8	49.9	47.5	48.7
Fairly Bad	32.8	39.4	49.6	31.6	37.2	34.4
Neither good nor bad	2.6	3.1		2.2	2.9	2.5
Fairly Good	8.2	8.5	8.0	10.1	6.3	8.2
Very good	6.3	2.7	4.6	6.0	5.5	5.8
Don't know	0.4	0.4		0.2	0.6	0.4

**Q4B. In general, how would you describe your own present living conditions?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very Bad	43.3	30.4	31.5	43.0	39.2	41.1
Fairly Bad	37.7	45.6	39.0	36.9	40.8	38.9
Neither good nor bad	3.7	1.7	13.2	3.6	3.9	3.8
Fairly Good	8.8	18.4	10.7	10.3	10.2	10.2
Very good	6.2	3.9	5.7	6.2	5.6	5.9
Don't know	0.2				0.3	0.1

**Q6A. Looking back, how do you rate economic conditions in this country compared to 12 months ago?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Much worse	41.2	37.7	38.6	42.6	38.6	40.6
Worse	26.8	29.9	24.9	23.7	30.6	27.2
Same	7.9	13.6	21.3	8.9	9.4	9.2
Better	22.8	15.4	15.3	23.3	19.6	21.4
Much better	0.6	2.2		0.9	0.8	0.8
Refused		0.5			0.1	0.1
Don't know	0.7	0.7		0.6	0.8	0.7

**Q6B. Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this country to be better or worse in 12 months' time?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Much worse	40.4	42.7	40.6	43.8	37.7	40.7
Worse	19.7	16.9	26.2	18.1	21.0	19.6
Same	8.0	13.1	15.9	9.7	8.4	9.1
Better	16.9	16.3	6.7	17.2	15.7	16.4
Much better	1.9	0.6		2.1	1.2	1.7
Don't know	13.1	10.3	10.5	9.2	16.0	12.6

**Q7A. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough food to eat?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	17.7	35.0	36.5	23.2	18.4	20.8
Just once or twice	15.0	20.0	16.2	15.6	15.8	15.7
Several times	24.1	22.2	21.6	23.9	23.6	23.8
Many times	31.6	16.9	21.8	28.5	29.9	29.2
Always	11.5	5.1	3.8	8.6	12.0	10.3
Refused		0.8		0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.2				0.3	0.2

**Q7B. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough clean water for home use?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	56.0	45.2	57.9	53.5	55.7	54.6
Just once or twice	9.9	13.3	21.5	9.9	11.8	10.8
Several times	11.8	17.8	7.5	12.7	12.1	12.4
Many times	11.2	17.1	6.6	13.3	10.4	11.8
Always	11.0	6.7	6.6	10.7	9.9	10.3
Don't know	0.1				0.2	0.1

**Q7C. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Medicines or medical treatment?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	36.2	32.3	38.2	33.0	38.5	35.8
Just once or twice	17.0	19.5	24.6	19.1	16.3	17.7
Several times	21.6	16.8	13.7	20.3	20.9	20.6
Many times	17.6	23.7	18.8	18.1	18.9	18.5
Always	7.4	7.1	4.6	9.0	5.5	7.3
Don't know	0.2	0.6		0.4		0.2

**Q7D. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough fuel to cook your food?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	59.1	38.3	54.6	57.5	54.6	56.0
Just once or twice	11.2	22.6	11.0	10.9	14.5	12.7
Several times	14.6	20.1	13.3	15.9	14.8	15.3
Many times	10.8	12.9	17.1	11.7	10.9	11.3
Always	4.4	6.1	4.0	4.1	5.2	4.6
Don't know	0.0				0.1	0.0



**Q7E. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: A cash income?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	4.1	7.0	12.8	5.1	4.6	4.9
Just once or twice	9.0	21.4	14.6	11.6	10.2	10.9
Several times	22.1	19.7	36.0	20.8	23.8	22.3
Many times	42.6	37.0	24.0	41.2	40.9	41.1
Always	22.2	14.9	12.6	21.2	20.4	20.8

**Q5. How often, if ever, are people like you treated unfairly by the government based on your economic status, that is, how rich or poor you are?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	31.0	26.2	25.9	28.7	31.5	30.1
Sometimes	33.2	38.2	44.6	31.6	37.2	34.4
Often	21.1	18.2	22.0	24.1	17.5	20.8
Always	13.8	12.7	7.4	15.0	11.8	13.4
Refused	0.0	0.5			0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.8	4.3		0.7	1.8	1.3

**Q95A. Do you have a job that pays a cash income? [If "Yes":] Is it full time or part time? [If "No":] Are you currently looking for a job?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No (not looking)	71.2	44.0	63.2	61.4	72.8	67.1
No (looking)	17.3	26.4	16.0	18.9	18.1	18.5
Yes, part time	7.3	8.0	10.5	9.4	5.6	7.5
Yes, full time	4.3	21.6	10.3	10.3	3.6	6.9

**Q95B. If you have paid employment, that is, regular employment for which you receive something like an hourly wage or a regular salary, are you required to pay an income tax, that is, a tax deducted from your wages by your employer?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, not required to pay	6.7	14.2	10.9	9.7	6.1	7.9
Yes, required to pay	4.3	14.7	10.0	9.5	2.4	5.9
Not applicable	88.5	70.4	79.2	80.3	90.9	85.6
Don't know	0.6	0.7		0.5	0.7	0.6

**Q95C. What is your main occupation? [If unemployed, retired, or disabled:] What was your last main occupation?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never had a job	8.6	6.1		4.8	11.0	7.9
Student	3.5	11.3	10.4	5.5	4.3	4.9
Housewife / homemaker	8.4	13.6	9.7		18.4	9.2
Agriculture / farming / fishing / forestry	54.3	11.3	11.5	47.1	46.3	46.7
Trader / hawker / vendor	4.9	14.8	30.0	7.0	7.6	7.3
Retail / Shop	1.2	0.9	4.6	1.3	1.3	1.3
Unskilled manual worker	10.5	15.8	5.7	14.9	7.1	11.0

Artisan or skilled manual worker	4.4	10.3	12.0	10.6	0.4	5.5
Clerical or secretarial	0.2	0.7		0.4	0.2	0.3
Supervisor / Foreman / Senior Manager	0.4	1.1		0.3	0.5	0.4
Security services (police, army, private security)	1.1	4.4		3.1		1.6
Mid-level professional	1.9	5.4	14.3	3.4	2.3	2.9
Upper-level professional		2.3		0.4	0.2	0.3
Other	0.1	2.1	1.8	0.6	0.3	0.5
Don't know	0.3			0.6		0.3

**Q95D. Do you work for yourself, for someone else in the private sector or the non-governmental sector, or for government? [If respondent indicated in Q95C that they were unemployed, retired, or disabled:] In your last job, did you work for yourself, for someone else in the private sector or the non-governmental sector, or for government?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Works for self	65.6	32.3	46.0	64.2	56.2	60.2
Private sector	9.2	20.9	16.6	17.5	4.8	11.1
NGO / Civil society sector	0.9	3.3	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.3
Government	2.2	8.1	15.5	4.7	2.5	3.6
Not applicable	20.5	30.9	20.2	10.2	33.6	21.9
Refused	0.2			0.3	0.0	0.2
Don't know	1.4	4.4		1.7	1.8	1.8

**Q96A. What is the main way that decisions are made about how to use any money that you have or earn, for example from a job, a business, selling things or other activities?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
You make the decisions yourself	37.1	29.4	26.3	44.9	26.3	35.6
Your spouse makes the decisions	20.4	21.1	32.4	7.6	34.4	21.0
You make the decisions jointly with your spouse	29.7	26.1	26.4	31.4	26.7	29.1
You make the decisions jointly with other family members	4.9	14.2	5.6	6.6	5.9	6.2
Other family members make the decisions without you	7.2	8.5	9.2	9.3	5.7	7.5
None of the above / Some other response	0.4	0.7		0.2	0.6	0.4
Not applicable, no earnings	0.3			0.1	0.4	0.2

**Q96B. Who is the head of this household, that is, the person who has primary responsibility for making decisions on behalf of the household?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
You [respondent]	58.9	45.5	52.7	82.9	30.8	56.8
Respondent's spouse	28.5	31.2	35.3	1.0	57.3	29.2
Respondent's father	5.7	11.5	7.0	7.4	5.7	6.5
Respondent's mother	2.8	2.1	5.0	3.8	1.8	2.8
Respondent's son	0.8			0.7	0.6	0.7
Respondent's daughter	0.3				0.5	0.2
Respondent's grandfather	0.5			0.2	0.6	0.4

Respondent's grandmother	0.7	0.7		0.9	0.5	0.7
Another male relative	0.8	5.7		1.9	1.0	1.4
Another female relative	0.3	0.5		0.4	0.3	0.3
Someone else	0.1			0.1	0.0	0.1
More than one person	0.5	2.8		0.7	0.9	0.8

**Q96C. What is the main occupation of the head of the household? [If unemployed, retired, or disabled:]  
What was his or her last main occupation?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never had a job	2.8	3.1	4.0	1.3	4.6	2.9
Student	0.3				0.5	0.3
Housewife / homemaker	0.8			0.8	0.5	0.7
Agriculture / farming / fishing / forestry	22.6	6.6	4.8	7.5	31.8	19.7
Trader / hawker / vendor	3.9	7.4	8.5	1.9	7.2	4.6
Retail / Shop	0.4	2.7		0.4	1.0	0.7
Unskilled manual worker	5.8	13.4	10.9	2.6	11.5	7.0
Artisan or skilled manual worker	2.1	14.0	8.1	1.9	6.0	4.0
Clerical or secretarial	0.1	0.5			0.3	0.2
Supervisor / Foreman / Senior Manager		1.2	1.8		0.5	0.2
Security services (police, army, private security)			1.0		0.1	0.0
Mid-level professional	1.4	1.3	4.7	0.5	2.5	1.5
Upper-level professional	0.3	3.3		0.2	1.2	0.7
Other	0.5	0.6	3.5		1.3	0.6
Not Applicable	58.9	45.5	52.7	82.9	30.8	56.8
Don't know	0.0	0.4			0.2	0.1

# Development and international relations

See related question(s) under “Public services and government performance.”

Now let's talk about how our country should relate to other countries in Southern Africa and in the world.

**Q61. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: People living in Southern Africa should be able to move freely across international borders in order to trade or work in other countries.**

**Statement 2: In order to protect their own citizens, governments should limit the cross-border movement of people and goods.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	45.2	36.0	38.5	46.2	41.1	43.6
Agree with 1	11.8	16.7	17.7	11.6	13.7	12.7
Agree with 2	8.3	14.4	7.5	9.6	8.7	9.1
Agree very strongly with 2	34.0	32.3	33.3	32.0	35.5	33.7
Agree with neither	0.1	0.6		0.2	0.2	0.2
Refused	0.2				0.3	0.1
Don't know	0.4		3.0	0.5	0.5	0.5

**Q62. In your opinion, how easy or difficult is it for people in Southern Africa to cross international borders in order to work or trade in other countries, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very difficult	46.2	39.0	40.1	48.1	41.8	45.0
Difficult	25.0	26.0	31.5	25.4	25.4	25.4
Easy	14.2	13.9	8.4	14.9	13.0	14.0
Very easy	3.9	1.9	8.6	2.9	4.7	3.8
Never try	6.9	13.1	4.0	6.1	9.1	7.6
Don't know	3.8	6.1	7.5	2.6	6.0	4.3

**Q66. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: In order to develop, our country must rely on trade with the rest of the world, including by opening our borders to foreign imports.**

**Statement 2: In order to develop, our country must rely on local production and protect local producers from foreign competition.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	34.7	25.2	33.7	35.6	31.0	33.3
Agree with 1	9.1	11.2	7.4	9.7	9.0	9.3
Agree with 2	7.4	13.1	10.6	6.7	10.0	8.3
Agree very strongly with 2	47.8	49.6	45.5	47.2	48.7	48.0
Agree with neither	0.6	0.5	2.8	0.4	0.9	0.7
Don't know	0.4	0.5		0.4	0.4	0.4

**Q67. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: The government should only allow citizens and companies of our own country to trade in consumer goods, even if this means we will have fewer goods or higher prices.**

**Statement 2: The government should continue to permit foreigners and foreign corporations to set up retail shops in this country to ensure we have a wide choice of low-cost consumer goods.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	16.5	14.7	25.0	15.4	17.7	16.6
Agree with 1	8.0	9.8	11.0	6.7	10.0	8.4
Agree with 2	9.3	13.3	16.7	9.3	10.9	10.1
Agree very strongly with 2	65.8	60.9	45.2	67.7	60.9	64.3
Agree with neither	0.3	0.7	2.2	0.8	0.0	0.4
Don't know	0.2	0.6		0.2	0.4	0.3

**Q63. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: It is important that as an independent nation, we finance development from our own resources, even if it means paying more taxes.**

**Statement 2: We should use external loans for the development of the country, even if it increases our indebtedness to foreign countries and institutions.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	39.8	42.0	53.8	41.7	39.7	40.7
Agree with 1	13.7	23.0	11.6	12.7	17.1	14.9
Agree with 2	7.6	9.5	11.5	7.5	8.6	8.1
Agree very strongly with 2	36.3	22.0	20.1	35.4	32.0	33.7
Agree with neither	1.5	2.9		1.6	1.6	1.6
Refused	0.2			0.3		0.1
Don't know	0.8	0.5	3.0	0.8	0.9	0.9

**Q64A. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: When other countries give loans or development assistance to Malawi, they should enforce strict requirements on how the funds are spent.**

**Statement 2: When other countries give Malawi loans or development assistance, they should allow our government to make its own decisions about how to use the resources.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	39.0	35.3	45.5	43.3	34.3	38.8
Agree with 1	8.9	16.9	9.6	8.5	11.5	10.0
Agree with 2	8.0	9.6	6.7	7.2	9.0	8.1
Agree very strongly with 2	42.2	36.6	35.2	39.4	42.9	41.1
Agree with neither	0.3	1.0		0.3	0.5	0.4
Refused	0.4			0.3	0.4	0.4
Don't know	1.2	0.6	3.0	1.0	1.3	1.2

**Q64B. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: When other countries give loans or development assistance to Malawi, they should enforce strict requirements to make sure our government promotes democracy and respects human rights.**

**Statement 2: Even if other countries give Malawi loans or development assistance, our government should make its own decisions about democracy and human rights.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	36.5	34.4	38.1	39.5	33.1	36.3
Agree with 1	13.4	14.2	17.2	13.1	14.2	13.7
Agree with 2	9.8	12.7	8.5	9.7	10.6	10.2
Agree very strongly with 2	38.5	35.9	33.2	36.8	39.0	37.9
Agree with neither	0.6	1.6		0.6	0.7	0.7
Refused	0.5			0.3	0.5	0.4
Don't know	0.7	1.2	3.0		1.7	0.9

**Q65A. To your knowledge, does China give loans or development assistance to our country's government, or haven't you had a chance to hear about this?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	19.4	9.8	5.2	13.8	21.2	17.5
Yes	43.7	51.8	62.8	57.0	34.2	45.6
Refused	0.1				0.2	0.1
Don't know	36.8	38.4	32.0	29.2	44.4	36.8

**Q65B. If China gives loans, do you think that our government is required to repay China for the loans and development assistance it provides to Malawi, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	8.5	10.9	12.5	8.6	9.3	9.0
Yes	31.8	34.8	46.4	44.4	21.3	32.8
Not applicable	56.3	48.2	37.2	43.0	65.8	54.4
Refused	0.2				0.3	0.1
Don't know	3.3	6.1	4.0	4.0	3.4	3.7

**Q65C. If China gives loans, do you think our government has borrowed too much money from China, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	5.2	3.5	10.5	7.1	3.2	5.2
Yes	24.7	29.8	25.3	33.1	17.7	25.4
Not applicable	56.3	48.2	37.2	43.0	65.8	54.4
Don't know	13.9	18.5	27.0	16.7	13.3	15.0

**Q65D. If China gives loans, when the government of China gives loans or development assistance to Malawi, do you think they put more requirements or fewer requirements on our government compared to other donor countries, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Far fewer requirements	3.6	3.6	3.5	5.3	1.9	3.6
Somewhat fewer requirements	14.2	16.8	23.8	22.9	7.1	15.0
About the same number of requirements	2.9	1.4	4.2	2.6	2.9	2.8
Somewhat more requirements	8.2	10.1	10.3	7.7	9.5	8.6
Many more requirements	3.1	4.6	1.0	4.6	1.9	3.3
Not applicable	56.3	48.2	37.2	43.0	65.8	54.4
Don't know	11.6	15.2	20.0	13.8	11.0	12.4

**Q69B. How much influence do you think China's economic activities in Malawi have on our economy, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Far fewer requirements	3.6	3.6	3.5	5.3	1.9	3.6
Somewhat fewer requirements	14.2	16.8	23.8	22.9	7.1	15.0
About the same number of requirements	2.9	1.4	4.2	2.6	2.9	2.8
Somewhat more requirements	8.2	10.1	10.3	7.7	9.5	8.6
Many more requirements	3.1	4.6	1.0	4.6	1.9	3.3
Not applicable	56.3	48.2	37.2	43.0	65.8	54.4
Don't know	11.6	15.2	20.0	13.8	11.0	12.4

**Q69A. In your opinion, which of the following countries, if any, would be the best model for the future development of our country, or is there some other country in Africa or elsewhere, that should be our model?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None of these / There is no role model	1.9	2.1	3.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
United States	22.5	15.1	14.5	20.6	21.7	21.2
China	18.8	23.7	29.5	26.4	13.4	19.9
Britain	9.4	12.5	13.3	11.8	8.1	10.0
South Africa	27.2	26.8	19.8	25.2	28.5	26.8
Ethiopia	1.0	3.3		2.0	0.5	1.2
We should follow our own country's model	2.0	0.9	5.7	1.2	2.7	2.0
Zambia	2.3	1.0	1.0	2.7	1.4	2.0
Other country	1.1	3.7	1.8	2.4	0.6	1.5
Refused	0.4			0.1	0.6	0.3
Don't know	13.6	10.8	11.4	5.7	20.5	13.1

**Q70A. In general, do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following organizations on Malawi is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: African Union?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	1.6		2.8	2.0	0.9	1.5
Somewhat negative	5.4	16.1	2.0	8.4	5.0	6.7
Neither positive nor negative	2.4	1.8	2.2	1.5	3.1	2.3
Somewhat positive	29.6	36.4	50.9	38.7	24.1	31.4
Very positive	9.9	6.6	15.7	12.0	7.3	9.7
Refused	0.1				0.1	0.1
Don't know	51.0	39.1	26.4	37.4	59.4	48.4

**Q70B. In general, do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following organizations on Malawi is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: SADC?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	1.1	0.4		1.3	0.6	1.0
Somewhat negative	6.2	12.2	3.7	7.6	6.3	7.0
Neither positive nor negative	2.4	1.1	2.2	3.1	1.3	2.2
Somewhat positive	28.8	45.8	46.5	39.3	24.4	31.8
Very positive	11.5	8.7	18.3	13.7	9.1	11.4
Refused	0.1				0.1	0.1
Don't know	49.9	31.8	29.3	34.9	58.2	46.6

**Q70C. In general, do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following organizations on Malawi is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: United Nations agencies?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	1.7	1.1	1.8	2.2	1.0	1.6
Somewhat negative	3.4	7.7	5.0	5.3	2.8	4.0
Neither positive nor negative	1.3	1.4	2.2	1.8	0.9	1.4
Somewhat positive	26.8	35.3	35.3	34.2	22.4	28.3
Very positive	16.6	14.0	30.4	19.1	14.6	16.8
Don't know	50.2	40.5	25.2	37.5	58.2	47.9

**Q70D. And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Malawi is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: Britain?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	2.5	0.7	4.7	2.4	2.2	2.3
Somewhat negative	11.4	10.6	5.7	13.4	8.6	11.0
Neither positive nor negative	1.4	2.5		1.9	1.1	1.5
Somewhat positive	28.9	40.0	36.1	37.2	24.3	30.8
Very positive	16.3	13.5	22.8	18.4	14.0	16.2
Don't know	39.5	32.7	30.6	26.7	49.7	38.2



**Q70E. And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Malawi is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: China?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	2.9	6.1	5.8	3.9	2.9	3.4
Somewhat negative	11.2	10.6	8.0	12.3	9.6	10.9
Neither positive nor negative	3.2	4.4	9.2	4.1	3.0	3.6
Somewhat positive	34.8	38.6	40.8	42.7	28.4	35.6
Very positive	13.9	14.9	15.8	16.1	12.1	14.1
Refused	0.1				0.1	0.1
Don't know	34.1	25.4	20.4	20.9	43.8	32.3

**Q70F. And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Malawi is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: United States?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	2.3	2.5	4.7	2.2	2.6	2.4
Somewhat negative	8.5	11.9	10.7	12.0	6.1	9.1
Neither positive nor negative	1.4	2.4		2.0	1.0	1.5
Somewhat positive	34.8	39.0	42.8	41.2	30.3	35.7
Very positive	15.7	16.5	20.3	19.3	12.7	16.0
Don't know	37.2	27.7	21.4	23.3	47.3	35.3

**Q70G. And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Malawi is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: South Africa?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	3.8	6.2	4.7	5.3	3.1	4.2
Somewhat negative	11.8	12.8	14.8	14.2	10.0	12.1
Neither positive nor negative	4.5	5.1	12.6	4.6	5.1	4.9
Somewhat positive	38.5	36.3	34.1	44.8	31.3	38.0
Very positive	12.6	14.6	10.7	12.6	13.0	12.8
Don't know	28.8	24.9	23.0	18.6	37.5	28.1

**Q71. In thinking about the future of the next generation in our country, which of these international languages, if any, do you think is most important for young people to learn?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None of these / None needed	2.3	1.1		1.1	2.9	2.0
English	94.0	93.6	92.5	94.2	93.6	93.9
French	0.4	1.7	1.8	1.0	0.3	0.7
Portuguese	0.5		1.0	0.3	0.6	0.4
Arabic	0.8			0.6	0.8	0.7
Chinese	0.4		1.8	0.5	0.4	0.4
Kiswahili	0.5	2.1	3.0	1.5	0.2	0.8
Other	0.3	1.1		0.4	0.3	0.4
Don't know	0.8	0.4		0.5	1.0	0.7

# Democracy and politics

See related questions under “Institutions and leaders.”

**Q20A. There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: Only one political party is allowed to stand for election and hold office?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	54.2	50.7	69.5	60.8	47.8	54.3
Disapprove	7.1	17.8	6.5	8.2	8.9	8.6
Neither approve nor disapprove	0.9	0.5		0.7	0.8	0.8
Approve	14.4	14.5	10.2	8.8	19.7	14.3
Strongly approve	22.8	14.3	10.1	21.1	21.1	21.1
Refused	0.2			0.3		0.1
Don't know	0.5	2.1	3.7	0.1	1.6	0.8

**Q20B. There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: The army comes in to govern the country?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	73.3	67.5	80.5	74.7	70.8	72.7
Disapprove	8.9	16.0	8.1	8.3	11.3	9.8
Neither approve nor disapprove	1.5	2.8	4.6	1.9	1.7	1.8
Approve	6.9	6.5		5.7	7.4	6.5
Strongly approve	8.5	6.8	3.8	9.0	7.2	8.1
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.9	0.4	3.0	0.3	1.6	0.9

**Q20C. There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: Elections and Parliament are abolished so that the president can decide everything?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	66.4	68.4	76.2	75.6	58.6	67.1
Disapprove	8.3	17.6	17.4	8.6	11.3	10.0
Neither approve nor disapprove	0.9	1.5		0.5	1.5	1.0
Approve	10.8	8.8	3.2	6.2	14.2	10.2
Strongly approve	12.4	3.7	3.2	8.5	13.1	10.8
Refused	0.0				0.1	0.0
Don't know	1.1			0.6	1.2	0.9

**Q21. Which of these three statements is closest to your own opinion?**

**Statement 1: Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government.**

**Statement 2: In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable.**

**Statement 3: For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
STATEMENT 3: Doesn't matter	16.4	17.5	18.1	15.6	17.6	16.6
STATEMENT 2: Non-democratic preferable	30.4	29.8	24.9	25.8	34.4	30.1
STATEMENT 1: Democracy preferable	51.2	49.4	56.0	57.2	45.1	51.1
Refused	0.0	1.1			0.3	0.2
Don't know	2.0	2.3	1.0	1.5	2.6	2.0

**Q22. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: It is more important to have a government that can get things done, even if we have no influence over what it does.**

**Statement 2: It is more important for citizens to be able to hold government accountable, even if that means it makes decisions more slowly.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	19.6	17.6	26.0	19.7	19.6	19.6
Agree with 1	5.7	7.7	5.0	5.4	6.6	6.0
Agree with 2	8.5	6.9	17.4	7.2	10.0	8.6
Agree very strongly with 2	65.2	66.9	49.8	66.4	63.2	64.8
Agree with neither	0.3	1.0	1.8	0.6	0.3	0.4
Refused	0.1				0.1	0.1
Don't know	0.6			0.8	0.3	0.5

**Q29. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Parliament should ensure that the president explains to it on a regular basis how his government spends taxpayers' money.**

**Statement 2: The president should be able to devote his full attention to developing the country rather than wasting time justifying his actions.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	49.7	48.8	43.3	50.6	48.0	49.3
Agree with 1	7.4	12.0	7.2	6.2	9.9	8.1
Agree with 2	6.0	8.0	8.8	5.6	7.2	6.4
Agree very strongly with 2	35.5	31.3	36.8	37.1	32.9	35.0
Agree with neither	0.3		1.0		0.6	0.3
Don't know	1.0		3.0	0.5	1.4	0.9

**Q34. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: The Constitution should limit the president to serving a maximum of two terms in office.**

**Statement 2: There should be no constitutional limit on how long the president can serve.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	67.8	75.1	62.4	74.8	62.4	68.6
Agree with 1	6.2	7.5	6.2	6.5	6.2	6.3
Agree with 2	4.9	3.4	12.6	3.3	6.6	5.0
Agree very strongly with 2	19.9	12.3	15.9	14.2	23.1	18.7
Agree with neither	0.9	0.6		0.9	0.8	0.9
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.4	0.5	3.0	0.3	0.7	0.5

**Q35A. Should there be a minimum age for candidates for president?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, no minimum	22.0	16.6	17.6	20.1	22.1	21.1
Yes, should be a minimum	74.3	80.1	77.7	78.5	71.9	75.2
Refused	0.5			0.3	0.4	0.4
Don't know	3.2	3.3	4.7	1.0	5.6	3.3

**Q35B. [If "Yes":] What should the minimum age be?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
18	2.0	0.9	3.0	2.1	1.6	1.9
19	0.1				0.2	0.1
20	1.0	2.1		0.6	1.7	1.1
24	0.1			0.1		0.0
25	3.3	3.5		4.1	2.3	3.2
28	0.3	0.6	1.8	0.8		0.4
30	9.6	13.1	13.8	8.9	11.6	10.2
31	0.2	0.7		0.3	0.2	0.2
32	0.2	0.7		0.2	0.4	0.3
33	0.1			0.2		0.1
34	0.2			0.4		0.2
35	11.8	13.6	22.0	15.1	9.8	12.5
36	0.1			0.2	0.0	0.1
37	0.2	0.4		0.3	0.1	0.2
38	0.8		3.0	1.1	0.4	0.7
39	0.2				0.3	0.1
40	19.1	16.8	17.0	21.7	15.6	18.7
41	0.1				0.1	0.1
42	0.1	0.8		0.2	0.2	0.2
43	0.2				0.3	0.2
44	0.1	0.5		0.1	0.2	0.2

45	6.2	8.8		5.8	6.9	6.3
47			2.8	0.2		0.1
48	0.6			0.5	0.4	0.5
50	9.6	8.8	9.0	10.5	8.5	9.5
52	0.3				0.5	0.2
53	0.1			0.1		0.1
54	0.2			0.3		0.1
55	1.2			1.4	0.6	1.0
56	0.0			0.0		0.0
60	1.8	4.9	4.4	1.5	3.2	2.4
65	0.5			0.1	0.7	0.4
70	0.6	1.0		0.5	0.9	0.7
80	0.3			0.3	0.1	0.2
87	0.1			0.1		0.1
Not Applicable	25.7	19.9	22.3	21.5	28.1	24.8
Refused	0.1		1.0	0.2	0.1	0.1
Don't know	2.9	2.7		0.6	4.9	2.8

**Q35C. Should there be a maximum age for candidates for president?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, no maximum	26.8	21.8	22.6	21.9	30.0	25.9
Yes, should be a maximum	70.4	76.6	72.7	77.3	65.3	71.3
Refused	0.4			0.3	0.4	0.4
Don't know	2.4	1.7	4.7	0.5	4.3	2.4

**Q35D. [If "Yes":] What should the maximum age be?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
22		0.7			0.2	0.1
28	0.1				0.1	0.1
30	0.3				0.6	0.3
35	0.5	0.5		0.2	0.7	0.4
40	1.2	1.5		0.7	1.7	1.2
45	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.5
48	0.2			0.3		0.2
49	0.1				0.2	0.1
50	5.9	4.0	6.3	6.5	4.8	5.7
55	0.7	2.5		1.2	0.6	0.9
58	0.2			0.3		0.2
59	0.2			0.1	0.2	0.2
60	11.4	13.3	17.0	13.9	9.9	11.9
61	0.0				0.0	0.0

63		1.7		0.5		0.2
65	4.4	2.7	1.8	4.5	3.7	4.1
68	0.2			0.1	0.3	0.2
70	19.2	17.3	20.3	20.6	17.4	19.0
72	0.4	0.7		0.8		0.4
73	0.1			0.2		0.1
75	3.4	6.6	3.0	3.3	4.3	3.8
76		0.4		0.1		0.1
78	0.2	1.3		0.2	0.5	0.4
79	0.2			0.3		0.2
80	12.5	18.2	17.2	15.2	11.7	13.5
81	0.1			0.1	0.1	0.1
82	0.2				0.3	0.2
85	1.3	1.9	2.2	1.2	1.7	1.4
88	0.2			0.1	0.3	0.2
90	2.7	1.5	3.0	2.9	2.2	2.5
95	0.1			0.2	0.0	0.1
100	2.0			2.1	1.1	1.6
Not Applicable	29.6	23.4	27.3	22.7	34.7	28.7
Don't know	1.8	0.9	1.0	0.7	2.5	1.6

**Q36. In your opinion, how much of a democracy is Malawi today?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not a democracy	11.0	13.7	14.4	11.4	11.6	11.5
A democracy, with major problems	49.6	50.4	41.1	49.0	49.8	49.4
A democracy, but with minor problems	24.5	19.3	21.6	26.3	21.1	23.7
A full democracy	12.0	14.7	15.3	12.0	13.0	12.5
Do not understand question / democracy	1.5	1.8	3.0	0.6	2.6	1.6
Don't know	1.2		3.0	0.3	1.9	1.1
Refused	0.1		1.8	0.3		0.2

**Q37. Overall, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Malawi?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
The country is not a democracy	3.2	0.4	5.8	3.5	2.3	2.9
Not at all satisfied	34.0	35.1	25.3	32.3	35.3	33.8
Not very satisfied	27.0	20.2	28.9	27.0	25.2	26.1
Fairly satisfied	25.2	35.5	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.6
Very satisfied	8.4	6.4	9.4	10.4	6.0	8.2
Refused	0.5	0.6		0.2	0.7	0.5
Don't know	1.8	1.8	4.0	0.1	3.6	1.9

**Q52A. Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, members of Parliament do their jobs?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
The president / executive	13.8	9.0	8.5	10.0	15.8	12.9
The Parliament / county assembly	10.2	11.5	10.3	11.5	9.2	10.4
Their political party	2.1	1.2	3.2	2.7	1.5	2.1
The voters	71.3	75.1	75.0	74.7	69.3	72.0
No one	0.7	1.3		0.3	1.2	0.8
Refused	0.3			0.3	0.2	0.2
Don't know	1.6	1.8	3.0	0.6	2.7	1.7

**Q52B. Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, the president does his or her job?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
The president / executive	8.9	6.6	3.0	8.7	8.0	8.3
The Parliament / county assembly	17.3	17.5	12.7	16.7	17.5	17.1
Their political party	2.3	1.7	3.8	2.2	2.4	2.3
The voters	68.9	68.6	80.5	70.2	68.4	69.3
No one	1.2	3.2		1.0	1.8	1.4
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.5	1.8		1.2	1.7	1.5

**Q26. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Our elected officials should listen to constituents' views and do what they demand.**

**Statement 2: Our elected leaders should follow their own ideas in deciding what is best for the country.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	62.2	74.7	76.3	70.3	58.8	64.5
Agree with 1	10.7	10.0	16.1	10.8	10.9	10.9
Agree with 2	6.1	3.8	3.0	4.7	6.6	5.6
Agree very strongly with 2	20.2	11.1	4.6	13.5	23.1	18.3
Agree with neither	0.4	0.4		0.5	0.2	0.4
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.2				0.3	0.2

**Q27. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Our elected leaders need to focus on empowering our most capable citizens.**

**Statement 2: Our elected leaders should focus on helping people who have been left behind by economic and social change.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	12.2	18.6	8.7	12.9	13.0	13.0
Agree with 1	4.6	1.6	7.9	4.2	4.4	4.3
Agree with 2	9.0	14.4	11.6	9.3	10.3	9.8
Agree very strongly with 2	73.4	64.7	68.9	73.1	71.0	72.1
Agree with neither	0.7			0.3	0.8	0.5
Don't know	0.1	0.6	3.0	0.1	0.5	0.3

**Q28. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Experts with specialized education or skills are needed to help make the most important decisions for our country.**

**Statement 2: The people and their elected representatives know what is best; they do not need the advice of experts to run the country.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	54.4	59.4	52.8	60.5	49.5	55.0
Agree with 1	13.5	13.5	19.3	11.6	15.8	13.7
Agree with 2	5.7	7.0	3.2	4.7	6.8	5.7
Agree very strongly with 2	24.6	18.6	19.9	22.3	24.9	23.6
Agree with neither	0.7			0.2	0.9	0.6
Refused	0.0				0.1	0.0
Don't know	1.1	1.5	4.7	0.6	2.0	1.3

**Q31. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Whichever party or group wins elections should be able to pursue the policies they prefer, without needing to compromise with others.**

**Statement 2: In a democracy, it is important to make compromises between the preferences and needs of different groups.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	13.8	10.4	8.9	11.7	14.6	13.1
Agree with 1	5.8	6.1	3.8	4.2	7.3	5.8
Agree with 2	7.8	7.5	13.1	7.5	8.4	8.0
Agree very strongly with 2	72.2	75.3	74.1	76.2	69.2	72.7
Agree with neither	0.2			0.3		0.2
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.2				0.3	0.2

**Q31-MLW. Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.**

**Statement 1: Once elections are over, losing candidates and parties should accept the election results in the interest of peace and development.**

**Statement 2: Losing candidates and parties in elections should always have the right to challenge election results in the courts.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	44.0	36.5	36.7	41.3	44.1	42.7
Agree with 1	11.5	14.3	12.6	11.4	12.3	11.9
Agree with 2	4.7	9.1	9.6	4.8	6.2	5.5
Agree very strongly with 2	38.5	38.6	36.4	41.2	35.7	38.4
Agree with neither	0.7	0.9		1.0	0.4	0.7
Refused	0.4	0.6	1.8	0.1	0.8	0.5
Don't know	0.3		3.0	0.2	0.5	0.4



## Freedom

See related questions under “Media and access to information.”

**Q10A. In this country, how free are you to say what you think?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all free	11.8	11.5	20.8	10.1	14.1	12.1
Not very free	25.7	25.1	15.4	24.7	25.7	25.2
Somewhat free	15.8	21.0	18.2	14.0	19.2	16.6
Completely free	46.2	42.4	43.9	50.6	40.6	45.6
Refused			1.8		0.1	0.1
Don't know	0.5			0.5	0.4	0.4

**Q10B. In this country, how free are you to join any political organization you want?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all free	11.5	18.4	18.7	11.1	14.4	12.7
Not very free	12.5	14.5	4.8	11.1	13.9	12.5
Somewhat free	14.7	12.2	4.0	13.0	14.8	13.9
Completely free	59.0	53.8	70.8	63.4	54.1	58.7
Refused	0.3		1.8	0.3	0.4	0.3
Don't know	2.0	1.1		1.1	2.5	1.8

**Q10C. In this country, how free are you to choose who to vote for without feeling pressured?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all free	2.5	2.9	8.6	2.0	3.6	2.8
Not very free	4.7	4.9	6.2	4.9	4.6	4.8
Somewhat free	12.4	16.8	4.0	12.8	12.6	12.7
Completely free	79.5	75.3	81.3	79.7	78.3	79.0
Don't know	0.8			0.5	0.8	0.7

**Q40d. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do people have to be careful of what they say about politics?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	23.2	21.9	20.3	22.8	23.0	22.9
Rarely	33.2	26.3	38.1	32.9	31.9	32.4
Often	18.7	23.7	24.8	19.0	20.3	19.6
Always	23.1	26.1	15.7	24.6	21.9	23.2
Refused	0.1	0.6		0.2	0.2	0.2
Don't know	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.6	2.8	1.7

**Q19A. Let's talk for a moment about the kind of society you would like to have in this country. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: The government should be able to ban any organization that goes against its policies.**

**Statement 2: We should be able to join any organization, whether or not the government approves of it.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	19.7	14.7	16.9	18.3	19.5	18.9
Agree with 1	5.3	8.4	5.0	5.9	5.5	5.7
Agree with 2	8.6	12.2	9.0	8.2	10.1	9.1
Agree very strongly with 2	63.6	61.3	66.1	65.2	61.6	63.4
Agree with neither	1.3	1.7	3.0	1.4	1.4	1.4
Refused	0.3			0.2	0.2	0.2
Don't know	1.2	1.7		0.7	1.7	1.2

**Q73. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Even if faced with threats to public security, people should be free to move about the country at any time of day or night.**

**Statement 2: When faced with threats to public security, the government should be able to impose curfews and set up special roadblocks to prevent people from moving around.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	28.5	13.3	25.7	29.5	23.2	26.3
Agree with 1	5.8	7.9	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.1
Agree with 2	9.2	20.1	22.0	10.8	11.6	11.2
Agree very strongly with 2	55.8	57.7	46.5	53.2	58.3	55.7
Agree with neither	0.4	1.0		0.7	0.3	0.5
Refused	0.1				0.1	0.1
Don't know	0.2				0.3	0.1

**Q74. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Government should be able to monitor private communications, for example on mobile phones, to make sure that people are not plotting violence.**

**Statement 2: People should have the right to communicate in private without a government agency reading or listening to what they are saying.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	34.5	29.1	25.2	35.4	31.5	33.4
Agree with 1	7.9	10.6	20.6	7.0	10.6	8.8
Agree with 2	7.5	11.5	12.6	7.9	8.7	8.3
Agree very strongly with 2	48.5	48.0	41.6	48.8	47.5	48.1
Agree with neither	0.6			0.2	0.8	0.5
Don't know	0.9	0.8		0.8	0.9	0.9

**Q75. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Freedom of religion and worship are absolute, meaning that government should never limit what is said in a place of worship.**

**Statement 2: Government should have the power to regulate what is said in places of worship, especially if preachers or congregants threaten public security.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	39.0	28.8	33.6	37.8	36.9	37.3
Agree with 1	10.1	17.8	13.6	10.6	12.0	11.3
Agree with 2	9.4	9.8	13.3	9.7	9.6	9.7
Agree very strongly with 2	40.8	41.4	39.5	41.3	40.4	40.9
Agree with neither	0.2	0.7		0.1	0.5	0.3
Don't know	0.5	1.6		0.6	0.6	0.6

**75B-MLW. Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.**

**Statement 1: Freedom to demonstrate is absolute, meaning that government should never ban demonstrations and protests.**

**Statement 2: The Government should have the power to limit public demonstrations and protests in the interest of peace and security.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	35.4	38.3	38.7	43.6	28.4	35.9
Agree with 1	8.3	17.0	6.3	8.3	10.6	9.4
Agree with 2	8.9	9.7	12.1	7.2	11.1	9.1
Agree very strongly with 2	44.0	33.3	36.4	38.0	46.4	42.2
Agree with neither	2.3	1.2	4.7	2.1	2.3	2.2
Refused	0.1		1.8	0.1	0.2	0.2
Don't know	1.0	0.5		0.7	1.1	0.9

## Citizenship and participation

See related questions under "Elections."

**Q9. When you get together with your friends or family, would you say you discuss political matters frequently, occasionally, or never?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	41.1	33.7	29.4	33.5	45.7	39.6
Occasionally	32.6	47.5	51.7	37.1	33.6	35.4
Frequently	26.2	18.8	18.9	29.1	20.7	24.9
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1

**Q11A. Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. [If "No":] Would you do this if you had the chance: Attended a community meeting?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, would never do this	4.5	7.3	8.5	5.2	4.9	5.0
No, would do it if I had the chance	8.9	19.9	6.3	10.7	9.9	10.3

Yes, once or twice	12.3	10.8	8.9	11.0	12.9	11.9
Yes, several times	33.2	32.3	41.7	33.3	33.6	33.4
Yes, often	41.1	29.7	34.6	39.9	38.7	39.3

**Q11B. Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. [If "No":] Would you do this if you had the chance: Got together with others to raise an issue?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, would never do this	5.4	3.0	4.0	4.8	5.2	5.0
No, would do it if I had the chance	14.3	15.6	16.7	15.3	13.9	14.6
Yes, once or twice	10.1	7.7	8.5	8.7	10.7	9.7
Yes, several times	34.9	36.3	21.5	32.4	36.7	34.6
Yes, often	35.1	37.4	49.3	38.8	33.2	36.0
Refused	0.0				0.0	0.0
Don't know	0.1				0.2	0.1

**Q11C. Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. [If "No":] Would you do this if you had the chance: Participated in a demonstration or protest march?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, would never do this	72.3	68.8	74.2	70.4	73.5	71.9
No, would do it if I had the chance	19.8	22.5	8.5	21.1	18.3	19.7
Yes, once or twice	1.5	2.3	8.5	2.5	1.3	1.9
Yes, several times	2.3	4.1	2.2	2.7	2.4	2.6
Yes, often	3.1	2.3	6.6	2.0	4.2	3.1
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.8			1.0	0.3	0.7

**Q12A. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A local government councillor?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	77.8	86.3	74.1	78.2	79.5	78.8
Only once	9.1	7.0	17.5	9.0	9.3	9.1
A few times	6.6	4.7	6.2	5.9	6.8	6.4
Often	6.2	1.9	2.2	6.9	4.1	5.5
Don't know	0.2				0.3	0.2

**Q12B. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A Member of Parliament?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	83.9	93.1	84.4	82.6	87.7	85.2
Only once	5.0	3.2	4.0	5.2	4.3	4.7
A few times	5.9	2.7	8.9	7.6	3.6	5.6
Often	4.9	1.0	2.8	4.6	4.0	4.3
Don't know	0.2				0.4	0.2

**Q12C. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A political party official?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	83.7	88.2	78.7	82.4	85.9	84.2
Only once	6.3	5.7	11.7	5.8	7.1	6.5
A few times	5.8	4.9	5.0	7.3	3.9	5.6
Often	4.0	1.1	4.6	4.4	2.8	3.6
Don't know	0.2			0.1	0.2	0.1

**Q12D. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A traditional leader?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	51.9	66.4	59.8	49.1	59.3	54.2
Only once	6.7	7.9	5.7	6.8	6.8	6.8
A few times	13.5	8.0	15.1	13.5	12.1	12.8
Often	27.9	17.7	19.4	30.4	21.8	26.1
Don't know	0.1			0.2		0.1

**Q91A. Do you feel close to any particular political party?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, not close to any party	33.6	40.5	41.9	35.5	34.3	34.9
Yes, feels close to a party	62.6	55.3	53.9	60.8	61.7	61.3
Refused	2.9	4.2	4.2	3.1	3.2	3.1
Don't know	0.8			0.7	0.7	0.7

**Q91B: Which party is that?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)	23.4	17.6	22.9	21.3	23.8	22.5
Malawi Congress Party (MCP)	25.8	18.1	16.4	23.6	25.0	24.3
People's Democratic Movement (PDM)	0.1			0.2		0.1
People's Party (PP)	0.3			0.1	0.4	0.2
People's Progressive Movement (PPM)	0.1			0.2		0.1
United Democratic Front (UDF)	2.1	0.5	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.9
UTM	8.5	13.6	7.9	10.6	7.7	9.1
Other	0.1			0.2		0.1
Not Applicable	37.4	44.7	46.1	39.2	38.3	38.7
Refused	2.3	5.5	4.6	2.5	3.1	2.8
Don't know	0.1				0.2	0.1

## Rule of law

**Q30. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Since the president was elected to lead the country, [he] should not be bound by laws or court decisions that [he] thinks are wrong.**

**Statement 2: The president must always obey the laws and the courts, even if he thinks they are wrong.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	18.0	9.0	22.6	13.7	20.1	16.9
Agree with 1	5.5	5.9	5.2	3.3	7.8	5.5
Agree with 2	8.8	10.9	10.7	9.8	8.5	9.2
Agree very strongly with 2	66.9	72.1	58.6	72.3	62.2	67.3
Agree with neither	0.2	1.1		0.3	0.4	0.3
Refused	0.5	0.4		0.4	0.5	0.4
Don't know	0.2	0.6	3.0	0.2	0.5	0.3

**Q40B. In your opinion, how often, in this country, does the president ignore the courts and laws of this country?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	29.4	26.8	20.9	29.0	28.3	28.7
Rarely	39.0	41.5	49.2	39.3	40.1	39.7
Often	16.0	17.5	11.2	19.2	12.9	16.1
Always	7.9	5.0	10.2	7.5	7.6	7.6
Refused		0.6	1.8	0.1	0.2	0.2
Don't know	7.7	8.6	6.7	4.7	10.9	7.8

**Q40C. In your opinion, how often, in this country, does the president ignore Parliament and just do what he wants?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	29.3	27.8	32.9	29.0	29.5	29.2
Rarely	37.3	39.5	39.4	38.4	36.9	37.7
Often	15.4	16.6	16.2	17.2	13.9	15.6
Always	9.7	8.2	6.6	9.9	8.9	9.4
Refused	0.3			0.2	0.3	0.2
Don't know	8.0	8.0	5.0	5.2	10.5	7.9

**Q40E. In your opinion, how often, in this country, are people treated unequally under the law?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	14.2	15.2	13.3	12.8	15.8	14.3
Rarely	36.5	37.5	48.2	38.1	36.1	37.1
Often	27.8	28.2	27.5	28.6	27.2	27.9
Always	18.3	13.5	3.7	18.5	15.6	17.0
Refused	0.0				0.1	0.0
Don't know	3.1	5.7	7.3	2.0	5.3	3.6

**Q40F. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do officials who commit crimes go unpunished?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	20.1	12.3	22.7	18.9	19.3	19.1
Rarely	26.4	23.5	29.7	23.5	28.8	26.1
Often	26.1	34.4	22.9	28.5	25.7	27.1
Always	22.5	25.2	21.9	25.9	19.9	22.9
Refused	0.2		1.8	0.1	0.3	0.2
Don't know	4.7	4.6	1.0	3.1	6.0	4.6

**Q40G. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do ordinary people who break the law go unpunished?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	55.6	62.3	46.4	57.1	55.2	56.1
Rarely	26.2	17.3	18.2	22.3	26.9	24.6
Often	7.2	10.1	15.8	9.6	6.4	8.0
Always	9.8	9.4	18.7	10.5	9.7	10.1
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.3	1.8	1.0

**Q32. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: A government that enjoys the support of the people should be free to do whatever the people want, even if it is outside the law.**

**Statement 2: The actions of any government, no matter how popular it is, must always follow the law.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	18.5	11.8	7.8	15.0	19.2	17.1
Agree with 1	6.1	9.7	2.2	5.2	7.5	6.4
Agree with 2	9.3	14.1	25.1	9.4	11.9	10.6
Agree very strongly with 2	64.8	63.9	64.9	69.1	60.3	64.7
Agree with neither	0.6	0.5		0.7	0.4	0.6
Don't know	0.7			0.5	0.7	0.6

# Elections

See also Q41C (trust in electoral commission) under “Institutions and leaders.”

**Q24. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: We should choose our leaders in this country through regular, open, and honest elections.**

**Statement 2: Since elections sometimes produce bad results, we should adopt other methods for choosing this country's leaders.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	45.5	36.5	50.7	46.3	42.6	44.5
Agree with 1	10.0	9.9	13.7	8.9	11.5	10.2
Agree with 2	6.3	13.8	2.8	6.0	8.4	7.2
Agree very strongly with 2	37.2	38.4	29.9	38.6	35.5	37.0
Agree with neither	0.6	0.3		0.1	0.9	0.5
Refused	0.1	0.6			0.3	0.2
Don't know	0.4	0.5	3.0	0.2	0.8	0.5

**Q25. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Political parties create division and confusion; it is therefore unnecessary to have many political parties in Malawi.**

**Statement 2: Many political parties are needed to make sure that Malawi have real choices in who governs them.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	22.4	23.3	18.6	23.0	21.7	22.3
Agree with 1	4.7	8.4	2.2	4.7	5.5	5.1
Agree with 2	7.5	10.3	23.3	7.6	9.4	8.5
Agree very strongly with 2	64.5	56.3	54.9	63.8	62.2	63.0
Agree with neither	0.7	0.6		0.7	0.7	0.7
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.4

**Q40A. In your opinion, how often, in this country, does competition between political parties lead to violent conflict?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	10.2	4.5	5.0	7.8	10.6	9.2
Rarely	48.2	40.2	43.5	47.0	46.8	46.9
Often	25.2	36.2	36.9	27.5	26.9	27.2
Always	15.6	17.9	13.7	17.4	14.3	15.8
Don't know	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.3	1.4	0.9



Let's talk about the last national election held in 2019.

**Q13. People are not always able to vote in elections, for example, because they weren't registered, they were unable to go, or someone prevented them from voting. How about you? In the last national election held in 2019, did you vote, or not, or were you too young to vote? Or can't you remember whether you voted?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
I did not vote	20.5	28.4	19.0	21.6	21.5	21.5
I was too young to vote	0.9	2.9	2.8	1.8	0.7	1.2
I can't remember whether I voted	0.3			0.1	0.3	0.2
I voted in the election	78.3	68.7	78.3	76.5	77.5	77.0

**Q14. On the whole, how would you rate the freeness and fairness of the last national election, held in 2019?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not free and fair	35.0	40.2	19.4	34.2	36.0	35.1
Free and fair, with major problems	19.6	26.4	21.4	20.7	20.5	20.6
Free and fair, but with minor problems	14.2	10.1	23.2	15.5	12.5	14.0
Completely free and fair	28.2	19.4	33.2	27.1	27.3	27.2
Do not understand question	0.2	0.4		0.1	0.4	0.3
Don't know	2.5	2.3	1.0	1.9	2.9	2.4
Refused	0.2	1.1	1.8	0.5	0.3	0.4

**Q15A. Thinking about the last national election in 2019: Did you attend a campaign rally?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	41.6	41.1	42.0	38.1	44.9	41.5
Yes	58.0	58.3	58.0	61.9	54.2	58.1
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.4				0.7	0.3

**Q15B. Thinking about the last national election in 2019: Did you work for a candidate or party?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	81.5	81.0	87.4	78.4	84.9	81.6
Yes	18.2	18.4	12.6	21.2	14.8	18.0
Refused	0.1	0.6		0.1	0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.3			0.3	0.1	0.2

**Q15C. Thinking about the last national election in 2019: Did any representative of a political party contact you during the campaign?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	84.0	84.6	78.4	81.4	86.4	83.9
Yes	15.5	14.1	16.5	18.0	12.8	15.4
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.4	0.7	5.0	0.6	0.7	0.6

**Q15D. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from? First response**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Alliance for Democracy (AFORD)	0.3		2.8	0.6	0.2	0.4
Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)	4.8	4.8	6.9	6.5	3.2	4.9
Malawi Congress Party (MCP)	5.6	2.7	5.0	6.2	4.1	5.2
People's Party (PP)	0.1			0.1		0.1
United Democratic Front (UDF)	0.4			0.4	0.3	0.4
United Independent Party (UIP)		0.8			0.2	0.1
UTM	2.4	3.5	1.8	2.4	2.6	2.5
Independent candidate	1.1	1.8		1.0	1.3	1.1
Other	0.2			0.3		0.1
Not Applicable	84.5	85.9	83.5	82.0	87.2	84.6
Refused	0.4	0.5		0.3	0.6	0.4
Don't know	0.3			0.3	0.2	0.2

**Q15D. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from? Second response**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)	0.1				0.2	0.1
Malawi Congress Party (MCP)	0.3	2.0	5.2	1.3	0.2	0.7
People's Party (PP)	0.1			0.2		0.1
Republican Party (RP)	0.0			0.1		0.0
United Democratic Front (UDF)	0.1		1.8	0.2	0.1	0.2
UTM	1.1	1.2		1.0	1.1	1.1
Independent candidate	0.1				0.1	0.1
Not Applicable	98.1	96.7	93.1	97.2	98.2	97.7

**Q15D. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from? Third response**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Malawi Congress Party (MCP)	0.1				0.2	0.1
United Democratic Front (UDF)	0.1		2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
UTM	0.1	1.3	3.0	0.8		0.4
Not Applicable	99.6	98.7	94.8	99.0	99.6	99.3

**Q15D. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from? Fourth response**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
UTM	0.2		2.2	0.2	0.4	0.3
Not Applicable	99.8	100.0	97.8	99.8	99.6	99.7

**Q16A. During the last national election campaign in 2019, how often did the media provide fair coverage of all candidates?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	29.3	29.3	22.3	29.7	28.3	29.0
Sometimes	29.8	39.8	41.4	32.1	31.1	31.6
Often	18.2	8.9	16.1	18.0	15.6	16.8
Always	11.8	11.3	6.7	12.5	10.6	11.5
Refused	0.1	1.1	2.8	0.3	0.4	0.3
Don't know	10.9	9.6	10.6	7.4	14.0	10.7

**Q16B. During the last national election in 2019, how often, if ever, did a candidate or someone from a political party offer you something, like food, a gift, or money, in return for your vote?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	83.0	86.3	84.9	84.0	83.1	83.6
Once or twice	9.2	5.1	12.1	8.1	9.4	8.7
Several times	5.1	5.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Often	2.4	2.2		2.7	1.9	2.3
Refused	0.1	0.6		0.2	0.2	0.2
Don't know	0.1	0.7			0.4	0.2

**Q17A. In the last national election in 2019, how often did each of the following things happen: People's votes were not accurately counted or not fairly reflected in the results?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	31.6	21.9	28.8	31.7	28.6	30.1
A few times	36.1	38.9	27.6	35.9	36.3	36.1
Often	22.5	21.7	23.0	23.3	21.6	22.4
Refused	0.4	0.6	1.8	0.7	0.3	0.5
Don't know	9.4	17.0	18.8	8.4	13.3	10.8

**Q17B. In the last national election in 2019, how often did each of the following things happen: People voted more than once?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	83.0	69.3	75.7	79.5	82.1	80.8
A few times	8.8	16.9	14.1	11.9	8.3	10.1
Often	4.0	5.8	5.7	4.6	4.1	4.3
Refused	0.2	0.6		0.3	0.2	0.2
Don't know	4.1	7.4	4.5	3.8	5.3	4.5

**Q17D. During the last national election campaign in 2019, how much did you personally fear becoming a victim of political intimidation or violence?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
A lot	20.4	26.4	8.3	18.7	22.7	20.7
Somewhat	10.1	10.5	13.4	8.7	12.0	10.3
A little bit	14.3	14.5	20.4	14.5	14.6	14.5
Not at all	55.0	48.0	58.0	58.0	50.4	54.2
Refused	0.0	0.6		0.1	0.2	0.1

Don't know	0.1			0.1	0.1	0.1
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**Q18A. During the last national election in 2019, did you witness police or soldiers, rather than election officials, assisting some people to cast their ballot?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	84.8	90.8	79.6	86.9	83.9	85.4
Yes	10.8	4.5	13.6	9.2	10.8	10.0
Refused	0.0	0.6		0.1	0.2	0.1
Don't know	4.4	4.0	6.8	3.9	5.0	4.5

**Q18B. During the last national election in 2019, did you witness anyone from the security forces or a political party trying to intimidate voters?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	90.6	93.0	89.3	91.3	90.4	90.9
Yes	5.3	2.8	4.0	4.7	5.1	4.9
Refused	0.0	0.6		0.1	0.2	0.1
Don't know	4.0	3.6	6.8	3.9	4.3	4.1

**Q18C. With regard to the last national election in 2019, to what extent do you think the results announced by the Malawi Electoral Commission accurately reflected the actual results as counted?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not accurate at all	43.5	45.4	29.2	42.1	44.2	43.2
Not very accurate, with major discrepancies	12.8	16.1	17.9	14.3	12.6	13.5
Mostly accurate, but with some minor discrepancies	15.1	13.5	23.9	15.1	15.3	15.2
Completely accurate	20.7	17.8	22.7	20.7	20.0	20.4
Refused	0.8	1.9	1.8	1.5	0.5	1.0
Don't know	7.1	5.2	4.5	6.2	7.3	6.8

**Q53A. Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections ensure that representatives to Parliament reflect the views of voters?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all well	48.5	48.8	43.4	49.5	47.2	48.4
Not very well	18.7	22.1	16.4	20.7	17.4	19.0
Well	16.2	20.4	28.3	13.2	21.3	17.3
Very well	13.0	0.7	5.2	13.6	8.3	11.0
Refused	0.2	0.6			0.4	0.2
Don't know	3.5	7.4	6.8	2.9	5.4	4.2

**Q53B. Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections enable voters to remove from office leaders who do not do what the people want?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all well	40.3	45.0	29.8	43.6	37.5	40.5
Not very well	17.0	15.8	22.5	17.4	16.7	17.0
Well	19.0	23.7	17.4	14.5	24.7	19.6
Very well	21.2	10.6	22.9	22.8	16.8	19.8

Refused	0.2	0.6			0.4	0.2
Don't know	2.3	4.3	7.5	1.8	3.8	2.8

**Q53C. How often do you think that communities that do not vote for the ruling party suffer negative consequences, such as lack of government support for local services or development projects?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	20.2	8.1	18.3	16.3	20.6	18.5
Rarely	19.8	22.6	20.7	20.7	19.7	20.2
Sometimes	18.2	20.9	18.3	16.8	20.3	18.6
Often	24.1	33.2	32.8	28.0	23.4	25.7
Always	14.4	13.8	5.3	15.5	12.5	14.0
Refused		0.6	1.8	0.1	0.2	0.2
Don't know	3.3	0.8	3.0	2.6	3.3	3.0

**17C. How likely do you think it is that powerful people can find out how you voted, even though there is supposed to be a secret ballot in this country?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all likely	39.6	53.4	49.9	42.7	41.1	41.9
Not very likely	23.7	15.8	12.7	22.0	22.4	22.2
Somewhat likely	17.1	18.5	14.8	17.0	17.4	17.2
Very likely	15.6	9.4	19.7	15.1	14.8	14.9
Refused	0.1	0.6		0.2	0.2	0.2
Don't know	3.8	2.3	3.0	3.0	4.1	3.6

**Q99. If presidential elections were held tomorrow, which candidate or party would you vote for?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Alliance for Democracy (AFORD)	0.1				0.1	0.1
Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)	34.4	19.3	34.7	30.6	34.1	32.3
Malawi Congress Party (MCP)	32.5	28.9	25.1	32.3	31.2	31.7
People's Party (PP)	0.1			0.1	0.1	0.1
People's Progressive Movement (PPM)	0.1			0.2		0.1
United Democratic Front (UDF)	1.9			1.9	1.3	1.6
UTM	10.6	20.2	13.1	13.5	10.6	12.0
Other	0.3			0.3	0.3	0.3
Would not vote	4.1	7.8	14.5	5.3	4.7	5.0
Refused to answer	9.6	19.5	12.5	10.7	11.4	11.0
Don't know	6.3	4.2		5.3	6.3	5.8

# Institutions and leaders

See related questions under “Public services and government performance.”

**Q41A. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The president?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	32.7	37.1	32.3	36.1	30.5	33.3
Just a little	20.6	26.8	20.2	20.0	22.9	21.4
Somewhat	11.4	8.1	9.7	10.6	11.2	10.9
A lot	32.8	26.0	34.3	31.7	32.1	31.9
Refused	0.6		1.8	0.3	0.8	0.6
Don't know	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.2	2.6	1.9

**Q41B. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Parliament?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	18.5	25.1	13.7	19.5	18.9	19.2
Just a little	22.6	35.2	32.0	25.1	24.3	24.7
Somewhat	18.9	10.8	19.7	18.7	16.9	17.8
A lot	36.7	26.6	31.6	35.0	35.2	35.1
Refused	0.3	0.7		0.2	0.5	0.3
Don't know	3.0	1.5	3.0	1.5	4.2	2.8

**Q41C. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Malawi Electoral Commission?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	43.5	51.3	38.2	45.9	42.8	44.4
Just a little	18.0	22.5	28.7	19.3	18.7	19.0
Somewhat	13.3	6.4	9.2	10.1	14.1	12.1
A lot	22.4	18.4	22.1	22.3	21.3	21.8
Refused	0.3	0.6	1.8	0.3	0.4	0.4
Don't know	2.6	0.9		2.0	2.5	2.3

**Q41D. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your district council?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	28.4	36.8	27.3	31.8	27.2	29.5
Just a little	22.8	23.1	30.2	21.8	24.6	23.2
Somewhat	18.8	12.4	12.5	18.6	16.8	17.7
A lot	27.2	24.0	29.0	24.7	29.0	26.9
Refused	0.2			0.4		0.2
Don't know	2.5	3.7	1.0	2.7	2.5	2.6

**Q41E. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The ruling party?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	39.6	47.8	41.6	43.4	38.3	40.8
Just a little	16.6	20.1	17.9	17.4	16.9	17.1
Somewhat	12.9	10.5	6.3	10.7	13.9	12.3
A lot	28.6	19.9	30.6	26.4	28.5	27.5
Refused	0.4	0.6	1.8	0.3	0.6	0.5
Don't know	1.9	1.1	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8

**Q41F. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Opposition political parties?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	32.1	36.3	28.5	28.0	37.1	32.6
Just a little	19.4	27.9	18.8	22.0	19.1	20.6
Somewhat	18.0	10.6	12.6	15.8	17.7	16.8
A lot	27.7	24.2	37.3	31.4	23.8	27.6
Refused	0.4	1.0	1.8	0.3	0.8	0.6
Don't know	2.3		1.0	2.4	1.4	1.9

**Q41G. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The police?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	30.7	39.4	34.8	39.3	24.9	32.1
Just a little	16.9	22.0	25.9	16.6	19.4	18.0
Somewhat	19.3	14.2	12.4	17.2	19.5	18.3
A lot	31.9	24.0	26.8	26.2	35.1	30.6
Refused	0.3			0.2	0.3	0.2
Don't know	0.8	0.4		0.6	0.8	0.7

**Q41H. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Malawi Defence Force?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	10.0	10.4	9.3	6.4	13.6	10.0
Just a little	10.7	18.8	9.1	10.3	13.3	11.8
Somewhat	14.6	13.9	8.9	13.8	14.8	14.3
A lot	62.7	55.7	70.9	68.6	55.5	62.1
Refused	0.3			0.3	0.3	0.3
Don't know	1.6	1.3	1.8	0.6	2.5	1.6

**Q41I. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Courts of law?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	14.6	11.2	8.2	13.7	14.1	13.9
Just a little	15.1	25.0	37.2	18.1	16.6	17.3
Somewhat	17.7	14.6	6.5	17.4	16.3	16.8
A lot	51.3	48.1	48.1	49.2	52.2	50.7
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	1.2	1.1		1.5	0.9	1.2

**Q41J. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Malawi Revenue Authority?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	25.5	37.9	36.9	26.8	28.4	27.6
Just a little	18.5	21.9	18.8	19.0	19.0	19.0
Somewhat	18.2	11.0	18.4	19.4	15.0	17.2
A lot	30.9	26.6	24.1	31.4	28.6	30.0
Refused	0.4			0.2	0.5	0.4
Don't know	6.6	2.6	1.8	3.2	8.5	5.8

**Q41K. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Traditional leaders?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	14.2	14.4	6.3	16.8	11.1	13.9
Just a little	16.9	25.4	26.3	17.2	19.7	18.4
Somewhat	18.7	16.3	14.1	20.2	16.1	18.2
A lot	50.0	43.9	53.3	45.6	53.0	49.3
Don't know	0.2			0.2	0.1	0.2

**Q41L. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Religious leaders?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	10.3	15.5	8.3	11.9	10.0	10.9
Just a little	15.9	21.4	16.7	16.0	17.3	16.7
Somewhat	15.8	11.3	14.6	15.7	14.5	15.1
A lot	57.6	51.2	60.4	55.9	57.7	56.8
Don't know	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5



**Q51A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: President Arthur Peter Mutharika?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	43.3	41.8	37.7	43.8	41.9	42.9
Disapprove	13.2	18.9	13.3	13.3	14.6	14.0
Approve	19.8	20.3	18.9	18.7	20.9	19.8
Strongly approve	21.0	17.6	23.6	21.8	19.5	20.6
Refused	0.2	0.6	1.8	0.4	0.3	0.3
Don't know	2.5	0.9	4.7	2.0	2.8	2.4

**Q51B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your member of Parliament?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	33.2	31.5	33.5	34.3	31.6	32.9
Disapprove	17.2	30.2	9.3	18.4	19.0	18.7
Approve	23.3	19.7	36.5	22.2	24.5	23.4
Strongly approve	22.3	11.7	13.2	21.7	19.4	20.5
Refused	0.1	0.6	1.8	0.1	0.3	0.2
Don't know	3.8	6.2	5.7	3.2	5.2	4.2

**Q51C. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your elected ward councillor?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	34.6	30.0	33.3	35.6	32.3	33.9
Disapprove	20.6	30.4	25.0	23.5	20.8	22.2
Approve	20.7	22.7	22.0	18.4	23.6	21.0
Strongly approve	19.9	11.5	12.2	19.0	17.9	18.4
Refused	0.1	0.6	1.8	0.1	0.4	0.2
Don't know	4.0	4.8	5.7	3.3	5.1	4.2

**Q51D. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your traditional leader?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	18.5	12.4	7.4	17.9	16.6	17.2
Disapprove	10.0	19.4	6.2	10.9	11.4	11.2
Approve	33.4	33.8	45.6	32.2	35.8	34.0
Strongly approve	36.4	28.3	35.1	36.5	33.9	35.2
Not applicable	0.3	0.3	2.2	0.6	0.1	0.4
Refused	0.1		1.8	0.1	0.1	0.1
Don't know	1.3	5.7	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.9

**Q38A. How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: Members of Parliament?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	59.6	60.9	52.0	61.0	58.0	59.5
Only sometimes	30.7	32.4	32.3	29.2	32.8	31.0
Often	4.8	4.5	11.0	5.5	4.5	5.0
Always	4.4	1.8	3.0	3.7	4.2	3.9
Refused	0.2		1.8	0.5		0.3
Don't know	0.3	0.4		0.1	0.5	0.3

**Q38B. How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: Members of district council?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	57.2	54.6	48.2	56.4	56.6	56.5
Only sometimes	29.5	32.5	39.4	30.6	30.1	30.3
Often	7.2	9.2	5.2	7.6	7.2	7.4
Always	5.1	3.2	3.7	4.5	5.1	4.8
Refused	0.2		1.8	0.5		0.3
Don't know	0.8	0.4	1.8	0.4	1.1	0.8

**Q38C. How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: Traditional leaders?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	28.9	34.9	15.9	28.5	29.9	29.2
Only sometimes	28.2	29.7	22.5	28.8	27.6	28.2
Often	23.3	18.7	24.6	24.0	21.5	22.7
Always	19.2	16.1	33.5	18.3	20.4	19.3
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	0.4	0.7	1.8	0.2	0.7	0.5

## Traditional leaders

Also see related questions in:

- "Institutions and leaders" above, about trust, Q41; about how often traditional leaders listen, Q38; and about job performance, Q51
- "Citizenship and participation" about contact with traditional leaders, Q12
- "Corruption," Q42

Now let's talk about traditional leaders and their role in politics and government in this country.

**Q87A. How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Governing your local community?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	8.2	10.8	7.2	9.1	8.0	8.5
A small amount	20.5	15.5	21.0	21.4	18.4	19.9
Some	17.0	16.8	21.9	17.2	17.2	17.2
A lot	53.6	54.4	49.9	51.5	55.6	53.6
Don't know	0.6	2.6		0.8	0.9	0.8

**Q87B. How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Allocating land?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	27.0	38.1	39.2	28.9	29.2	29.0
A small amount	19.0	23.5	16.8	21.7	17.4	19.6
Some	14.2	10.1	7.5	12.8	13.9	13.3
A lot	39.0	26.8	36.4	35.6	38.8	37.2
Don't know	0.8	1.5		0.9	0.7	0.8

**Q87C. How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Influencing how people in their communities vote?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	57.0	61.0	51.4	59.4	55.2	57.3
A small amount	11.8	8.5	8.5	10.5	11.9	11.2
Some	10.9	7.2	20.9	11.9	9.6	10.8
A lot	19.5	22.7	17.4	17.5	22.2	19.9
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.9		1.8	0.7	0.9	0.8

**Q87D. How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Solving local disputes?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	8.5	8.1	8.9	7.8	9.1	8.5
A small amount	13.9	7.4	9.4	14.1	11.6	12.9
Some	19.2	19.2	13.9	20.1	18.0	19.0
A lot	58.2	65.1	67.8	57.8	61.3	59.5
Don't know	0.1	0.3		0.3		0.1

**Q87E. Do you think that the amount of influence traditional leaders have in governing your local community should increase, stay the same, or decrease?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Decrease a lot	2.1	1.5	5.7	2.0	2.3	2.1
Decrease somewhat	9.1	10.3	7.9	9.2	9.3	9.3
Stay the same	32.3	31.5	25.4	36.7	27.2	31.9
Increase somewhat	21.6	24.1	19.1	18.8	24.9	21.9
Increase a lot	34.4	32.3	42.0	32.9	36.0	34.4
Refused	0.1				0.1	0.1
Don't know	0.3	0.3		0.5	0.1	0.3

**Q88. Which of these three statements is closest to your own opinion?**

**Statement 1: Traditional leaders mostly look out for what is best for the people in their communities.**

**Statement 2: Traditional leaders mostly serve the interests of politicians and government officials.**

**Statement 3: Traditional leaders mostly look out for their own personal interests.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Do not agree with any of these statements	0.5	0.8		0.7	0.3	0.5
Statement 3: Own personal interests	38.8	35.9	21.7	36.4	39.1	37.7
Statement 2: Interests of officials	16.2	27.1	30.9	20.8	15.8	18.3
Statement 1: What is best for the people	43.8	34.8	47.4	41.8	43.7	42.7
Don't know	0.6	1.4		0.3	1.1	0.7

**Q89A. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Traditional leaders have a better grasp of political issues than ordinary people; they should give their people advice about how to vote.**

**Statement 2: Traditional leaders should stay out of politics and leave people to make their own decisions about how to vote.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	12.4	10.8	9.4	10.9	13.3	12.1
Agree with 1	5.6	6.0	9.0	4.5	7.1	5.8
Agree with 2	8.6	8.9	9.5	8.7	8.7	8.7
Agree very strongly with 2	72.5	72.4	72.0	75.0	70.0	72.5
Agree with neither	0.4	1.3		0.6	0.4	0.5
Don't know	0.4	0.6		0.4	0.5	0.4

**Q89B. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Traditional leaders are mostly in competition with elected leaders for resources, power and influence.**

**Statement 2: Traditional leaders mostly work in cooperation with elected leaders to get things done.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	13.5	11.6	8.4	15.4	10.7	13.0
Agree with 1	5.7	8.0	10.0	5.9	6.5	6.2
Agree with 2	13.9	22.2	22.0	15.5	15.2	15.4
Agree very strongly with 2	65.4	54.1	56.1	61.8	65.1	63.5
Agree with neither	0.8	1.4	1.8	0.7	1.2	0.9
Refused	0.2		1.8	0.1	0.4	0.3
Don't know	0.5	2.7		0.6	0.9	0.8

**Q90. Some people think that because traditional leaders are not elected, they are bad for democracy, but other people think that traditional leaders can work together with elected leaders to make democracy work better. What about you? Do you think that traditional leaders strengthen democracy, weaken democracy, or don't make a difference?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Weaken democracy	14.0	10.5	10.7	13.6	13.1	13.4
Don't make a difference	38.0	45.2	44.9	40.5	38.0	39.2
Strengthen democracy	46.2	40.8	44.4	45.0	45.7	45.3
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.9	2.9		0.9	3.0	2.0



# Corruption

Also see questions in “Public services and government performance” about:

- Government performance in fighting corruption, Q50
- Bribe-paying for public services, Q44

**Q42A. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The president and officials in his office?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	10.8	7.8	6.8	8.7	11.7	10.2
Some of them	37.6	36.8	39.7	37.4	37.8	37.6
Most of them	17.9	20.6	15.0	18.5	17.8	18.1
All of them	21.4	25.3	26.5	24.9	19.3	22.1
Refused	0.9		1.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Don't know	11.5	9.6	10.2	9.7	12.6	11.1

**Q42B. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Members of Parliament?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	14.7	5.6	5.0	11.3	14.8	13.0
Some of them	43.7	56.0	35.0	46.0	44.0	45.0
Most of them	21.8	18.7	40.1	24.3	19.9	22.1
All of them	11.4	12.5	6.7	11.0	11.7	11.3
Refused	0.4		1.8	0.3	0.5	0.4
Don't know	8.1	7.2	11.4	7.1	9.2	8.1

**Q42C. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Civil servants?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	10.8	4.0	1.8	7.3	11.7	9.5
Some of them	48.4	55.8	45.1	47.3	51.3	49.3
Most of them	24.3	23.6	35.3	28.5	20.7	24.6
All of them	9.6	11.7	9.3	11.3	8.5	9.9
Refused	0.4			0.1	0.5	0.3
Don't know	6.5	4.8	8.5	5.5	7.3	6.4

**Q42D. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Members of your district council?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	15.7	7.0	9.7	12.4	16.1	14.2
Some of them	47.8	50.9	46.5	48.9	47.5	48.2
Most of them	19.7	19.1	24.8	20.6	19.1	19.8
All of them	9.1	14.2	8.8	11.0	8.5	9.8
Refused	0.4		1.8	0.3	0.5	0.4

Don't know	7.3	8.8	8.5	6.9	8.2	7.6
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**Q42E. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Police?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	12.9	6.3	4.7	9.3	14.1	11.7
Some of them	32.9	35.1	46.5	32.4	35.0	33.7
Most of them	30.9	36.6	28.5	37.0	26.2	31.6
All of them	18.1	17.8	13.6	17.7	18.0	17.9
Refused	0.4			0.1	0.5	0.3
Don't know	4.8	4.3	6.7	3.3	6.2	4.8

**Q42F. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Judges and magistrates?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	16.5	11.6	9.7	14.3	16.8	15.5
Some of them	46.8	57.4	46.4	50.6	45.9	48.3
Most of them	19.5	15.1	24.7	20.2	18.1	19.1
All of them	10.1	11.0	12.5	10.6	10.0	10.3
Refused	0.4			0.1	0.5	0.3
Don't know	6.6	4.9	6.7	4.1	8.7	6.4

**Q42G. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Tax officials, like officials from the Malawi Revenue Authority?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	13.4	6.1	12.7	11.0	13.8	12.4
Some of them	43.4	47.7	29.7	47.2	39.7	43.4
Most of them	21.1	22.0	31.1	21.3	22.0	21.6
All of them	11.6	17.3	15.2	13.2	11.8	12.5
Refused	0.5			0.4	0.5	0.5
Don't know	10.0	6.8	11.3	6.9	12.2	9.6

**Q42H. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Traditional leaders?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	19.8	11.9	17.3	16.4	20.8	18.6
Some of them	43.9	51.5	46.3	46.3	43.8	45.1
Most of them	22.9	19.5	26.9	24.0	21.2	22.6
All of them	10.5	16.1	4.6	10.1	11.9	11.0
Refused	0.2				0.3	0.1
Don't know	2.8	1.0	5.0	3.2	2.0	2.6

**Q42I. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Religious leaders?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None	29.4	19.3	22.9	26.8	28.6	27.7
Some of them	52.0	64.2	59.9	52.5	55.5	54.0
Most of them	11.6	10.3	12.3	13.3	9.7	11.5
All of them	3.5	3.9		3.4	3.4	3.4
Refused	0.2				0.3	0.1
Don't know	3.4	2.3	5.0	4.0	2.5	3.3

**Q43A. In your opinion, over the past year, has the level of corruption in this country increased, decreased, or stayed the same?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Increased a lot	56.3	65.6	50.3	59.2	55.4	57.3
Increased somewhat	8.8	13.0	14.5	8.2	11.1	9.6
Stayed the same	16.5	14.3	19.0	17.0	15.5	16.3
Decreased somewhat	14.2	7.1	10.5	12.6	13.5	13.0
Decreased a lot	0.5			0.2	0.6	0.4
Refused	0.3			0.1	0.3	0.2
Don't know	3.6		5.7	2.7	3.7	3.2

**Q43B. In this country, can ordinary people report incidents of corruption without fear, or do they risk retaliation or other negative consequences if they speak out?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Can report without fear	16.8	12.9	24.2	19.1	14.0	16.5
Risk retaliation	81.6	86.6	71.8	79.9	83.9	81.9
Don't know	1.6	0.5	4.0	1.0	2.1	1.5



# Public services and government performance

See related questions in the sections on “Respondents and their households” (about electricity at the household level) and “Institutions and leaders”

Now I would like to talk to you about experiences that some people have in accessing certain essential government services.

**Q44A. In the past 12 months, have you had contact with a public school?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	77.6	74.1	66.3	75.9	77.5	76.7
Yes	22.4	25.5	33.7	24.1	22.4	23.3
Don't know		0.5			0.1	0.1

**Q44B. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the services you needed from teachers or school officials?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	5.7	4.2	8.6	5.2	6.1	5.6
Easy	6.6	5.2	15.4	7.7	5.9	6.8
Difficult	6.7	7.1	4.7	6.9	6.4	6.7
Very difficult	3.2	9.0	5.0	4.1	4.1	4.1
Not applicable	77.6	74.5	66.3	75.9	77.6	76.7
Don't know	0.2			0.3		0.1

**Q44C. And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a teacher or school official in order to get the services you needed from the schools?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	17.8	15.7	21.8	18.7	16.7	17.7
Once or twice	2.2	7.5	11.9	2.7	3.9	3.3
A few times	1.0	1.7		1.5	0.5	1.0
Often	1.4	0.5		1.2	1.3	1.2
Not applicable	77.6	74.5	66.3	75.9	77.6	76.7

**Q44D. In the past 12 months, have you had contact with a public clinic or hospital?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	28.1	32.9	13.3	34.5	21.8	28.2
Yes	71.9	67.1	86.7	65.5	78.2	71.8

**Q44E. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the medical care you needed?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	11.5	4.3	13.4	9.9	11.3	10.6
Easy	22.1	12.9	16.1	17.4	23.9	20.6
Difficult	18.4	15.7	24.2	17.6	19.0	18.3
Very difficult	19.7	34.1	33.0	20.6	23.9	22.3
Not applicable	28.1	32.9	13.3	34.5	21.8	28.2
Don't know	0.1				0.2	0.1

**Q44F. And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a health worker or clinic or hospital staff in order to get the medical care you needed?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	61.6	55.9	75.2	54.9	67.7	61.3
Once or twice	4.8	5.4	7.8	6.0	4.0	5.0
A few times	3.5	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.8	3.4
Often	2.0	2.9	1.0	1.6	2.6	2.1
Not applicable	28.1	32.9	13.3	34.5	21.8	28.2

**Q44G. In the past 12 months, have you tried to get an identity document like a birth certificate, driver's license, passport or voter's card, or permit from government?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	56.6	57.2	62.5	55.9	58.0	56.9
Yes	43.3	42.8	35.3	43.9	41.8	42.9
Don't know	0.1		2.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

**Q44H. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the document you needed?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	15.4	9.8	5.8	15.2	13.2	14.2
Easy	18.6	14.9	11.6	18.2	17.4	17.8
Difficult	5.9	12.9	9.3	5.7	8.2	7.0
Very difficult	3.5	5.2	8.5	4.8	3.0	3.9
Not applicable	56.7	57.2	64.7	56.1	58.2	57.1

**Q44I. And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a government official in order to get the document you needed?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	38.5	36.2	23.3	36.8	38.3	37.5
Once or twice	3.1	4.4	3.0	4.7	1.8	3.3
A few times	0.5	1.7	2.8	1.3	0.2	0.8
Often	1.2	0.6	6.2	1.1	1.6	1.3
Not applicable	56.7	57.2	64.7	56.1	58.2	57.1

**Q44J. In the past 12 months, have you requested assistance from the police?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	93.9	89.4	80.4	92.4	93.1	92.8
Yes	5.9	10.6	19.6	7.6	6.6	7.1
Don't know	0.2				0.3	0.1

**Q44K. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the assistance you needed**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	0.9	1.0	3.5	1.4	0.7	1.0
Easy	1.4	1.5	4.0	1.4	1.6	1.5
Difficult	1.7	2.8	6.5	1.7	2.4	2.1
Very difficult	1.9	5.2	5.7	3.1	1.9	2.5
Not applicable	94.1	89.4	80.4	92.4	93.4	92.9

**Q44L. And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a police officer in order to get the assistance you needed?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	3.6	5.8	13.9	5.1	3.5	4.3
Once or twice	0.8	3.8	5.7	1.1	1.7	1.4
A few times	0.9			0.7	0.8	0.8
Often	0.6	0.9		0.7	0.6	0.6
Not applicable	94.1	89.4	80.4	92.4	93.4	92.9

**Q44M. In the past 12 months, how often have you encountered the police in other situations, like at checkpoints, during identity checks or traffic stops, or during an investigation?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	69.4	48.6	57.5	59.9	72.3	66.1
Once or twice	8.9	10.3	13.6	9.6	9.0	9.3
A few times	10.2	10.1	14.3	12.0	8.7	10.3
Often	11.4	31.0	14.5	18.5	10.1	14.3

**Q44N. How often, if ever did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a police officer in order to avoid a problem during one of these encounters?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	20.8	37.6	31.6	25.6	21.5	23.6
Once or twice	3.2	2.1	4.7	4.3	1.8	3.1
A few times	2.5	4.3	4.4	4.2	1.5	2.8
Often	4.1	7.5	1.8	6.1	2.8	4.4
Not applicable	69.4	48.6	57.5	59.9	72.3	66.1

Now let's speak about the performance of the present government of this country.

**Q50A. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Managing the economy?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	41.0	36.9	28.2	40.7	39.1	39.9
Fairly badly	31.6	46.9	33.6	31.5	36.1	33.8
Fairly well	21.0	13.5	27.1	20.7	19.8	20.2
Very well	3.8	1.2	2.8	3.6	3.2	3.4
Refused	0.1		3.5	0.4		0.2
Don't know	2.4	1.5	4.7	3.1	1.8	2.4

**Q50B. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Improving the living standards of the poor?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	40.7	35.3	39.7	42.4	37.4	39.9
Fairly badly	29.6	44.5	28.2	31.1	32.1	31.6
Fairly well	24.0	16.5	24.5	21.1	24.8	23.0
Very well	4.6	3.2	5.8	4.4	4.5	4.5
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	1.1	0.5		0.8	1.2	1.0

**Q50C. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Creating jobs?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	40.0	42.4	43.9	42.8	38.1	40.5
Fairly badly	34.3	39.5	30.8	33.1	36.6	34.9
Fairly well	19.8	13.7	20.6	19.1	18.8	19.0
Very well	3.8	3.5	3.0	3.1	4.4	3.8
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	2.1	1.0		1.8	2.0	1.9

**Q50D. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Keeping prices stable?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	43.9	40.1	30.5	44.6	41.0	42.8
Fairly badly	33.6	41.0	42.6	31.3	38.6	34.9
Fairly well	18.5	17.0	20.4	20.4	16.3	18.4
Very well	2.9	2.0	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	1.1		1.8	0.8	1.2	1.0

**Q50E. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Narrowing gaps between rich and poor?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	38.7	36.7	40.6	41.5	35.6	38.5
Fairly badly	40.3	48.7	33.2	40.6	41.8	41.2
Fairly well	16.5	11.7	19.9	14.5	17.4	16.0
Very well	2.1	1.6		1.0	2.9	2.0
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	2.4	1.4	4.6	2.3	2.4	2.3

**Q50F. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Reducing crime?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	34.2	31.4	29.8	32.9	34.4	33.6
Fairly badly	29.1	33.4	29.2	28.2	31.3	29.7
Fairly well	29.5	32.0	34.6	32.2	27.9	30.0
Very well	6.2	2.8	4.7	6.0	5.4	5.7
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	1.0	0.5		0.6	1.1	0.9

**Q50G. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Improving basic health services?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	25.6	25.7	32.1	25.7	26.1	25.9
Fairly badly	24.3	31.5	29.4	23.8	27.2	25.5
Fairly well	39.2	38.9	25.1	41.3	35.9	38.6
Very well	10.1	2.3	6.9	8.3	9.4	8.9
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	0.8	1.5	4.7	0.7	1.3	1.0

**Q50H. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Addressing educational needs?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	26.2	29.1	28.3	27.7	25.7	26.7
Fairly badly	26.4	30.5	30.2	26.8	27.4	27.1
Fairly well	36.7	36.4	31.0	35.5	37.4	36.5
Very well	9.7	4.0	5.8	9.3	8.2	8.8
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	0.9		3.0	0.4	1.3	0.9

**Q50I. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Providing water and sanitation services?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	23.4	14.1	14.6	22.8	20.8	21.8
Fairly badly	22.4	31.8	21.0	22.6	24.7	23.7
Fairly well	40.7	46.5	49.3	41.1	42.5	41.8
Very well	13.3	7.2	13.3	13.1	11.8	12.4
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	0.2	0.4		0.3	0.2	0.2

**Q50J. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Fighting corruption in government?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	42.9	48.1	47.6	45.4	42.2	43.8
Fairly badly	25.2	32.0	23.8	25.3	26.8	26.1
Fairly well	23.9	13.5	18.0	22.7	21.8	22.2
Very well	4.5	3.6	5.8	4.3	4.6	4.4
Refused	0.1	0.8	1.8	0.3	0.2	0.2
Don't know	3.4	2.0	3.0	2.0	4.4	3.2

**Q50K. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Maintaining roads and bridges?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	24.3	9.9	15.0	22.8	21.0	21.9
Fairly badly	20.0	15.7	19.7	17.3	21.5	19.4
Fairly well	42.3	66.2	47.4	47.5	44.1	45.8
Very well	12.8	7.2	16.2	12.0	12.3	12.2
Refused	0.1		1.8	0.3		0.2
Don't know	0.4	1.1			1.0	0.5

**Q50L. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Providing a reliable supply of electricity?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	31.7	25.2	18.5	31.9	28.8	30.3
Fairly badly	26.2	31.7	37.4	29.4	25.5	27.4
Fairly well	32.0	40.0	28.4	31.0	35.0	33.0
Very well	7.6	2.7	11.0	6.4	7.7	7.1
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	2.4	0.4	3.0	1.1	3.1	2.1

**Q50M. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Preventing or resolving violent conflict?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	26.1	21.9	22.0	27.0	23.7	25.4
Fairly badly	30.4	32.2	29.9	29.3	31.9	30.6
Fairly well	34.0	40.7	42.5	35.0	35.5	35.3
Very well	7.2	4.2	2.8	6.6	6.6	6.6
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	2.3	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.2	2.1

**Q50N. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Addressing the needs of young people?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	34.6	35.8	38.3	37.7	32.1	34.9
Fairly badly	29.6	33.1	21.5	29.0	30.6	29.8
Fairly well	28.7	27.8	33.7	26.1	31.4	28.8
Very well	5.8	1.8	3.0	5.9	4.3	5.1
Refused	0.1		1.8	0.3		0.1
Don't know	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.5	1.3

**Q50O. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Protecting rights and promoting opportunities for disabled people?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	25.8	16.3	20.7	26.7	21.9	24.3
Fairly badly	24.9	33.3	25.2	26.6	25.5	26.1
Fairly well	35.4	39.4	42.5	33.4	39.1	36.2
Very well	10.9	4.4	9.9	9.8	10.1	9.9
Refused	0.3		1.8	0.3	0.2	0.3
Don't know	2.8	6.6		3.2	3.3	3.2

# Taxation

Also see Q95B under “Economic life” and Q42G under “Corruption”

**Q39A. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: The tax authorities always have the right to make people pay taxes?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	48.7	32.7	37.5	42.6	49.4	46.0
Disagree	12.3	24.6	10.5	13.2	14.6	13.9
Neither agree nor disagree	1.5	1.5	2.8	2.1	1.0	1.5
Agree	15.5	22.2	21.9	17.2	16.1	16.7
Strongly agree	20.3	19.1	24.3	24.0	16.5	20.3
Don't know	1.8		3.0	0.8	2.4	1.6

**Q45. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: It is better to pay higher taxes if it means that there will be more services provided by government.**

**Statement 2: It is better to pay lower taxes, even if it means there will be fewer services provided by government.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	33.2	32.5	29.9	35.9	30.1	33.0
Agree with 1	10.3	14.5	12.5	9.3	12.7	11.0
Agree with 2	8.9	7.3	11.4	7.8	9.8	8.8
Agree very strongly with 2	45.0	39.9	40.5	44.9	43.4	44.1
Agree with neither	0.9	5.2	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.5
Refused	0.4	0.6			0.8	0.4
Don't know	1.2		4.0	0.3	2.0	1.2

**Q46A. Based on your experience, how easy or difficult is it to do each of the following: To find out what taxes and fees you are supposed to pay to the government?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	3.1	3.3	2.8	3.9	2.4	3.2
Easy	6.8	4.3	13.8	7.1	6.4	6.7
Difficult	27.5	37.6	28.2	28.5	29.4	28.9
Very difficult	57.0	52.8	51.1	57.6	54.8	56.2
Refused	0.1	0.6		0.1	0.2	0.1
Don't know	5.5	1.3	4.0	2.8	6.9	4.9



**Q46B. Based on your experience, how easy or difficult is it to do each of the following: To find out how government uses the revenues from people's taxes and fees?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	2.9	1.8	6.8	3.6	2.3	2.9
Easy	5.1	3.4	7.7	6.6	3.5	5.0
Difficult	22.0	31.0	18.1	20.7	25.5	23.1
Very difficult	65.0	63.2	61.7	66.7	62.5	64.6
Refused	0.1	0.6			0.3	0.2
Don't know	4.9		5.7	2.5	6.0	4.2

**Q46C. Do you think that the amount of taxes that ordinary people in Malawi are required to pay to the government is too little, too much, or about the right amount?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Far too little	4.7	2.6	12.6	5.4	4.0	4.7
Somewhat too little	10.0	7.5	17.8	7.0	13.0	10.0
About the right amount	23.0	17.8	22.1	24.1	20.4	22.2
Somewhat too much	22.2	26.5	10.6	22.3	22.3	22.3
Far too much	28.6	36.6	28.2	33.9	25.5	29.7
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	11.5	8.4	8.7	7.3	14.6	11.0

**Q46D. Do you think that the amount of taxes that rich people in Malawi are required to pay to the government is too little, too much, or about the right amount?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Far too little	8.0	7.1	9.6	9.1	6.9	8.0
Somewhat too little	12.4	14.7	25.0	13.8	12.6	13.2
About the right amount	25.5	32.3	28.6	27.8	25.3	26.6
Somewhat too much	21.0	18.9	11.9	19.4	21.4	20.4
Far too much	17.0	13.2	13.3	19.1	13.7	16.4
Don't know	15.9	13.2	11.6	10.9	19.7	15.3
Refused	0.1	0.6			0.4	0.2

**Q47A. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Government should make sure small traders and other people working in the informal sector pay taxes on their businesses?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	60.3	47.8	55.6	57.9	58.9	58.4
Disagree	9.3	23.0	2.8	9.6	12.3	10.9
Neither agree or disagree	0.7	3.1	1.8	0.7	1.4	1.1
Agree	12.9	11.6	13.3	12.1	13.4	12.7
Strongly agree	16.2	13.1	21.8	19.5	12.5	16.0
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.6	0.7	4.7	0.2	1.3	0.8

**Q47B. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: It is fair to tax rich people at a higher rate than ordinary people in order to help pay for government programs to benefit the poor?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	14.8	13.6	14.9	16.2	13.0	14.6
Disagree	3.9	3.7	18.2	3.3	5.5	4.4
Neither agree or disagree	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.5
Agree	20.6	25.3	11.7	19.4	22.3	20.9
Strongly agree	57.6	53.9	49.4	58.1	55.4	56.7
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.7	0.5	3.0	0.3	1.2	0.8

**Q47C. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: The government usually uses the tax revenues it collects for the well-being of citizens?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	15.4	12.1	40.7	15.6	16.4	16.0
Disagree	7.0	11.0	4.7	7.0	7.9	7.4
Neither agree or disagree	1.7	3.8		1.8	2.0	1.9
Agree	29.3	39.0	18.2	29.9	30.4	30.2
Strongly agree	41.7	27.9	30.6	43.3	35.3	39.3
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	5.0	5.5	5.7	2.3	7.8	5.1

**Q47D. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do people avoid paying the taxes that they owe the government?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	21.2	10.2	18.2	16.3	22.9	19.6
Rarely	36.0	33.0	35.8	38.1	33.1	35.6
Often	27.8	46.5	33.5	33.1	28.1	30.6
Always	8.2	5.4	8.6	9.2	6.5	7.9
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	6.8	4.2	4.0	3.3	9.3	6.3

# Identity and society

**Q82B. Let us suppose that you had to choose between being a Malawi and being a \_\_\_\_\_ [R's ethnic group]. Which of the following statements best expresses your feelings?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
I feel only (ethnic group)	15.5	10.7	6.0	13.6	15.3	14.4
I feel more (ethnic group) than (national identity)	2.8	0.6	9.8	2.5	3.0	2.8
I feel equally (national identity) and (ethnic group)	49.1	54.8	44.0	47.7	51.6	49.7
I feel more (national identity) than (ethnic group)	4.6	5.5	6.6	4.9	4.7	4.8
I feel only (national identity)	27.7	27.0	31.9	30.4	25.1	27.8
Not applicable	0.4	0.9		0.7	0.1	0.4
Refused			1.8	0.1		0.1
Don't know	0.0	0.4			0.2	0.1

**Q82C. Do you feel comfortable speaking your mother tongue in public?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	6.6	7.6	14.5	8.3	5.8	7.0
Yes	91.8	88.7	81.0	89.2	92.7	91.0
Not applicable	1.6	2.8	3.5	2.3	1.4	1.8
Don't know		0.9	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2

**Q82D. Do you feel comfortable wearing your traditional or cultural dress in public?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	10.2	17.3	12.8	11.0	11.6	11.3
Yes	84.1	79.1	85.4	84.2	82.7	83.5
Not applicable	5.2	2.7		4.3	5.0	4.7
Refused	0.1			0.1		0.1
Don't know	0.4	0.9	1.8	0.4	0.7	0.5

**Q82A. How often, if ever, are \_\_\_\_\_ s [R's ethnic group] treated unfairly by the government?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	46.7	45.2	43.2	43.5	49.2	46.3
Sometimes	23.0	23.8	24.3	25.0	21.3	23.1
Often	18.7	18.4	27.5	19.3	18.7	19.0
Always	8.8	6.9	5.0	9.5	7.3	8.4
Not applicable	0.4	0.9		0.7	0.1	0.4
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	2.3	4.8		1.7	3.4	2.6

**Q98B. How often, if ever, are \_\_\_\_\_s [R's religious group] treated unfairly by the government?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	69.4	66.8	69.8	64.8	73.3	69.1
Sometimes	11.8	15.8	11.6	13.0	11.6	12.3
Often	8.5	6.5	10.3	9.2	7.4	8.3
Always	4.4	2.7	5.5	4.4	4.1	4.2
Not applicable	3.0	1.1		4.8	0.4	2.6
Don't know	2.9	7.2	2.8	3.9	3.1	3.5

**Q84A. In the past year, how often, if ever, have you personally been treated unfairly by other Malawi based on: Your economic status, that is, how rich or poor you are?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	47.9	45.9	52.6	45.9	49.7	47.8
Once or twice	13.1	18.8	18.9	16.0	12.3	14.1
Several times	20.4	15.1	10.4	20.2	18.3	19.3
Many times	18.5	20.3	18.1	17.9	19.5	18.7
Don't know	0.1				0.2	0.1

**Q84B. In the past year, how often, if ever, have you personally been treated unfairly by other Malawi based on: Your religion?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	76.8	78.3	84.4	74.6	79.9	77.3
Once or twice	8.0	8.1	4.7	8.4	7.4	7.9
Several times	7.7	3.5	6.2	7.9	6.2	7.1
Many times	7.4	10.1	4.7	8.9	6.5	7.7
Don't know	0.1			0.2		0.1

**Q84C. In the past year, how often, if ever, have you personally been treated unfairly by other Malawi based on: Your ethnicity?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	77.3	70.5	78.6	72.7	80.2	76.4
Once or twice	6.1	14.2	5.3	7.8	6.5	7.2
Several times	8.6	7.4	12.6	9.2	8.0	8.6
Many times	7.8	7.8	3.5	10.0	5.3	7.6
Don't know	0.2			0.3		0.1

**Q68. Which of the following statements is closest to your own opinion?**

**Statement 1: Communities are stronger when they are made up of people from different ethnic groups, races, or religions.**

**Statement 2: Communities are stronger when they are made up of people who are similar to each other, that is, people from the same ethnic group, race, or religion.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	40.2	27.6	41.5	40.1	36.8	38.5
Agree with 1	8.1	15.6	4.6	7.4	10.5	9.0
Agree with 2	7.9	12.2	15.7	8.8	8.8	8.8
Agree very strongly with 2	39.9	39.0	29.7	39.6	39.2	39.4
Agree with neither	2.5	5.6	4.5	3.2	2.8	3.0
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	1.3		4.0	0.5	1.9	1.2

**Q85. Malawians are very diverse. They come from different religions, ethnic groups, political parties, and economic and social backgrounds. Overall, would you say that there is more that unites all Malawi as one people, or more that divides them?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Much more that divides us	42.3	47.4	44.8	44.1	42.1	43.1
Somewhat more that divides us	8.2	8.4	7.7	9.5	7.0	8.2
Somewhat more that unites us	8.0	8.2	7.4	6.4	9.6	8.0
Much more that unites us	40.0	35.3	36.4	38.2	40.2	39.2
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	1.4	0.7	3.8	1.7	1.1	1.4

**Q86A. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People of a different religion?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly dislike	3.8	4.1		3.6	3.8	3.7
Somewhat Dislike	5.3	4.2	4.0	5.1	5.1	5.1
Would not care	5.3	13.6	4.6	7.3	5.6	6.4
Somewhat like	22.1	30.5	20.4	21.5	24.9	23.2
Strongly like	63.1	47.5	69.3	62.3	60.1	61.2
Don't know	0.4		1.8	0.3	0.5	0.4

**Q86B. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People from other ethnic groups?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly dislike	4.4	1.9	2.8	3.0	5.0	4.0
Somewhat dislike	7.0	6.2	2.8	4.0	9.4	6.7
Would not care	4.0	12.3	6.9	5.4	5.2	5.3
Somewhat like	22.9	35.7	17.9	23.5	25.5	24.5
Strongly like	61.3	44.0	69.5	63.8	54.7	59.2
Refused	0.1			0.1	0.1	0.1
Don't know	0.2			0.3	0.1	0.2

**Q86C. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: Homosexuals?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly dislike	88.7	85.1	91.8	90.5	86.2	88.4
Somewhat dislike	5.3	8.8	1.8	4.6	6.6	5.6
Would not care	1.2	4.9	1.8	1.1	2.4	1.8
Somewhat like	2.2	1.2		2.5	1.5	2.0
Strongly like	2.1		4.7	0.7	3.0	1.9
Don't know	0.5			0.5	0.2	0.4

**Q86D. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: Immigrants or foreign workers?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly dislike	15.8	11.1	16.1	13.6	16.7	15.1
Somewhat dislike	8.7	19.3	7.3	8.9	11.3	10.1
Would not care	7.1	17.3	11.3	9.4	8.0	8.7
Somewhat like	26.6	27.9	27.2	27.2	26.4	26.8
Strongly like	41.1	24.4	38.1	40.3	37.2	38.7
Don't know	0.7			0.7	0.5	0.6

**Q86E. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People who support a different political party?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly dislike	14.7	9.4	7.0	12.8	14.5	13.6
Somewhat dislike	10.3	13.6	1.8	8.2	12.7	10.4
Would not care	7.0	17.3	8.0	8.7	8.2	8.4
Somewhat like	24.5	30.7	27.0	25.6	25.3	25.4
Strongly like	43.2	28.5	56.2	44.6	38.8	41.7
Refused	0.1	0.6			0.3	0.2
Don't know	0.3			0.2	0.2	0.2

**Q83. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you must be very careful in dealing with people?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Must be very careful	86.5	88.4	89.2	87.2	86.6	86.9
Most people can be trusted	13.0	11.6	10.8	12.6	12.8	12.7
Don't know	0.5			0.2	0.6	0.4

## Crime and security

**Q8A. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Felt unsafe walking in your neighbourhood?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	52.5	45.1	62.6	51.1	52.7	51.9
Just once or twice	16.2	16.7	11.0	17.6	14.5	16.0
Several times	18.3	24.2	11.7	17.5	20.2	18.9
Many times	8.3	10.7	12.0	9.9	7.7	8.8
Always	4.2	3.2	2.8	3.5	4.6	4.0
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.3			0.2	0.3	0.3

**Q8B. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Feared crime in your own home?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	65.4	59.4	67.9	65.2	64.2	64.7
Just once or twice	13.6	17.0	20.7	14.1	14.5	14.3
Several times	10.6	16.4	5.4	10.8	11.5	11.2
Many times	6.5	5.1	6.0	7.2	5.4	6.3
Always	3.6	2.0		2.3	4.2	3.3
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.1			0.1	0.1	0.1

**Q54A. In any society, people will sometimes disagree with one another. These disagreements occasionally escalate into physical violence. Please tell me whether, in the past two years, you have ever personally feared any of the following types of violence. [If "Yes":] Have you actually personally experienced this type of violence in the past two years: Violence among people in your neighbourhood or village?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, never	62.6	52.6	63.0	61.4	61.1	61.2
Yes, feared but didn't experience	24.1	32.9	26.3	26.3	24.4	25.4
Yes, feared and experienced	13.3	13.8	10.7	12.1	14.4	13.2
Don't know	0.1	0.7		0.2	0.2	0.2

**Q54B. In any society, people will sometimes disagree with one another. These disagreements occasionally escalate into physical violence. Please tell me whether, in the past two years, you have ever personally feared any of the following types of violence. [If "Yes":] Have you actually personally experienced this type of violence in the past two years: Violence at a political rally or public protest?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No, never	59.5	40.0	57.4	56.9	56.4	56.7
Yes, feared but didn't experience	23.5	42.3	25.7	25.3	27.1	26.2
Yes, feared and experienced	16.4	15.3	16.9	17.2	15.4	16.3
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.6	1.8		0.6	0.9	0.7

## Climate change

**Q72A. Have you heard about climate change, or haven't you had the chance to hear about this yet?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	27.9	16.5	14.6	18.0	33.5	25.8
Yes	70.0	78.8	80.3	80.3	62.9	71.6
Don't know	2.1	4.7	5.2	1.7	3.5	2.6

**Q72B. Do you think climate change is making life in Malawi better or worse, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Much better	4.1	1.9	5.0	4.5	3.1	3.8
Somewhat better	6.4	6.7	3.0	5.8	6.9	6.3
Neither/ no change / about the same	1.7	1.1	4.4	1.8	1.7	1.7
Somewhat worse	10.8	15.7	12.2	12.2	10.9	11.6
Much worse	45.6	50.4	49.1	54.2	38.7	46.4
Not applicable	30.0	21.2	19.7	19.7	37.1	28.4
Don't know	1.3	3.0	6.6	1.8	1.7	1.7



# Media and access to information

Also see Q92 on radio/TV/mobile phone ownership and access to the Internet under “Respondents and their households” and Q16A on media coverage in election campaigns under “Elections.”

Now let us talk about the media and how you get information about politics and other issues.

## Q55A. How often do you get news from the following sources: Radio?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	26.4	14.5	5.0	15.4	32.3	23.9
Less than once a month	5.9	2.8	1.0	3.8	6.8	5.3
A few times a month	11.2	6.5	15.7	9.9	11.6	10.8
A few times a week	24.7	29.1	31.1	27.3	23.9	25.6
Every day	31.7	47.1	47.3	43.6	25.4	34.5

## Q55B. How often do you get news from the following sources: Television?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	84.4	50.3	43.8	74.2	82.0	78.1
Less than once a month	4.1	5.5	5.8	4.7	4.1	4.4
A few times a month	3.3	5.6	16.5	5.3	3.0	4.1
A few times a week	4.9	16.7	7.9	7.5	5.9	6.7
Every day	2.9	21.9	23.2	7.7	5.0	6.4
Refused			2.8	0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.3			0.5		0.2

## Q55C. How often do you get news from the following sources: Print newspapers?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	80.1	58.2	53.2	70.1	82.0	76.0
Less than once a month	8.4	12.9	4.7	8.4	9.3	8.9
A few times a month	6.5	10.6	20.4	11.2	4.1	7.7
A few times a week	3.9	12.6	18.2	7.8	3.6	5.7
Every day	0.8	5.7	3.5	2.2	1.0	1.6
Don't know	0.2			0.4		0.2

## Q55D. How often do you get news from the following sources: Internet?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	90.4	71.5	65.5	80.2	93.4	86.8
Less than once a month	3.3	1.4	1.8	4.3	1.6	3.0
A few times a month	0.7	2.5	2.8	1.8	0.4	1.1
A few times a week	1.6	9.4	18.3	5.3	1.4	3.3
Every day	3.3	15.2	11.6	7.7	2.8	5.3
Don't know	0.7			0.7	0.4	0.5

**Q55E. How often do you get news from the following sources: Social media such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, or others?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	83.2	54.5	62.0	70.3	86.5	78.4
Less than once a month	2.5	1.5		2.8	1.8	2.3
A few times a month	2.3	3.1	4.6	3.6	1.4	2.5
A few times a week	3.7	12.5	12.3	8.3	2.3	5.3
Every day	7.3	28.4	21.1	14.1	7.4	10.7
Refused	0.0			0.1		0.0
Don't know	1.0			0.9	0.7	0.8

**Q19B. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: The media should have the right to publish any views and ideas without government control.**

**Statement 2: The government should have the right to prevent the media from publishing things that it disapproves of.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	51.6	54.5	44.9	58.4	45.1	51.8
Agree with 1	8.2	14.2	8.7	7.8	10.3	9.0
Agree with 2	7.9	7.0	15.8	7.2	9.0	8.1
Agree very strongly with 2	30.6	22.8	27.1	24.7	34.1	29.4
Agree with neither	0.5	1.0	1.8	1.2	0.0	0.6
Refused	0.0				0.1	0.0
Don't know	1.1	0.6	1.8	0.7	1.4	1.1

**Q33. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: The news media should constantly investigate and report on government mistakes and corruption.**

**Statement 2: Too much reporting on negative events, like government mistakes and corruption, only harms the country.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	63.2	66.1	71.7	70.1	57.8	64.0
Agree with 1	8.9	8.7	6.8	6.0	11.7	8.8
Agree with 2	6.5	6.7	3.2	6.2	6.6	6.4
Agree very strongly with 2	19.9	18.1	11.4	16.7	22.0	19.3
Agree with neither	0.5		3.0	0.3	0.8	0.5
Refused	0.1	0.4			0.3	0.1
Don't know	0.7		4.0	0.7	0.9	0.8

**Q56. In your opinion, how free is the news media in this country to report and comment on the news without censorship or interference by the government?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Not at all free	5.7	6.4	7.6	6.6	5.0	5.8
Not very free	20.5	23.0	28.7	21.8	20.6	21.2
Somewhat free	22.0	25.2	22.4	22.1	22.7	22.4
Completely free	48.5	44.8	37.4	47.6	47.4	47.5
Refused	0.2				0.3	0.1
Don't know	3.2	0.6	4.0	1.8	4.0	2.9

**Q57A. Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: Government officials?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	20.7	15.0	5.5	19.5	19.2	19.3
Rarely	23.3	21.3	28.4	22.9	23.6	23.2
Sometimes	27.6	29.9	35.8	27.3	29.1	28.2
Often	22.6	28.0	19.8	25.8	20.8	23.3
Refused	0.2		1.8	0.1	0.3	0.2
Don't know	5.5	5.8	8.7	4.3	7.1	5.7

**Q57B. Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: Politicians and political parties?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	13.6	10.4	8.1	10.0	15.9	12.9
Rarely	20.4	22.5	31.4	23.0	19.3	21.1
Sometimes	27.5	19.7	27.0	24.2	28.6	26.4
Often	34.9	44.2	27.8	40.2	31.6	35.9
Refused	0.2				0.3	0.1
Don't know	3.4	3.3	5.7	2.6	4.4	3.5

**Q57C. Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: News media and journalists?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	32.5	25.6	24.8	32.7	29.7	31.2
Rarely	26.7	29.3	38.1	29.8	25.2	27.5
Sometimes	25.9	29.1	23.9	23.6	28.9	26.3
Often	11.1	9.8	9.2	10.5	11.1	10.8
Refused	0.2				0.3	0.1
Don't know	3.7	6.1	4.0	3.3	4.8	4.1

**Q57D. Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: Social media users?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	13.8	4.5	10.8	11.5	13.2	12.4
Rarely	13.8	13.7	7.9	13.0	14.0	13.5
Sometimes	19.9	15.8	26.5	20.6	18.6	19.6
Often	31.2	55.8	49.0	41.3	29.4	35.3
Refused	0.3			0.1	0.3	0.2
Don't know	21.0	10.2	5.7	13.4	24.4	18.9

**Q57E. Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: Activists and interest groups?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Never	35.1	36.7	21.1	36.0	33.5	34.8
Rarely	23.8	27.5	29.1	28.4	20.7	24.5
Sometimes	18.8	17.6	27.6	16.7	21.2	18.9
Often	11.1	9.9	16.5	10.8	11.5	11.2
Refused	0.2				0.3	0.1
Don't know	11.0	8.4	5.7	8.1	12.8	10.5

**Let's talk about whether the government should be able to limit the sharing of news, information, or opinions on radio and TV, in newspapers, or on the internet and social media.**

**Q58A. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News or information that is false?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	15.2	12.8	6.8	15.1	13.9	14.5
Disagree	7.7	10.7	11.9	9.0	7.6	8.3
Neither agree or disagree	1.1	0.9		1.2	0.8	1.0
Agree	25.2	37.3	19.7	25.6	27.7	26.6
Strongly agree	50.4	38.3	55.7	49.1	48.8	48.9
Don't know	0.5		5.8	0.1	1.2	0.6

**Q58B. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News, information, or opinions that the government disapproves of?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	37.4	38.1	46.2	43.5	32.3	37.9
Disagree	13.2	12.3	11.5	12.4	13.6	13.0
Neither agree or disagree	2.9	2.4		2.6	2.9	2.7
Agree	18.6	29.0	18.7	16.4	23.6	20.0
Strongly agree	26.3	17.8	18.8	24.1	25.6	24.9
Refused	0.4	0.4		0.2	0.5	0.4
Don't know	1.2		4.7	0.8	1.5	1.1

**Q58C. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News, information, or opinions that criticize or insult the president?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	32.8	28.6	20.1	33.3	30.1	31.7
Disagree	15.4	14.0	10.7	15.2	14.8	15.0
Neither agree or disagree	4.4	4.9	12.5	4.6	5.0	4.8
Agree	15.9	30.7	15.6	16.7	19.2	17.9
Strongly agree	30.1	20.4	36.3	28.7	29.3	29.0
Refused	0.1	1.0	1.8	0.6		0.3
Don't know	1.2	0.4	3.0	0.8	1.6	1.2

**Q58D. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: Hate speech, that is, news, information, or opinions designed to attack or vilify certain groups in society?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	17.3	19.6	20.9	19.5	16.1	17.8
Disagree	11.0	14.7	14.8	11.6	11.7	11.7
Neither agree or disagree	2.3	0.7	7.4	2.4	2.1	2.3
Agree	23.9	34.7	7.8	24.0	25.4	24.7
Strongly agree	44.1	29.9	46.2	41.9	42.6	42.3
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	1.2	0.5	3.0	0.4	2.0	1.2

**Q59A. Have you heard about social media, for example, Facebook, Twitter, and WhatsApp?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	45.5	24.1	17.5	34.0	48.8	41.4
Yes	49.2	74.7	79.7	61.7	46.2	53.9
Refused	0.1				0.1	0.1
Don't know	5.3	1.2	2.8	4.3	4.9	4.6

**Q59B. Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Makes people more informed about current events?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	1.8	2.3	2.0	2.5	1.2	1.8
Disagree	1.6	2.0		2.0	1.2	1.6
Neither agree or disagree	0.7	0.7	2.8	1.1	0.5	0.8
Agree	10.2	27.6	19.5	14.1	12.0	13.0
Strongly agree	34.3	41.6	55.4	41.4	30.8	36.1
Not applicable	50.8	25.3	20.3	38.3	53.8	46.1
Don't know	0.6	0.5		0.7	0.5	0.6

**Q59C. Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Makes people more likely to believe false news?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	7.1	8.3	10.1	7.7	7.0	7.3
Disagree	7.1	8.7		8.3	5.9	7.1
Neither agree or disagree	1.3	1.0	2.8	1.9	0.7	1.3
Agree	7.6	14.6	11.5	11.5	5.9	8.7
Strongly agree	25.5	41.0	55.3	31.2	26.4	28.8
Not applicable	50.8	25.3	20.3	38.3	53.8	46.1
Refused	0.1			0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.6	1.1		0.9	0.4	0.6

**Q59D. Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Helps people have more impact on political processes?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	6.0	7.0	15.5	6.0	7.0	6.5
Disagree	5.2	6.3	2.8	4.6	5.8	5.2
Neither agree or disagree	0.8	0.7	8.5	1.6	0.6	1.1
Agree	12.6	29.4	13.6	17.7	12.2	14.9
Strongly agree	23.5	29.7	39.3	30.7	19.3	25.0
Not applicable	50.8	25.3	20.3	38.3	53.8	46.1
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.1	1.1		1.1	1.1	1.1

**Q59E. Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Makes people more intolerant of those who have different political opinions?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	9.9	9.4	16.2	11.7	8.5	10.1
Disagree	7.0	11.7	9.0	7.7	7.7	7.7
Neither agree or disagree	1.4	1.0		1.3	1.2	1.3
Agree	10.9	25.1	10.4	15.8	9.8	12.8
Strongly agree	18.6	24.9	37.3	24.1	16.3	20.2
Not applicable	50.8	25.3	20.3	38.3	53.8	46.1
Refused		0.6			0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.5	2.0	6.8	1.1	2.5	1.8

**Q59F. Overall, do you think that the effects of social media on society are mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	6.3	13.1	7.5	8.3	6.4	7.3
Somewhat negative	7.9	7.2	13.4	8.3	7.7	8.0
Neither positive nor negative	4.4	13.3	12.5	6.9	4.9	5.9
Somewhat positive	8.5	15.3	20.5	11.4	8.4	9.9
Very positive	18.6	22.9	22.3	24.0	14.6	19.3
Not applicable	50.8	25.3	20.3	38.3	53.8	46.1
Don't know	3.5	2.9	3.5	2.8	4.1	3.4

**Q60. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Unrestricted access to the Internet and social media helps people to be more informed and active citizens, and should be protected.**

**Statement 2: Information shared on the Internet and social media is dividing Malawi, so access should be regulated by government.**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	29.0	29.2	33.8	31.1	27.3	29.2
Agree with 1	9.9	17.9	6.5	9.9	11.9	10.9
Agree with 2	8.4	12.0	5.0	8.9	8.6	8.7
Agree very strongly with 2	32.9	27.7	41.6	36.2	28.8	32.5
Agree with neither	2.6	2.4	7.6	1.3	4.2	2.7
Refused	0.8	0.5		0.4	1.0	0.7
Don't know	16.6	10.3	5.6	12.2	18.3	15.2

**Q39B. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: Information held by public authorities is only for use by government officials; it should not have to be shared with the public?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	65.2	56.8	66.3	65.1	63.1	64.1
Disagree	13.8	28.1	14.1	16.7	14.8	15.8
Neither agree or disagree	1.0			0.9	0.7	0.8
Agree	9.4	6.6	9.9	8.1	10.0	9.0
Strongly agree	8.6	7.0	4.9	7.6	8.9	8.3
Don't know	2.0	1.5	4.7	1.6	2.5	2.0

# Youth

See also Q50N under “Public services and government performance.”

**Note:** In addition to the youth-specific questions and responses included in this section, responses to all questions in the survey can be disaggregated by age group. Visit our free online data analysis facility at <http://afrobarometer.org/online-data-analysis/analyse-online>.

**Q23. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** In order for our country to do well, we should listen more to the wisdom of our elders.

**Statement 2:** In order for our country to do well, we should listen more to fresh ideas from young people.

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	60.7	49.5	48.8	53.8	63.6	58.7
Agree with 1	7.6	7.8	12.9	7.4	8.3	7.9
Agree with 2	2.5	7.5	1.8	3.8	2.6	3.2
Agree very strongly with 2	26.8	27.2	26.2	31.6	22.1	26.8
Agree with neither	1.7	6.9	10.3	2.5	3.1	2.8
Refused	0.4			0.6	0.1	0.4
Don't know	0.1	1.1		0.3	0.2	0.3

**Q49A. If the government decided to make people pay more taxes in order to support programs to help young people, would you support this decision or oppose it?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly oppose	16.9	27.6	14.3	20.9	15.7	18.3
Somewhat oppose	12.3	13.0	20.3	12.4	13.0	12.7
Neither support nor oppose	2.7	0.7	7.9	2.2	3.0	2.6
Somewhat support	16.4	12.9	16.5	12.9	18.9	15.9
Strongly support	50.1	42.4	38.2	50.5	46.6	48.5
It depends	0.4	2.1	2.8	0.6	1.0	0.8
Refused	0.2	0.6			0.4	0.2
Don't know	1.1	0.7		0.5	1.5	1.0

**Q49B. If the government could increase its spending on programs to help young people, which of the following areas do you think should be the highest priority for additional investment?**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
None of the above / Some other program	0.5	0.6		0.3	0.7	0.5
Job creation	28.1	32.3	32.2	24.7	33.0	28.9
Education	14.4	17.3	26.4	14.7	15.9	15.3
Jobs training	15.3	18.4	17.3	17.0	14.6	15.8
Business loans	35.8	28.6	19.4	36.9	31.3	34.1
Social services for youth	4.5	2.8	3.0	5.6	2.9	4.2
Government should not increase spending	0.6			0.5	0.5	0.5
Refused	0.0				0.0	0.0
Don't know	0.8		1.8	0.3	1.1	0.7



# Country-specific questions

Now, I would like to discuss with you certain events that have happened following the tri-partite elections that were held on 21 May 2019.

**Q76A\_MLW.** Compared with previous elections in Malawi that you are aware of, would you say that the quality of the May 2019 tri-partite elections was better, the same, or worse?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Much Worse	56.9	48.2	50.0	52.9	57.9	55.4
Worse	17.6	25.1	13.0	16.1	20.8	18.4
Same	5.6	4.5	15.5	6.8	4.8	5.8
Better	9.4	16.1	14.0	13.0	8.0	10.5
Much Better	9.5	4.8	4.7	9.9	7.4	8.7
Don't know /Not aware of any elections	1.1	1.3	2.8	1.2	1.2	1.2

**Q76B\_MLW.** Are you aware of the court case brought by MCP and UTM presidents challenging the validity of the 2019 presidential election results that were announced by the Malawi Electoral Commission?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	19.3	12.8	10.5	11.8	24.3	18.0
Yes	77.6	82.9	86.5	86.0	71.3	78.7
Refused to answer		1.1		0.1	0.2	0.2
Don't Know	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.1	4.2	3.1

**Q76C\_MLW.** If you are aware of the court cases, in your opinion, would you say that the MCP and UTM presidents are justified or not justified in challenging the election results in court?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Missing	22.4	17.1	13.5	14.0	28.7	21.3
Not justified at all	14.0	6.8	6.3	13.5	11.9	12.7
Not justified	11.4	10.9		10.2	11.6	10.9
Justified	10.6	17.2	32.0	11.7	12.9	12.3
Very justified	40.2	45.8	44.6	48.9	33.4	41.2
Refused to answer	0.1		1.8	0.3		0.2
Don't know	1.2	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.4

**Q77A\_MLW.** Are you aware of the demonstrations organized by Civil Society Organizations calling for the resignation of the Chairperson of the Malawi Electoral Commission, Justice Jane Ansah for her handling of the 2019 tri-partite elections?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	19.9	11.6	15.0	14.1	23.1	18.6
Yes	76.4	82.7	79.3	82.5	72.3	77.4
Refused to answer		0.6	1.8	0.1	0.2	0.2
Don't Know	3.7	5.2	4.0	3.3	4.5	3.9

**Q77B\_MLW.** If you are aware of the demonstrations, in your opinion, would you say the demonstrations that have been organized by Civil Society Organizations calling for the resignation of the Chairperson of the Malawi Electoral Commission, Justice Jane Anisah, for her handling of the 2019 elections are justified or not justified?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Missing	23.6	17.3	20.7	17.5	27.7	22.6
Not justified at all	15.7	8.6	17.5	15.6	14.0	14.8
Not justified	14.3	10.5	9.9	12.5	14.8	13.6
Justified	10.6	15.4	23.6	11.5	12.2	11.8
Very justified	32.9	46.1	27.3	41.1	28.0	34.5
Refused to answer	0.2	0.5		0.4		0.2
Don't know	2.7	1.5	1.0	1.5	3.4	2.4

**Q78-MLW.** It is sometimes said that some government departments and agencies perform their duties and functions as neutral bodies, guided only by law, while others make decisions that favour particular people, parties or interests.

**Q78A\_MLW.** Please tell me how Malawi Electoral Commission or MEC performs its duties?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Favours particular people, parties or interest	54.5	55.5	52.0	57.6	51.6	54.6
Performs duties as a neutral body	40.5	41.2	42.3	39.5	41.9	40.7
Refused	0.4	0.6	2.8	0.8	0.2	0.5
Don't know	4.5	2.7	3.0	2.2	6.2	4.2

**Q78B\_MLW.** Please tell me how the Malawi Police Service performs its duties

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Favours particular people, parties or interest	46.1	53.2	51.9	52.6	42.0	47.3
Performs duties as a neutral body	50.6	44.5	43.4	44.6	54.2	49.4
Refused	0.5		1.8	0.7	0.3	0.5
Don't know	2.8	2.3	3.0	2.0	3.5	2.7

**Q78C\_MLW.** Please tell me how the Malawi Defence Force performs its duties

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Favours particular people, parties or interest	17.3	15.0	11.5	15.0	18.5	16.8
Performs duties as a neutral body	78.7	81.2	77.2	82.1	75.8	78.9
Refused	0.6		1.8	0.8	0.3	0.6
Don't know	3.5	3.8	9.5	2.0	5.4	3.7

**Q78D\_MLW.** Please tell me how the Anti-Corruption Bureau performs its duties

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Favours particular people, parties or interest	35.2	32.6	31.3	39.0	30.3	34.7
Performs duties as a neutral body	54.7	58.7	61.3	53.9	57.2	55.5
Refused	0.6		1.8	0.8	0.4	0.6
Don't know	9.4	8.7	5.7	6.2	12.1	9.2

**Q78E\_MLW. Please tell me how the Malawi Broadcasting Corporation or MBC performs its duties**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Favours particular people, parties or interests	49.1	62.3	49.9	60.1	41.8	50.9
Performs duties as a neutral body	44.9	33.8	40.6	36.5	49.9	43.2
Refused	0.3		1.8	0.5	0.2	0.3
Don't know	5.7	3.9	7.8	3.0	8.1	5.5

**Q78F\_MLW. Please tell me how the Malawi Revenue Authority or MRA performs its duties**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Favours particular people, parties or interest	32.1	42.8	33.3	38.1	29.1	33.6
Performs duties as a neutral body	56.1	47.1	56.4	54.6	55.2	54.9
Refused	0.5		1.8	0.7	0.2	0.5
Don't know	11.3	10.1	8.5	6.6	15.5	11.1

**Q78G\_MLW. Please tell me how the Courts of law perform their duties**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Favours particular people, parties or interest	27.3	27.4	18.6	28.5	25.5	27.0
Performs duties as a neutral body	68.3	66.4	72.2	67.7	68.7	68.2
Refused	0.4		1.8	0.7	0.2	0.4
Don't know	3.9	6.2	7.5	3.2	5.6	4.4

**Q79A\_MLW. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement: The Chairperson of the Malawi Electoral Commission should resign for her handling of the 2019 elections**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	31.1	23.7	32.9	32.6	27.7	30.1
Disagree	9.2	10.9	7.7	9.1	9.7	9.4
Neither agree nor disagree	1.8	2.5	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.9
Agree	8.7	16.7	11.1	7.9	12.0	9.9
Strongly agree	43.6	40.3	38.7	44.0	42.0	43.0
Refused	1.3	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.5
Don't know	4.2	3.8	5.7	3.2	5.3	4.2

**Q79B\_MLW. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement: Malawi should adopt a federal system for equitable development**

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	68.3	54.5	66.2	68.6	64.1	66.3
Disagree	10.4	20.0	18.7	10.5	13.6	12.1
Neither agree nor disagree	0.4	1.1		0.4	0.6	0.5
Agree	5.0	10.8	2.2	5.2	6.1	5.6
Strongly agree	15.0	12.5	12.9	15.2	14.0	14.6
Refused	0.1	0.6			0.4	0.2
Don't know	0.8	0.5		0.2	1.2	0.7

**Q80a\_MLW.** In some countries, people pool money together so that when they need medical care, they use the money from the pool to pay for the health care. If something like this was put in place in this country, would you enroll?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No	31.5	27.4	43.7	31.7	31.1	31.4
Yes	67.0	70.0	48.4	66.3	67.1	66.7
Don't Know	1.5	2.5	7.9	2.0	1.8	1.9

**Q80B\_MLW.** If you would not enroll, which of the following reasons would make you not to enroll?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
I do not believe the money can be kept safely or managed properly	11.0	10.1	11.9	12.2	9.6	10.9
I and my family are too poor	14.2	6.5	17.6	11.8	14.7	13.2
I have never heard about this and would want to hear more first	4.2	7.1	8.5	4.9	4.6	4.8
We already have our own health insurance	0.6	0.3	5.7	1.1	0.4	0.7
Not Applicable	68.5	72.6	56.3	68.3	68.9	68.6
Other	0.9	1.7		1.2	0.7	1.0
Refused	0.4	0.8		0.4	0.4	0.4
Don't know	0.4	0.9		0.2	0.7	0.4

**Q80C\_MLW.** If you would not enroll, which of the following reasons would motivate you to enroll?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
It can reduce the burden on the patient or relations whenever medical care is required	35.0	33.0	27.4	34.2	34.6	34.4
It can help to cover for the cost of expensive medical care which an individual would otherwise struggle to pay	21.7	28.1	12.7	20.7	23.7	22.2
It can help to bring people together	9.6	8.9	8.3	10.7	8.2	9.5
Not Applicable	33.0	30.0	51.6	33.7	32.9	33.3
Other	0.2			0.4		0.2
Don't know	0.5			0.3	0.6	0.4

## Other

### Q100. Just one more question: Who do you think sent us to do this interview?

	Rural	Urban	Semi-urban	Male	Female	Total
No one	0.6		1.8	0.8	0.3	0.6
Afrobarometer	14.9	21.1	26.0	19.5	12.9	16.2
Research Company	5.9	5.0	2.8	7.6	3.8	5.7
Non-government or religious organization	9.2	11.0	23.4	12.0	8.0	10.0
University / School / College	1.8	9.7	5.7	3.4	2.7	3.1
Media	0.1			0.2	0.1	0.1
Political party or politician	2.4	2.8		2.1	2.6	2.3
Government	35.8	26.2	24.8	30.3	37.8	34.1
International organization or another country	0.6			0.8	0.1	0.5
God	1.8	2.2		1.4	2.1	1.7
Other	2.9	1.6	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.8
Refused	0.5	0.4		0.5	0.4	0.5
Don't know	23.4	19.8	12.1	18.4	26.5	22.5