## FOREWORD

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST) is mandated to promote education in Malawi irrespective of race, gender, ethnicity, religion or any other discriminatory characteristics. Its mission is to provide quality and relevant education to the Malawian nation. Such education should enable people to acquire relevant knowledge, skills, expertise and competencies to perform effectively as citizens, workforce and as leaders of Malawi, thereby reduce poverty amongst the people of Malawi.

The Ministry has five main objectives among which are; widening equitable access to all levels of education for every child and youth in Malawi, improving quality and relevance of education provided at all levels, strengthening education management and governance at all levels, ensuring that gender issues are mainstreamed in education activities and fighting HIV and AIDs pandemic and thus reduce its impact on school and society.

Education Planning is at the centre of ensuring proper implementation of all policies and programmes to achieve the above objectives. Key to this is sound decision making which is more powerful when it is "evidence based". This annual publication by the Education Management Information System (EMIS) Unit in the planning directorate provides detailed data on key variables for sub-sectors in the Ministry for the academic year 2014/15. It also provides trends in the indicators for the past five years. It highlights on key indicators of access, equity and quality through school information, pupil information, teaching staff, infrastructure and teaching and learning materials. The education statistics in this publication also form the basis for calculating education indicators reported to UNESCO and further asses the country's achievements against the requirements of Education For All (EFA) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

I hereby urge all stakeholders in the Education sector such as researchers, academia, legislative bodies, development partners and parents to make full use of the information in this publication in their endeavours to improve the delivery of education services in the country

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## PREFACE

The Education Statistics Bulletin is an annual publication of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST). This is in realm with our continued efforts to providing quality and relevant education to all Malawians. This bulletin and other subsequent publications born out of the annual School Census is used to assess the performance of the sector against set targets and facilitates the formulation of informed policies and planning.
The bulletin reports on the state of all the education subsectors namely; Primary, Secondary, Tertiary education particularly Teacher Training. The purpose of the bulletin is to provide a basis for evidence based policy formulation and decisionmaking. It also provides a basis for research, monitoring and evaluation of the education system.
The Education Statistics Bulletin is an important activity of the Education Management Information System (EMIS) in the Directorate of Education Planning of the MOEST because it provides an opportunity for analyzing the extent to which the National Education Sector Plan (NESP) (2008-2017), the National Educational Policy (2013) and the Education Sector Implementation Plan II (ESIP II) are being realized.
The following three main goals from the National Education Sector Plan have been taken into account when producing this bulletin:

- Expansion of equitable access to education to enable all to benefit
- Improvement of quality and relevance of education, to reduce drop-out and repetition and to promote effective learning
- Improvement of governance and management of the system, to enable more effective and efficient delivery of services
Finally, I would like to thank all the officials who worked tirelessly to produce this bulletin.


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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Basic education in Malawi has three main components namely Early Childhood Development (ECD), Adult Literacy (AL) which includes out of school youth literacy and Primary Education (PE). ECD is for infant care and support; AL and out of school youth are non-formal education; and PE is part of the formal education system, which in Malawi is a direct responsibility of MOEST.

The formal education system in Malawi follows an 8-4-4 structure: 8 years of primary, 4 years of secondary and typically 4 years of tertiary level education. At the end of primary, students take Primary School Leaving Certificate Examination (PSLCE), which determines their eligibility for entry into secondary school. Public secondary students attend either Community Day Secondary Schools (CDSSs) or Conventional Secondary Schools (CSSs). At the end of four years of secondary, students take the Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE). Tertiary education is provided by an array of education institutions including primary and secondary Teacher Training Colleges (TTCs), Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) schools, and university colleges. For entry into the university and TTCs, an MSCE certificate with a specified number of credits is required while TVET can start either after JCE or MSCE.

Primary and secondary education is administered by MOEST headquarters, the six education divisions and the 34 district education offices. University education is subvented by government and university institutions are autonomous. ECD and AL are under the Ministry of Women, Disability and Child Development while out-of-school youth falls under the Ministry of Youth and Sports. Data for ECD, AL and out-of-school youth management information has not been included in this bulletin. However consultations with the relevant authorities are underway to include their data in the subsequent bulletin.

The Ministry of Education Science and Technology conducts annual school census to provide up to date information for quality decision making in the provision of education services in the country. In 2015 questions were administered in all education institutions across the country. The census data collection was manned at zonal and district levels as a result of the decentralization of EMIS at zonal and district level for all the 34 education districts of Malawi. Zonal Education Management Information System (ZEMIS) and District Education Management Information System (DEMIS) officers were pivotal in data collection and capturing exercise.

## EDUCATION STATISTICS AT GLANCE

| No | INDICATOR | 2013/14 | 2014/15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Primary Enrollment | 4,670,279 | 4,804,196 |
|  | Boys | 2,334,107 | 2,398,605 |
|  | Girls | 2,336,172 | 2,405,589 |
|  | New Entrants into Primary (standard 1) | 466,632 | 776,631 |
|  | Boys | 230,791 | 380,967 |
|  | Girls | 235,841 | 395,664 |
|  | Total Secondary enrollment | 346,604 | 358,033 |
|  | Boys | 184,817 | 190,623 |
|  | Girls | 161,787 | 167,410 |
|  | Total TTC Enrollment (IPTE) |  | 10,194 |
|  | Males |  | 4,304 |
|  | Females |  | 5,890 |
|  | Total Number of Primary schools | 5,641 | 5,738 |
|  | Public | 5,389 | 5,415 |
|  | Private | 252 | 323 |
|  | Total Number of Secondary schools (exclude open Sec ) |  |  |
|  | Public (government and religious) |  | 816 |
|  | Private |  | 360 |
|  | Open day sec Schools |  | 278 |
|  | Gross Intake rate Primary | 219 | 211 |
|  | Boys | 221 | 210 |
|  | Girls | 218 | 212 |
|  | Net Intake rate Primary | 97 | 95 |


| Boys | 97 | 91 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Girls | 98 | 100 |
| Gross enrollment rate Primary | 135 | 133 |
| Boys | 136 | 134 |
| Girls | 133 | 132 |
| Net enrollment rate Primary | 103 | 102 |
| Boys | 103 | 101 |
| Girls | 103 | 103 |
| Gross enrollment rate secondary | 24.5 | 24.3 |
| Boys | 26.5 | 26.3 |
| Girls | 22.3 | 22.3 |
| Net enrollment rate Secondary | 15 | 15 |
| Boys | 16 | 16 |
| Girls | 15 | 15 |
| Quality indicators |  |  |
| Pupil Teacher Ratio- Primary | 70 | 67 |
| Pupil Qualified Teacher Ratio- Primary | 78 | 75 |
| Pupil permanent classroom ratio- Primary | 111 | 109 |
| Primary Completion Rate | 52 | 51 |
| Boys | 56 | 56 |
| Girls | 47 | 47 |
| Secondary completion rate |  |  |
| Form 2 | 73 | 68 |
| Student Qualified Teacher Ratio (SQTR)- Secondary | 44.1 | 47.3 |
| Student Classroom Ratio (SCR)- Secondary | 59.4 | 61.2 |
| Efficiency indicators |  |  |
| Drop-out rate |  | 3.8 |


| Boys |  | 3.6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Girls |  | 4.0 |
| Transition rate to secondary | 36 | 36 |
| Boys | 35 | 35 |
| Girls | 37 | 37 |
| Repetition rate- Primary |  | 21.9 |
| Boys |  | 22.4 |
| Girls |  | 21.3 |
| Equity indicators |  |  |
| Gender Parity Index (GPI) for primary enrolment | 0.989 | 1.002 |
| Gender Parity Index (GPI) for secondary enrollment | 0.875 | 0.878 |
| Percentage of SNE students (Primary) |  | 2.4 |
| Percentage of SNE students (Secondary) |  | 1.3 |
| Budgetary and expenditure indicators |  |  |
| Education Budget as a percentage of National Budget |  | 23percent |
| Primary Education Budget as a percentage of total education budge $\dagger$ |  | 49 |
| Secondary Education Budget as a percentage of total education budget |  | 14 |

### 1.0 METHODOLOGY

The Ministry of Education Science and Technology annually conducts a school census to provide timely, reliable and accurate statistics concerning the education sector for planning purposes. The Ministry through the planning directorate conducted the 2014/15 school census in 2014, covering Primary, Secondary and Teacher Training Colleges. The exercise covered all education institution - both public and private as per tradition.

This information is used to update the ESIP II Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for planning purposes. The school census is intended to address the information needs of various directorates of the MOEST and all stakeholders in the education sector.

### 1.1 Time Scope

The exercise took place as soon as registration in various education subsectors had normalized. This meant data collection was done at different levels: Primary and secondary was done in November while TTC's were interviewed at a later date to suit their academic calendar.

### 1.2 Data Gathering

The 2015 annual school census covered all educational institutions across the country. The census data collection was manned at zonal and district levels as a result of the decentralization of EMIS at zonal and district level for all the 34 education districts of Malawi. Zonal Education Management Information System (ZEMIS) and District Education Management Information System (DEMIS) officers were pivotal in the 2015 data collection exercise.

The ZEMIS, DEMIS and the Primary Education Advisors (PEA) were responsible for briefing and orienting head teachers on the data collection instruments and the importance of giving accurate information. The officers were also responsible for overseeing the filling, retrieval and authentication of the filled questionnaires. The exercise was implemented over a maximum period of 24 days, depending on the number and size of the schools in the zones and districts. The filling of questionnaires was much faster in schools where school record management was good and intact than in the schools where record keeping was poor. The last part of the exercise was spent on checking, verifying and retrieving of authenticated questionnaires by the DEMIS and EMIS officers.

### 1.3 Target Population

The school census targets heads of education institutions. This group included the following; head teachers, deputy head teachers, principals, registrars, heads of budget sections at MOEST and other heads of participating institutions.

### 1.4 Data Processing

Data entry was done by ZEMIS and DEMIS officers with supervision by EMIS technical team from headquarters. Data capture was done using the EMIS system called ED* ASSIST (Education Automated Statistical tool kit). This software eases data capturing by operating on a local area network so that data merging is automatic and can manage large databases for all sub sectors by tracking all schools/institutions in the main school registry.

### 1.5 Data Validation

EMIS carried out validation checks by comparing the previous records of a school to the current one in-order to verify the accuracy of data provided by school heads in the census questionnaires. Following this model, major diversions were queried back to responsible officers through phone for verifications. Validation checks were also conducted among ZEMIS and DEMIS officers by correspondingly checking data of other districts for missing values and incorrect reporting by the districts.

## RESULTS

### 2.0 PRIMARY EDUCATION

Primary education is the sub-sector that affects the greatest number of pupils, and forms the basis for all other levels of education. The results below provide the 2015 performance of the primary education sub-sector according to the 2015 school census.

### 2.1 School Particulars

This section presents results on;
(i) Location - defined as rural and urban (semi-urban and urban)
(ii) Proprietor/Ownership - ownership meant whether the school is owned by government, religious organization or private.
(iii) Accessibility - accessibility of schools during rainy season

### 2.1.1 Location

At national level, there were 5,738 primary schools in 2014/15. Of these, 92 percent are in rural areas and 8 percent are in urban areas (urban included schools from cities and district/town which were regarded as semi-urban during data collection). However, the distribution of schools varied by location across education divisions.

Figure 2.1.1: Number of Schools by Education Division


Figure 2.1.1 shows that Northern Education Division (NED) had the highest number of primary schools $(1,364)$ followed by Central western Education Division (CWED) $(1,281)$.

Figure 2.1.2: Proportional Distribution of Schools by Division


Within divisions, distribution of schools by location varied, CEED and SHED reported the highest proportions of rural schools at 97 percent relative to urban schools while SWED has the least schools in rural areas at 83.5 percent relative to urban. SWED has the highest proportion of urban schools while CEED has the lowest proportion of urban schools.

### 2.1.2 Proprietorship

Proprietorship was categorized into three: Government, Religious Agency and Private. Although religious schools are categorized differently from government schools, their operation relies on government both for financial and technical support. Figure 2.1.3 below shows that over half of the schools (55 percent) are owned by religious institutions, 39 percent by government and only 6 percent are privately owned.

Figure 2.1.3: Number of Schools by Proprietorship


Across the education divisions, the picture of proprietorship does not vary much from the national results. More religious owned primary schools were observed in all the divisions except for SEED and SHED which have more government owned primary schools.

Regarding private ownership of primary schools, CWED reported a high number of privately owned schools followed by SEED. SHED reported the least number of primary schools in all categories.

About 58 percent of the schools in the NED are owned by religious institution and 38 percent owned by government. In CEED, about 51 percent of the schools are owned by religious institutions while the government owns 30 percent of the schools.

Figure 2.1.4: Number of Schools by Proprietorship by Education Division


At district level, Kasungu has the largest number schools with 344 primary schools, followed by Mzimba South with 306 primary schools. In comparison, Likoma and Zomba Urban has the smallest number of primary schools with 10 and 25 schools respectively. Lilongwe City reported the highest number of private schools in Malawi than any other education district. The number of schools can be tied to population of a district or city of school going age children.

Table 2.1.1: Distribution of Primary Schools by proprietor

| Division | District | Government | Religious Institution | Private | Grand Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CEED | Dowa | 59 | 178 | 7 | 244 |
|  | Kasungu | 133 | 205 | 6 | 344 |
|  | Nkhotakota | 115 | 36 | 1 | 152 |
|  | Ntchisi | 29 | 114 | 2 | 145 |
|  | Salima | 74 | 65 | 5 | 144 |
| CWED | Dedza | 62 | 174 | 3 | 239 |
|  | Lilongwe City | 50 | 6 | 87 | 143 |
|  | Lilongwe Rural East | 52 | 152 | 3 | 207 |
|  | Lilongwe Rural West | 57 | 184 | 7 | 248 |
|  | Mchinji | 58 | 138 | 3 | 199 |
|  | Ntcheu | 116 | 121 | 8 | 245 |
| NED | Chitipa | 88 | 82 | 3 | 173 |
|  | Karonga | 42 | 125 | 6 | 173 |
|  | Likoma | 6 | 4 |  | 10 |
|  | Mzimba North | 59 | 200 | 2 | 261 |
|  | Mzimba South | 97 | 205 | 4 | 306 |
|  | Mzuzu City | 20 | 20 | 14 | 54 |
|  | Nkhata Bay | 116 | 72 | 5 | 193 |
|  | Rumphi | 101 | 89 | 4 | 194 |
| SHED | Chiradzulu | 28 | 60 | 2 | 90 |
|  | Mulanje | 74 | 86 | 5 | 165 |
|  | Phalombe | 41 | 47 | 7 | 95 |
|  | Thyolo | 119 | 60 | 8 | 187 |
| SEED | Balaka | 56 | 98 | 4 | 158 |
|  | Machinga | 72 | 89 | 4 | 165 |
|  | Mangochi | 94 | 165 | 22 | 281 |
|  | Zomba Rural | 80 | 113 | 4 | 197 |
|  | Zomba Urban | 14 | 4 | 7 | 25 |
| SWED | Blantyre City | 41 | 17 | 54 | 112 |
|  | Blantyre Rural | 53 | 104 | 7 | 164 |
|  | Chikwawa | 133 | 43 | 12 | 188 |
|  | Mwanza | 33 | 12 | 9 | 54 |
|  | Neno | 44 | 27 | 3 | 74 |
|  | Nsanje | 62 | 42 | 5 | 109 |
| Grand Total |  | 2278 | 3137 | 323 | 5738 |

### 2.1.3 Distance from School to Teacher Development Centre (TDC)

Distance from school to PEA's office within a zone determines how effective and efficient the supervisory system is. The assumption is that all schools have equal access to the Teacher Development Centre (TDC) and enjoy equal supervisory visits
without being hampered by distance. Distance to TDC can also serve as a good parameter in facilitating transport mode of supervision and man power if the zone is too big. Figure 2.1.5 shows that the 33 percent of primary schools are between 5 to 10 kilometers to the PEA's office or TDC. Some primary schools (about 3 percent) are located more than 40 kilometers away from the PEA's office.

Figure 2.1.5: Distance to PEA/TDC


Figure 2.1.5 shows that majority of the schools are between 5 to 10 kilometers and only 3 percent are above 30 kilometers.

Figure 2.1.6: Distance to PEA's Office/ TDC by Division

*Some of the schools in South East Education division did not report distance to the TDC Distance to the PEAs/TDC varied by education division. About 44 primary schools in the Northern division reported a distance of over 40 kilometers to the TDC, while SEED, SWED and CWED reported 28,25 and 24 primary schools respectively.

Table; 2.1.6: Proportion of Schools with Distance of above 30 Kilometers to TDC by Division.

|  | CEED | CWED | NED | SHED | SEED | SWED |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{3 0 - 3 9 . 9 ~ k m ~}$ | 1.6 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 4.7 |
| Above $\mathbf{4 0} \mathbf{~ k m}$ | 1.8 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 4.0 | 4.7 |

The table above shows that SWED has the highest proportion of schools with a distance of 40 km and 30 km to the TDC while SHED has the lowest proportion of schools with 40 km and 30 km distance to the TDC.

### 2.1.3.1 Distance to Nearest Primary School

The census also looked at how accessible the schools are to each other. It is assumed that closeness of schools in terms of distance acts as a fulcrum element of promoting continued interaction and sharing of education information and facilities among schools. Figure 2.1.7 shows that 23 percent of the schools are 40 km or more apart while 23 percent of the schools are 20 to 30 kilometers apart

Figure 2.1.7: Distance between primary schools


### 2.1.3.2 School Accessibility during Rainy Season

One of the key elements which can easily affect education system is availability of Teaching and Learning Materials (TLMs). Its timely delivery is paramount in delivery of services at school level. The census sought to find out how many schools are accessible during rainy season. Figure 2.1.8 show that about 72 percent of the schools are accessible during rainy season.

Figure 2.1.8: School Accessibility during Rainy Season


Across education divisions, number of schools that are inaccessible during rainy season varied with NED (334), CWED (287), CEED 269, SEED (263) and SWED (238).

Figure 2.1.9: Number of Schools Accessible during Rainy Season


* Some schools in the South East Education division did not respond to the accessibility question

Within division analysis show that SHED has the highest proportion of schools which are inaccessible during rainy season (37 percent 201/537) followed by SWED 34 percent and SEED 32 percent. CWED and NED reported the lowest within division proportions of 22 and 25 percent respectively.

### 2.1.4 General Growth of Number of Schools

The figure below presents how the number of schools has grown in the last five years.

Figure 2.1.10: Growth in the number of primary schools


The number of schools increased from 5,395 in 2011 to 5,738 in 2015 representing a growth of 6.4 percent. The total number of schools has been growing with an average of 1.6 percent per year in the specified period of 2011 to 2015 . Disparities in growth rate were observed within proprietorship, public primary schools (government and religious) grew at an average growth of 0.6 percent from 2011 to 2015 while private schools grew by 38.3 percent from 2011 to 2015.

### 2.2 Student information

This section is about issues related to student information on

1. Enrollment
2. Orphans
3. Dropout
4. Repeaters
5. Transfers

### 2.2.1 Enrolment

Enrolment was captured by standard, ownership and gender to establish student distribution for better planning and allocation of school teaching and learning materials as well as financial support from government and other stakeholders. A total of 4,795,196 learners were enrolled in both government and religious institutions owned schools with 38.9 percent (19.5 percent boys and 19.4 percent girls) in
government schools and 59.4 percent from religious schools with ( 29.6 percent boys and 29.8 percent girls). Only 1.7 percent ( 0.8 percent boys and 0.8 percent girls) enrolled in private schools.
Table 2.2. 1: Enrollment of Pupils by Proprietor and Gender in Public Schools

|  | Government |  | Religious Agency |  | Private |  | Total | Percent |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |  |  |
| Std 1 | 204594 | 207025 | 317487 | 319983 | 6351 | 6428 | 1061868 | 22 |
| Std 2 | 157370 | 160913 | 246834 | 242984 | 6057 | 6154 | 820312 | 17 |
| Std 3 | 152560 | 147744 | 220369 | 225311 | 5195 | 5449 | 756628 | 16 |
| Std 4 | 116721 | 120806 | 175349 | 182106 | 5100 | 4764 | 604846 | 13 |
| Std 5 | 105199 | 107612 | 155149 | 159587 | 5003 | 5154 | 537704 | 11 |
| Std 6 | 81333 | 82649 | 123205 | 126379 | 4687 | 4891 | 423144 | 9 |
| Std 7 | 65631 | 64718 | 100214 | 99622 | 4168 | 4440 | 338793 | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| Std 8 | 52710 | 44632 | 84178 | 73195 | 3113 | 3073 | $\mathbf{2 6 0 9 0 1}$ | 5 |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 3 6 1 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{9 3 6 0 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 2 2 7 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 2 9 1 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 6 7 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 3 5 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 0 4 1 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

The results show a significant drop from standard one to standard two. In standard one the proportion was 22 percent while in standard two it was 17 percent representing a 5 step percentage drop. This drop in enrollment from standard one to two can either be attributed to high repetition in standard one or drop out. Transition from standard five to standard seven shows a steep drop which can be assumed to higher number of pupil drop outs.

### 2.2.2 Enrolment of Pupils by Location and Division

Disaggregating enrollment by location and division the results show different variations between sexes. All education divisions registered a higher number of girls enrollment in urban areas except for SEED where enrollment of boys was more than that of girls. However, in some divisions the difference was very marginal, close to a 50-50 scenario. Correspondingly, the absolute numbers show that in CEED, CWED, SHED and SEED the enrollment of girls was more than that of boys in rural areas while in NED and SWED the enrollment of boys was more than that of girls.

Figure 2.2.1: Enrolments by Division, Sex and Location


Further, the figure above shows more girls were enrolled in urban schools than in rural schools, almost in all education divisions except for South East where the number of boys enrolled marginally surpassed that of girls.

At district level Mangochi reported highest enrolment followed by Kasungu and Lilongwe rural west and Lilongwe rural East while Likoma, Neno, Mzuzu City reported a low learner enrolment. For more details of the distribution of enrolment per education district by sex and standard, please refer to Appendix 2.2.1

### 2.2.3 Trend in Primary Enrolment

Total enrollment assists in making informed decisions regarding purchasing and supply of teaching and learning materials and deployment human resource required incourse of delivering teaching services. Figure 2.2.2 shows a graphical presentation of enrollment by proprietor over a period of 5 years.

Figure 2.2.2 Enrollment by year and Proprietorship


Enrollment increased from 4,034,220 in 2011 to 4,804,196 in 2015, representing a 19.1 percentage growth. The total enrolment has been growing at an average rate of 4.5 percent annually.
Annual analysis shows that enrollment increased from 4,670,279 in 2014 to 4,804,196 in 2015 representing a growth of 2.9 percent, which is lower than the average growth rate. Considering the growth of 3.8 percent observed in 2013 one can easily assume that enrollment in the last two successive years has been increasing at a decreasing rate.
Major variations were observed within public school and within private primary school. Public primary schools (government and religious) enrollment grew by 18.2 percent from 2011 to 2015 and registered an annual average growth rate of 4.3 percent. In the same period, Private schools enrollment grew by 114.0 percent from 2011 to 2015 and registered an average annual growth rate of 23.5 percent. The

Map 1 below show enrollment by district. The map show categories of low, medium, high and very high learner enrolment.


### 2.2.4 Students with Special Needs

The National Education Sector Plan (NESP) stresses on issues of providing equal access to education. One of the key areas is the provision of reasonable accommodation to all learners within any education institution. About 2.4 percent $(115,284 / 4,795,194)$ of total primary enrollment were students with special needs. Figure 2.2 .3 shows a graphical presentation of various impairments in the 2015 enrollments. About 42.6 percent of the students have learning difficulties ( 22.3 percent boys and 20.3 percent girls) followed by low vision (11.2 percent boys and 10.8 percent girls).

Figure 2.2.3: Distribution of Special Needs Learners by Sex


The distribution of pupils with learning needs varied across divisions. Central Western division has the highest proportion (27.8 percent) of special needs pupils followed by Central East division with 20.4 percent with South West division reporting the lowest enrollment of pupil with special learning needs (9.1 percent). The distribution of learners with special needs by education district is shown in Appendix 2.2.2

Table 2.2.2 Number of Pupils with Learning Needs by Sex and Division

| Division | Low Vision |  | Blind |  | Hard of Hearir |  | Deaf |  | Physical Impairmen |  | Learning Difficulties |  | Total | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |  |  |
| CEED | 2434 | 2381 | 37 | 46 | 2474 | 2559 | 174 | 170 | 1148 | 877 | 5773 | 5473 | 23546 | 20.4 |
| CWED | 3838 | 3705 | 63 | 70 | 3656 | 3853 | 514 | 489 | 1384 | 1012 | 7104 | 6367 | 32055 | 27.8 |
| NED | 1949 | 1805 | 31 | 26 | 2126 | 2064 | 360 | 281 | 892 | 680 | 4001 | 3587 | 17802 | 15.4 |
| SHED | 1237 | 1288 | 46 | 48 | 1302 | 1556 | 343 | 299 | 652 | 524 | 2840 | 2640 | 12775 | 11.1 |
| SEED | 2159 | 2110 | 23 | 29 | 2177 | 2233 | 278 | 239 | 979 | 892 | 3896 | 3581 | 18596 | 16.1 |
| SWED | 1312 | 1219 | 52 | 36 | 1249 | 1154 | 223 | 167 | 647 | 513 | 2148 | 1790 | 10510 | 9.1 |
| Grand Total | 12929 | 12508 | 252 | 255 | 12984 | 13419 | 1892 | 1645 | 5702 | 4498 | 25762 | 23438 | 115284 | 100.0 |

### 2.2.5_Orphans

Information on the number of vulnerable pupils in our primary schools is very vital for planning at all levels of education delivery. One of the vulnerable groups the census looked at were orphans. In the census, they were categorized into two; those who lost a single parent and those who lost both parents. In 2015 about 8.8 percent (421,319/4,795,194) of the total enrollment were orphans. Figure 2.2.4 shows a graphical presentation of the distribution of orphans across divisions with respect to location and sex. In urban, more orphans were reported in South West division followed by Central West. In rural, more orphans were reported in Shire Highlands followed by Central West and South East.

Figure 2.2.4 Distribution of Orphans by Location, Division and Sex


Figure 2.2.5 Percentage Distribution of Orphans by Type, Location and Gender


### 2.2.6 New Entrants by Age

The 2015 Annual School Census also captured information on new entrants in primary schools by age. New entrants refer to the total number of learners who registered for
standard one for the first time (the figure excludes the number of repeaters in standard one). A total of 776,631 new entrants enrolled in the year 2014/15, representing a proportion of 16.2 percent $(776,631 / 4,795,196)$ of the total enrollment.

Figure 2.2.6: Distribution of New Entrants into Standard 1 by Age and Sex


Across age of new entrants, a higher proportion (61.8 percent) was observed from 6 years which is the official recognized age of primary school entry. At this official entry age more girls ( 32.3 percent) were reported than boys ( 29.5 percent). Further, the results show that 2.7 percent ( 1.2 boys and 1.4 percent girls) were under aged while 35.5 percent were over aged ranging from 7 years to 12 years.

Table 2.2.3: New Entrants by Location and Division

| Division | $\mathbf{5}$ <br> years <br> or less | $\mathbf{6}$ <br> Years | $\mathbf{7}$ <br> Years | $\mathbf{8}$ <br> Years | $\mathbf{9}$ <br> Years | $\mathbf{1 0}$ <br> Years | $\mathbf{1 1}$ <br> Years | $\mathbf{1 2}$ <br> Years | Total | Percent <br> distribution |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CEED | 2574 | 79280 | 26559 | 11538 | 4698 | 2169 | 902 | 650 | 128370 | $\mathbf{1 6 . 5}$ |
| CWED | 5275 | 130895 | 40101 | 18705 | 8305 | 4090 | 1801 | 1351 | 210523 | $\mathbf{2 7 . 1}$ |
| NED | 1893 | 75989 | 12080 | 2839 | 937 | 419 | 363 | 842 | 95362 | $\mathbf{1 2 . 3}$ |
| SHED | 3946 | 59349 | 23101 | 9253 | 4025 | 1602 | 522 | 253 | 102051 | $\mathbf{1 3 . 1}$ |
| SEED | 3614 | 77145 | 34003 | 15277 | 8030 | 4433 | 1716 | 2027 | 146245 | $\mathbf{1 8 . 8}$ |
| SWED | 3530 | 57568 | 18498 | 8332 | 3247 | 1535 | 584 | 786 | 94080 | $\mathbf{1 2 . 1}$ |
| Grand <br> Total | $\mathbf{2 0 8 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 0 2 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 4 3 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{6 5 9 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 2 4 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 2 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 8 8 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 9 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{7 7 6 6 3 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |

*The figures do not include the number of repeaters
From table 3 above, CEED registered the highest percentage of new entrants to primary schools by division (27.1 percent) followed by SEED, 18.8 percent while SWED had the least proportion of entrants at 12.1 percent. In terms of under aged, over aged and right-aged children who enrolled into standard one in 2014/15, variations have been observed among the 34 education districts, as shown below:

Table 2.2.4: Distribution of Under-aged, Over-aged and Right-aged Children who Enrolled into Standard one

|  | Under-Aged |  |  | Right-Aged |  |  | Over-Aged |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total |
| Dowa | 590 | 579 | 1169 | 11,221 | 10,311 | 21,532 | 6460 | 5743 | 12203 |
| Kasungu | 270 | 243 | 513 | 13,070 | 13,658 | 26,728 | 7143 | 6762 | 13905 |
| Nkhotakota | 95 | 101 | 196 | 5,765 | 6,008 | 11,774 | 3023 | 2848 | 5871 |
| Ntchisi | 253 | 194 | 447 | 4,783 | 5,081 | 9,864 | 2513 | 2327 | 4840 |
| Salima | 113 | 136 | 249 | 6,349 | 6,754 | 13,102 | 4941 | 4756 | 9697 |
| Total CEED | 1,321 | 1,253 | 2,574 | 41,188 | 41,812 | 83,000 | 24080 | 22436 | 46516 |
| Dedza | 30 | 27 | 57 | 10,881 | 20,406 | 31,286 | 7,958 | 7,176 | 15,134 |
| Lilongwe C | 1,126 | 1,249 | 2,375 | 6,851 | 16,081 | 22,932 | 2,846 | 2,943 | 5,789 |
| Lilongwe RE | 382 | 584 | 966 | 12,122 | 12,301 | 24,424 | 9,076 | 9,229 | 18,305 |
| Lilongwe RW | 216 | 339 | 555 | 11,828 | 12,543 | 24,371 | 7,781 | 7,694 | 15,475 |
| Mchinji | 262 | 353 | 615 | 7,911 | 9,002 | 16,913 | 5,293 | 4,585 | 9,878 |
| Ntcheu | 311 | 396 | 707 | 8,463 | 8,648 | 17,111 | 5,305 | 4,467 | 9,772 |
| Total CWED | 2,327 | 2,948 | 5,275 | 58,056 | 78,981 | 137,037 | 30,301 | 28,918 | 59,219 |
| Chitipa | 7 | 9 | 16 | 4,294 | 4,177 | 8,472 | 463 | 414 | 877 |
| Karonga | 41 | 86 | 127 | 6,048 | 6,037 | 12,085 | 1,153 | 1,023 | 2,176 |
| Likoma | - | - | - | 196 | 206 | 402 | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| Mzimba North | 44 | 46 | 90 | 8,247 | 8,092 | 16,338 | 1,716 | 1,358 | 3,074 |
| Mzimba South | 202 | 172 | 374 | 9,228 | 9,593 | 18,821 | 2,786 | 2,699 | 5,485 |
| Mzuzu City | 123 | 470 | 593 | 3,002 | 2,992 | 5,994 | 359 | 322 | 681 |
| Nkhata Bay | 56 | 49 | 105 | 4,581 | 4,622 | 9,204 | 1,236 | 1,007 | 2,243 |
| Rumphi | 296 | 292 | 588 | 4,220 | 4,020 | 8,240 | 1,508 | 1,418 | 2,926 |
| Total NED | 769 | 1,124 | 1,893 | 39,816 | 39,739 | 79,555 | 7,605 | 6,804 | 14,409 |
| Chiradzulu | 201 | 48 | 249 | 4,699 | 4,760 | 9,459 | 2,123 | 1,922 | 4,045 |
| Mulanje | 231 | 270 | 501 | 10,521 | 10,997 | 21,517 | 5,806 | 5,446 | 11,252 |
| Phalombe | 875 | 1,006 | 1,881 | 6,279 | 6,464 | 12,743 | 5,221 | 5,155 | 10,376 |
| Thyolo | 611 | 704 | 1,315 | 9,211 | 9,204 | 18,414 | 7,743 | 5,340 | 13,083 |
| Total SHED | 1,918 | 2,028 | 3,946 | 30,709 | 31,424 | 62,134 | 20,893 | 17,863 | 38,756 |
| Balaka | 126 | 221 | 347 | 6,744 | 6,718 | 13,462 | 3,582 | 3,514 | 7,096 |
| Machinga | 259 | 316 | 575 | 8,260 | 8,877 | 17,137 | 7,293 | 6,900 | 14,193 |
| Mangochi | 738 | 855 | 1,593 | 13,574 | 13,131 | 26,705 | 14,261 | 15,425 | 29,686 |
| Zomba Rural | 453 | 535 | 988 | 10,309 | 10,761 | 21,070 | 6,819 | 6,735 | 13,554 |
| Zomba Urban | 59 | 52 | 111 | 1,081 | 1,309 | 2,390 | 530 | 427 | 957 |
| Total SEED | 1,635 | 1,979 | 3,614 | 39,969 | 40,795 | 80,765 | 32,485 | 33,001 | 65,486 |
| Blantyre City | 357 | 345 | 702 | 7,521 | 7,145 | 14,666 | 2,207 | 2,122 | 4,329 |
| Blantyre Rural | 143 | 177 | 320 | 6,851 | 7,308 | 14,159 | 2,733 | 2,412 | 5,145 |
| Chikwawa | 558 | 656 | 1,214 | 6,979 | 6,981 | 13,960 | 5,838 | 5,480 | 11,318 |
| Mwanza | 290 | 106 | 396 | 1,525 | 1,462 | 2,987 | 1,256 | 1,051 | 2,307 |
| Neno | 71 | 78 | 149 | 2,299 | 2,290 | 4,589 | 1,423 | 1,234 | 2,657 |
| Nsanje | 315 | 434 | 749 | 4,913 | 4,996 | 9,909 | 3,781 | 3,445 | 7,226 |
| Total SWED | 1,734 | 1,796 | 3,530 | 30,089 | 30,181 | 60,269 | 15,031 | 13,622 | 28,653 |
| Grand Total | 9,704 | 11,128 | 20,832 | 239,827 | 262,933 | 502,760 | 130,395 | 122,644 | 253,039 |

Table 2.2.5 below shows the total number of dropouts by sex and by education district. The table compares the extent of school dropouts among the education districts by showing the proportion of dropouts to total enrolment for each district. The comparison shows that Mangochi district has the highest proportion of school dropouts at 7.1 percent, followed by Machinga district, with a proportion of 6.7 percent and Dedza district with a dropout proportion of 5.9 percent Table 2.2.5: Number of Dropouts and Proportion of Dropouts by Education District and Sex

|  | Dropouts in 2015 |  |  | Total Enrolment 2014 |  |  | Proportion of Dropouts (\%) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total |
| Dowa | 4,282 | 4,455 | 8,737 | 97,611 | 100,337 | 197,948 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| Kasungu | 2,508 | 2,881 | 5,389 | 125,576 | 129,688 | 255,264 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| Nkhotakota | 2,138 | 2,772 | 4,910 | 55,456 | 55,316 | 110,772 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| Ntchisi | 1,177 | 1,394 | 2,571 | 41,179 | 43,370 | 84,549 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| Salima | 2,499 | 2,744 | 5,243 | 58,737 | 57,072 | 115,809 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| Total CEED | 12,604 | 14,246 | 26,850 | 378,559 | 385,783 | 764,342 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| Dedza | 6,219 | 6,372 | 12,591 | 107,520 | 105,746 | 213,266 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| Lilongwe C | 1,138 | 1,242 | 2,380 | 82,841 | 88,639 | 171,480 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Lilongwe RE | 4,244 | 4,591 | 8,835 | 112,969 | 115,079 | 228,048 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| Lilongwe RW | 4,759 | 4,923 | 9,682 | 113,005 | 118,762 | 231,767 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| Mchinji | 3,669 | 4,087 | 7,756 | 81,086 | 81,014 | 162,100 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| Ntcheu | 4,052 | 4,030 | 8,082 | 86,186 | 85,589 | 171,775 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Total CWED | 24,081 | 25,245 | 49,326 | 583,607 | 594,829 | 1,178,436 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Chitipa | 584 | 762 | 1,346 | 38,785 | 37,305 | 76,090 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| Karonga | 1,154 | 1,446 | 2,600 | 55,572 | 52,051 | 107,623 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.4 |
| Likoma | 10 | 28 | 38 | 1,850 | 1,911 | 3,761 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| Mzimba North | 1,296 | 1,526 | 2,822 | 65,694 | 62,478 | 128,172 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| Mzimba South | 1,865 | 2,212 | 4,077 | 76,622 | 75,950 | 152,572 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Mzuzu City | 262 | 217 | 479 | 27,353 | 28,050 | 55,403 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Nkhata Bay | 893 | 1,149 | 2,042 | 42,140 | 40,483 | 82,623 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| Rumphi | 525 | 671 | 1,196 | 35,633 | 33,887 | 69,520 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.7 |
| Total NED | 6,589 | 8,011 | 14,600 | 343,649 | 332,115 | 675,764 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| Chiradzulu | 2,011 | 2,021 | 4,032 | 51,908 | 51,221 | 103,129 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Mulanje | 4,640 | 4,825 | 9,465 | 98,498 | 99,843 | 198,341 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Phalombe | 3,176 | 3,498 | 6,674 | 60,951 | 63,207 | 124,158 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| Thyolo | 3,801 | 4,098 | 7,899 | 101,031 | 102,802 | 203,833 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| Total SHED | 13,628 | 14,442 | 28,070 | 312,388 | 317,073 | 629,461 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| Balaka | 2,062 | 2,299 | 4,361 | 63,776 | 64,372 | 128,148 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| Machinga | 5,208 | 6,128 | 11,336 | 84,563 | 85,531 | 170,094 | 6.2 | 7.2 | 6.7 |
| Mangochi | 9,095 | 9,586 | 18,681 | 133,889 | 127,782 | 261,671 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 7.1 |
| Zomba Rural | 2,678 | 2,776 | 5,454 | 103,421 | 104,656 | 208,077 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| Zomba Urban | 79 | 143 | 222 | 13,046 | 12,864 | 25,910 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Total SEED | 19,122 | 20,932 | 40,054 | 398,695 | 395,205 | 793,900 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| Blantyre City | 604 | 669 | 1,273 | 85,566 | 87,907 | 173,473 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Blantyre Rural | 1,424 | 1,735 | 3,159 | 68,866 | 69,644 | 138,510 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| Chikwawa | 3,412 | 3,853 | 7,265 | 78,184 | 73,878 | 152,062 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| Mwanza | 942 | 939 | 1,881 | 17,304 | 17,498 | 34,802 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Neno | 962 | 1,004 | 1,966 | 21,808 | 21,932 | 43,740 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| Nsanje | 1,442 | 1,767 | 3,209 | 45,417 | 40,372 | 85,789 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 3.7 |
| Total SWED | 8,786 | 9,967 | 18,753 | 317,145 | 311,231 | 628,376 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| Grand Total | 84,810 | 92,843 | 177,653 | 2,334,043 | 2,336,236 | 4,670,279 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.8 |

On the other hand, Blantyre City has the lowest proportion of dropouts at 0.7 percent, followed by Zomba Urban and Mzuzu City with a dropout proportion rate of 0.9 percent each. The national average for proportion of dropouts to total enrolment of the previous year is 3.8 percent.

### 2.2.7 Reasons for Dropping Out

Pupils do drop out of school because of various reasons, some of them being violence at school, sickness, pregnancy, poor facilities especially for girls, lack of support, lack of interest by the learner, early marriages, traveling long distance to school, lack of fees, family responsibilities, employment and unavailability of teachers. All these reasons were probed to the head teachers during the census. Figure 2.2.7 below shows various reasons for drop out. About 28.1 percent (14.1 percent girls and 14.0 percent Boys) dropped out of school because of family responsibilities while less than 1 percent (0.4) of the learner dropped out because of unavailability of teachers.

Figure 2.2.7 Reasons for dropping out


### 2.2.8 Repeaters

Repeaters in a broader way show how limited resources are being exploited. The higher the number of repeaters, the more inefficient the system becomes as learners spend resources which were not meant for them. Figure 2.2 .8 shows that 28.2 percent ( 14.3 percent boys and 13.9 percent girls) of the repeaters were from standard one.

From the figure, it can be concluded that in the 2014/15 school year more boys repeated classes than girls at primary level.

Figure 2.2.8: Distribution of Repeaters by Standard and Sex

2.2.8.1 Distribution of Repeaters and Repetition Rates by Sex and Education District

Table 2.2.5 below shows the distribution of repeaters and repetition rates for each of the 34 education districts. The table shows that Blantyre City has the lowest repetition rate of 14.2 percent, followed by Mzuzu City with a rate of 14.3 percent and Lilongwe Rural East with a rate of 14.6 percent. On the other hand, Nkhotakota district had the highest repetition rate of 28.9 percent, followed by Balaka with a rate of 28.6 percent and Mwanza with a rate of 28.0 percent. The national average for repetition rate in 2014/15 was 21.9 percent ( 22.5 percent for boys and 21.3 percent for girls).

Table 2.2.5: Distribution of Number of Repeaters and Repetition Rate by Sex and by Education District

| Districł | Number of School Repeaters |  |  | Total Enrolment |  |  | Repeition Rate (\%) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total |
| Dowa | 23,835 | 22,985 | 46,820 | 97,611 | 100,337 | 197,948 | 24.4 | 22.9 | 23.7 |
| Kasungu | 28,230 | 26,849 | 55,079 | 125,576 | 129,688 | 255,264 | 22.5 | 20.7 | 21.6 |
| Nkhotakota | 16,117 | 15,935 | 32,052 | 55,456 | 55,316 | 110,772 | 29.1 | 28.8 | 28.9 |
| Ntchisi | 9,881 | 9,888 | 19,769 | 41,179 | 43,370 | 84,549 | 24.0 | 22.8 | 23.4 |
| Salima | 14,308 | 13,639 | 27,947 | 58,737 | 57,072 | 115,809 | 24.4 | 23.9 | 24.1 |
| Total CEED | 92,371 | 89,296 | 181,667 | 378,559 | 385,783 | 764,342 | 24.4 | 23.1 | 23.8 |
| Dedza | 25,591 | 25,602 | 51,193 | 107,520 | 105,746 | 213,266 | 23.8 | 24.2 | 24.0 |
| Lilongwe C | 14,105 | 13,798 | 27,903 | 82,841 | 88,639 | 171,480 | 17.0 | 15.6 | 16.3 |
| Lilongwe RE | 16,393 | 16,814 | 33,207 | 112,969 | 115,079 | 228,048 | 14.5 | 14.6 | 14.6 |
| Lilongwe RW | 21,880 | 22,163 | 44,043 | 113,005 | 118,762 | 231,767 | 19.4 | 18.7 | 19.0 |
| Mchinji | 20,072 | 18,926 | 38,998 | 81,086 | 81,014 | 162,100 | 24.8 | 23.4 | 24.1 |
| Ntcheu | 22,001 | 19,832 | 41,833 | 86,186 | 85,589 | 171,775 | 25.5 | 23.2 | 24.4 |
| Total CWED | 120,042 | 117,135 | 237,177 | 583,607 | 594,829 | 1,178,436 | 20.6 | 19.7 | 20.1 |
| Chitipa | 10239 | 8583 | 18,822 | 38,785 | 37,305 | 76,090 | 26.4 | 23.0 | 24.7 |
| Karonga | 14,760 | 12,387 | 27,147 | 55,572 | 52,051 | 107,623 | 26.6 | 23.8 | 25.2 |
| Likoma | 447 | 397 | 844 | 1,850 | 1,911 | 3,761 | 24.2 | 20.8 | 22.4 |
| Mzimba North | 16,778 | 14,022 | 30,800 | 65,694 | 62,478 | 128,172 | 25.5 | 22.4 | 24.0 |
| Mzimba South | 15,973 | 13,715 | 29,688 | 76,622 | 75,950 | 152,572 | 20.8 | 18.1 | 19.5 |
| Mzuzu City | 4,031 | 3,884 | 7,915 | 27,353 | 28,050 | 55,403 | 14.7 | 13.8 | 14.3 |
| Nkhata Bay | 11,752 | 10,324 | 22,076 | 42,140 | 40,483 | 82,623 | 27.9 | 25.5 | 26.7 |
| Rumphi | 7,692 | 6,701 | 14,393 | 35,633 | 33,887 | 69,520 | 21.6 | 19.8 | 20.7 |
| Total NED | 81,672 | 70,013 | 151,685 | 343,649 | 332,115 | 675,764 | 23.8 | 21.1 | 22.4 |
| Chiradzulu | 13,984 | 13,227 | 27,211 | 51,908 | 51,221 | 103,129 | 26.9 | 25.8 | 26.4 |
| Mulanje | 21,230 | 20,679 | 41,909 | 98,498 | 99,843 | 198,341 | 21.6 | 20.7 | 21.1 |
| Phalombe | 12,909 | 12,969 | 25,878 | 60,951 | 63,207 | 124,158 | 21.2 | 20.5 | 20.8 |
| Thyolo | 25,681 | 25,553 | 51,234 | 101,031 | 102,802 | 203,833 | 25.4 | 24.9 | 25.1 |
| Total SHED | 73,804 | 72,428 | 146,232 | 312,388 | 317,073 | 629,461 | 23.6 | 22.8 | 23.2 |
| Balaka | 20,847 | 15,830 | 36,677 | 63,776 | 64,372 | 128,148 | 32.7 | 24.6 | 28.6 |
| Machinga | 18,531 | 19,758 | 38,289 | 84,563 | 85,531 | 170,094 | 21.9 | 23.1 | 22.5 |
| Mangochi | 31,131 | 30,851 | 61,982 | 133,889 | 127,782 | 261,671 | 23.3 | 24.1 | 23.7 |
| Zomba Rural | 23,080 | 23,443 | 46,523 | 103,421 | 104,656 | 208,077 | 22.3 | 22.4 | 22.4 |
| Zomba Urban | 2,473 | 2,401 | 4,874 | 13,046 | 12,864 | 25,910 | 19.0 | 18.7 | 18.8 |
| Total SEED | 96,062 | 92,283 | 188,345 | 398,695 | 395,205 | 793,900 | 24.1 | 23.4 | 23.7 |
| Blantyre City | 12856 | 11842 | 24,698 | 85,566 | 87,907 | 173,473 | 15.0 | 13.5 | 14.2 |
| Blantyre Rural | 12,504 | 11,962 | 24,466 | 68,866 | 69,644 | 138,510 | 18.2 | 17.2 | 17.7 |
| Chikwawa | 16,598 | 15,187 | 31,785 | 78,184 | 73,878 | 152,062 | 21.2 | 20.6 | 20.9 |
| Mwanza | 4,935 | 4,813 | 9,748 | 17,304 | 17,498 | 34,802 | 28.5 | 27.5 | 28.0 |
| Neno | 6,040 | 5,570 | 11,610 | 21,808 | 21,932 | 43,740 | 27.7 | 25.4 | 26.5 |
| Nsanje | 7,493 | 6,775 | 14,268 | 45,417 | 40,372 | 85,789 | 16.5 | 16.8 | 16.6 |
| Total SWED | 60,426 | 56,149 | 116,575 | 317,145 | 311,231 | 628,376 | 19.1 | 18.0 | 18.6 |
| Grand Total | 524,377 | 497,304 | 1,021,681 | 2,334,043 | 2,336,236 | 4,670,279 | 22.5 | 21.3 | 21.9 |

### 2.2.9 Pupil Transfers

Transfers show learner migration across districts and education division. Learner migration affects districts budgets in either a positive or negative way. In the study, transfers were categorized as transfers in and transfers out. Chart 2.2.9 below show that a lot of learners were transferred in Central West followed by Northern education division.

Figure 2.2.9 Transfer in and transfers out by Divisions


* net transfer cannot be zero due to poor recording of transfers in and transfers out in both public and private schools.


### 2.3 Teaching Staff

The School Census captured the total number of teachers in primary schools by division and gender to establish their percentage distribution as summarized in figure 2.3.1.

Figure 2.3.1 Total number of Teachers per Division


There are fewer disparities between male and female teachers in CWED and SWED than other divisions. Coincidentally, these divisions are more urban than the other divisions. On the other hand, the disparity between male and female teachers was high in CEED with a difference of 3,183 teachers followed by SHED with 2,742 teachers.

### 2.3.1 Teachers by Qualification

Figure 2.3.2: Number of Primary School Teachers by Academic Qualification


As pointed out above, the performance of students in primary schools is greatly affected by the quality of the teaching force. Though currently the Ministry's policy is only to recruit teachers with MSCE, Figure 2.3.2 shows that there are still a substantial number of JCE teachers in all the education divisions with the CEED having the highest number of the same. A total of 38 teachers were reported to have a diploma and above qualification.

The population of teachers in the primary sub-sector has been changing in response to the growing demand resulting from increasing enrollment. Figure 2.22 shows the trend in the number of teachers from 2011 to 2015. The number of teachers increased from 53,031 in 2011 to 71,363 in 2015 representing a 34.6 percent increase. However, the rate grew at an annual average rate of 7.8 percent. Annual analysis shows an increase of teachers from 66,732 in 2014 to 71,363 in 2015. The increase represents a growth of 6.5 percent for school calendar 2014/15.

Figure 2.3.3: Trend in the Number of Primary School Teachers 2011-2015


### 2.4 Teaching and Learning Materials

During the census, teacher's guides and pupil text books were taken as key elements of teaching and learning materials in Malawi. The 2015 school census, therefore, captured the number of text books for pupils and teachers guides.

### 2.4.1. Books in Good Condition

Figure 2.4.1: Number of Text books in good condition by Standard.


Quality performance of learners is determined by the availability of teaching and learning materials at school and at each level. In the above chart, availability of pupils books in good condition by standard show more books are in standard 4, followed by standard 1 and standard 3 .

### 2.4.2 Teachers Guides

The census asked the number of teacher's guides in good condition by class. The results reveal that there are more teachers' guides in standard 1 followed by standards 4 and 6.

Figure 2.4.2: Number of Teacher's Guides by Standard.


### 2.5 Infrastructure and Sanitation

School infrastructure and sanitation have a direct impact on access, quality, efficiency and equity to education. Good infrastructure and proper sanitary facilities are vital tools in attracting learners attendance especially girls. The 2015 school census captured infrastructure and sanitation data which included; buildings by condition and type, sanitary facilities, buildings under construction, source of drinking water, electricity and furniture.

### 2.5.1 Buildings

At a national level, there were 40,535 permanent classroom, 5,854 temporary classrooms and 11,948 classrooms under rehabilitation. CEED has more permanent classrooms followed by SEED with SWED having the least.

Figure 2.5.1: Distribution of School Structures by Education Division


Table 2.2.6 below show that SHED and SEED has the highest need of permanent classroom manifested by a high Pupil permanent Classroom Ratio of 142. SWED and reported the lowest Pupil permanent Classroom Ratio of 66. There is need to prioritize increasing number of classrooms in areas with high Pupil Permanent Classroom Ratio.
Table 2.2.6 Pupil permanent Classroom Ratio by division

| Division | Enrolment | Permanent structures | Pupil permanent Classroom Ratio |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NED | 688935 | 7426 | 93 |
| CEED | 784012 | 6391 | 123 |
| CWED | 1210417 | 8778 | 138 |
| SHED | 658745 | 4638 | 142 |
| SEED | 811115 | 5720 | 142 |
| SWED | 650972 | 9843 | 66 |
| 2.5. |  |  |  |

### 2.5.2 Open Air Classes

The introduction of Free Primary Education (FPE) in the year 1994 by the Malawi Government brought pressure on the existing resources, infrastructure inclusive. One of the major challenges of free primary education is an increase in the number of open air classes. Figure 2.5 .2 below shows numbers of open air classes in the six education divisions. There are more open air classes in junior primary than in senior primary. CEED has more open air classes in junior primary while NED has more open air classes in senior primary.

Figure 2.5.2: Distribution of Open-air Classes by Standard and Education Division

2.5.3 Trend in Permanent Classrooms from 2011 to 2015

Number of permanent classrooms has increased from 38,387 in 2011 to 40,535 in 2015, representing a growth of 5.6 percent. The period registered an annual average growth rate of 1.7 percent. The number of permanent classrooms went down in 2012 hence a negative growth (-12.0 percent) was recorded.

Figure 2.5.3: Trend in Number of Permanent Classrooms: 2011-2015


### 2.5.4 Main Source of Drinking Water

The census also captures information on water sources in primary schools since this determines health, sanitation and hygiene in schools. The major water sources identified include, borehole, Lake, piped water, protected hand dug well with pump, protected spring, rain water tanks, river and unprotected hand dug well and unprotected spring.

Figure 2.5.4 Main Source of School Drinking Water


From the figure above, majority of primary schools (70 percent) had boreholes as their main source of water; followed by piped water ( 15 percent) where as 6 percent of the schools reported having no access to a water source.

### 2.5.5 Classroom Furniture

One of the factors that determine child friendliness of a school is furniture. Figure 2.5.5 below shows that almost all the types of learner's furniture are not sufficiently available in schools. There is a great demand for Learner's desk.

Figure 2.5.5: Availability of Furniture


### 2.5.6 Teachers Houses

Studies have shown that teachers who reside close to the school have less absenteeism compared to teachers who stay far away from the school. The census inquired about the number of teachers houses available at each school premises. The census focused on the following teachers houses characteristics; permanent house, house under rehabilitation, temporary housing structure.

Figure 2.5.6: Number of Teacher Houses by Condition and Education Division


### 2.6 Summary of Primary Education Indicators

### 2.6.1 Access Indicators in Primary education

### 2.6.1.1 Gross Intake Ratio

This is the total number of new entrants in standard one regardless of age expressed as a percentage of the population of official primary school-registration age. It is also known as Apparent Intake Rate (AIR). It indicates the general level of access to primary education. Mostly, it reflects those pupils who may not have been enrolled in school at an appropriate age, and often reflect the backlog of students who could not enroll before.
The overall gross intake ratio for standard one stands at 211 ; with 210 for boys and 212 for girls respectively. The results Show higher levels of access in education for girls than boys.

Figure.2.6.1 Trend in Gross Intake Rate 2011-2015


Gross intake rate is mostly affected by pupils who are underage and overaged. In 2015 the national overage rate was 52.9 percent with girls at 51.2 percent and boys at 54 percent respectively.

### 2.6.1. 2 Net Intake Rate

This is the total number of new entrants who are in standard one and are 6 years old expressed as a percentage of population of official age (excluding repeaters of 6 years of age). This indicator measures access to primary education by pupils at their official age. The results show high degree of access for 6 year olds, however, girls have higher rates than boys. The Net Intake ratio for standard one stood at 95 for national; with 100 for girls and 91 for boys. The results show higher access to pupils of official school going age especially among girls.

Figure 2.6.2: Trend in Net Intake Rate 2011-2015


### 2.6.1.3 Gross Enrolment Rate (GER)

It is the total enrolment regardless of age expressed as a percentage of eligible official school-age population. It shows a general level of participation of primary education. It is commonly known as a crude measure of access to school. Mostly the indicator is above 100 because of its methodological nature of calculation as it includes both under and over aged pupils.

Figure 2.6.3: Gross Enrollment Rate


The results show a high participation rates for both girls and boys. Based on these results, it can be assumed that the primary education sub-sector is able to
accommodate all of its school age population. However, the rates can be more meaningful if the numbers of under age and over aged are reduced.

### 2.6.1.4 Net Enrolment Rate (NER)

NER is the best way of measuring organized on-time school participation. It is a more refined indicator of school and enrolment coverage and explains the proportion of students enrolled in terms of official age group. NER is calculated by dividing the number of properly aged primary pupils ( $6-13$ years of age) by the population of primary school going age ( $6-13$ years).

Figure 2.6.4: Trend in Net Enrollment Rate; 2011-2015


NER has been declining from 126 in 2011 to 102 in 2015. Theoretically, the net enrollment rate is not supposed to be above 100 percent. Over the years, NER has always been above 100 percent because of lack of birth registration which gives room for under-age learners to register in the different schools across the country. Most of the under-aged learners cheat their age to the government recommended age of six years while they are younger than that. Additionally, there are a small percentage of foreign pupils registered in our border schools (boarder effects).

### 2.6.2 Quality Indicators

Quality indicators for the primary sub-sector include Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR), Pupil Classroom Ratio (PCR), Pupil Text Book Ratio and the Pupil Stance Ratio (PSR) referred to as Pupil Toilet Ratio in other literature. Quality indicators provide a picture on the learning/teaching classroom environment in terms of overcrowding, pupil-teacher contact and sanitation. For all these indicators, a lower value leads to reduced levels of overcrowding or reduced competition for classroom resources and implies better learning conditions

### 2.6.2.1 Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR)

This is calculated as the total number of pupils enrolled at specified level of education by the number of teachers. It is used to measure the level of human resource input in terms of the number of teachers in relation to the size of pupil population. Though it is widely used as a quality indicator it should be noted that quality of education depends on other factors i.e. qualification of teachers, teaching and learning materials and other issues. The understanding of this indicator is as follows;
(i) The lower the PTR the better the opportunity for contact between teacher and pupils and for the teacher to provide support to learners individually, thereby improving the quality of education
(ii) Lower PTR may indicate inefficient or underutilization of teachers. A situation which can only be realized when the teachers colleges have over supplied teachers than the number required.

Figure 2.6.5: Trend in Pupil Teacher Ratio and Pupil Qualified Ratio


The figure above shows a continuous decline of both pupil teacher ratio and pupil trained teacher ratio. Though the ratios show a continuous decline they still remain far from the official standard as stipulated in ESIPII. The results mean the interventions which are currently in place are playing a crucial role in improving availability of teachers, considering the target set in NESP of 60: 1 . However, a lot needs to be done to reduce problem of pupil trained teacher ratio. Below is a mapping of pupil teacher ratio by district


### 2.6.2.2 Pupil Classroom Ratio (PCR) and Pupil Permanent Classroom Ratio (PpCR)

Inadequate school infrastructure is one of the major challenges the primary subsector has been facing for a long time. The number of classroom available to the learners tells more of the quality of education being rendered to pupils. A higher ratio will always entail of a poor quality of the education system; it may mean a lot of open air classes or congestion in the available classrooms. The Census looked at Pupil Permanent Classroom ratio (PpCR) and Pupil Classroom Ratio (PCR) to measure quality in-terms of infrastructure in the primary sub-sector.
Figure 2.6.6: Trend in Pupil Permanent Classroom Ratio and Pupil permanent Classroom Ratio; 2011 to 2015


The results show a minimal decline in pupil classroom ratio from 111 in 2014 to 109 in 2015. This Pupil Classroom Ratio is still higher than the ratio of 105:1 that was achieved in 2011.

At district level the average worst case scenario with higher Pupil permanent classroom ratio were reported for Lilongwe Rural East with 174; Machinga 157; Mulanje 156 and Thyolo 154. The lowest are Likoma with 53, Ntchisi 79; Nkhata bay 83 and Mzimba North 87.

Table 2.6.1: Pupil permanent Classroom Ratio by District division district enrolment number of permanent

| divis | DISTRT |  | STRUCTURES | ( 132 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CEED | Dowa | 203836 | 1540 | 132 |
|  | Kasungu | 259828 | 1964 | 132 |
|  | Nkhotakota | 115231 | 944 | 122 |
|  | Ntchisi | 85370 | 1075 | 79 |
|  | Salima | 119747 | 868 | 138 |
| CWED |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dedza | 215701 | 1556 | 139 |
|  | Lilongwe City | 173214 | 1625 | 107 |
|  | Lilongwe Rural East | 237400 | 1380 | 172 |
|  | Lilongwe Rural West | 237534 | 1573 | 151 |
|  | Mchinji | 168613 | 1134 | 149 |
|  | Ntcheu | 177955 | 1510 | 118 |

NED

|  | Chitipa | 75885 | 804 | 94 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Karonga | 109762 | 1052 | 104 |
|  | Likoma | 3781 | 72 | 53 |
|  | Mzimba North | 126761 | 1455 | 87 |
|  | Mzimba South | 160620 | 1643 | 98 |
|  | Mzuzu City | 55720 | 463 | 120 |
|  | Nkhata Bay | 84970 | 1025 | 83 |
|  | Rumphi | 71436 | 912 | 78 |
| SHED |  |  |  |  |
|  | Chiradzulu | 105691 | 972 | 109 |
|  | Mulanje | 211834 | 1360 | 156 |
|  | Phalombe | 131080 | 944 | 139 |
|  | Thyolo | 210140 | 1362 | 154 |
| SEED |  |  |  |  |
|  | Balaka | 127703 | 1068 | 120 |
|  | Machinga | 176882 | 1127 | 157 |
|  | Mangochi | 265366 | 1856 | 143 |
|  | Zomba Rural | 214068 | 1460 | 147 |
|  | Zomba Urban | 27096 | 209 | 130 |
| SWED |  |  |  |  |
|  | Blantyre City | 170330 | 1509 | 113 |
|  | Blantyre Rural | 141463 | 1115 | 127 |
|  | Chikwawa | 165351 | 1175 | 141 |
|  | Mwanza | 37208 | 340 | 109 |
|  | Neno | 46096 | 416 | 111 |
|  | Nsanje | 90524 | 5288 | 17 |
|  | Grand Total | 4804196 | 42796 | 112 |

### 2.6.3 Pupil Textbook Ratio- Books in Good Condition

Number of textbooks available in primary schools contributes to quality performance of learners. The annual school census collected the number of books in good
condition and used the information to calculate the Pupil Textbook Ratio for the primary sub-sector in the following subjects; English, Chichewa, Mathematics and Life Skills. The figure below demonstrates the variation across standards. The study reveals that 5 learners in standard 5 and 6 share one textbook in English, Mathematics and Chichewa.

Figure 2.6.7: Pupil Textbook Ratio- Books in Good Condition


### 2.6.4 Efficiency Indicators

These rates help to understand how the education system utilizes efficiently the limited resources and time. These rates are commonly used to measure the efficiency of the education system in producing graduates of a particular education cycle or level. A learner has three paths in a particular school calendar, i.e. to be promoted to the next grade, to repeat a grade or drop-out and complete a grade

### 2.6.4.1 Repetition Rate

This indicator measures the proportion of students who have remained in the same grade for two or more consecutive years by retaking the grade by either leaving the class prematurely or returning for a second or third time. Repeating a class means, a pupil is using more public resources than allocated to. Evidence shows that too high repetition rates do not favour a better mastery of learning, increase the risk of dropping out, and have adverse effects of pupil-teacher ratio and costs" 1 .

[^0]Figure 2.6.8: Repetition Rates by Standard and Sex- 2014/15


### 2.6.4.2 Promotion Rate

This indicator shows the proportion of learners who enrolled in a new grade (class) from the last grade they attended. It is calculated as current enrollment of a grade minus repeaters over enrollment from last school session grade.

Figure 2.6.9: Promotion Rates by Standard and Sex-2014/15


The results show high promotion rates for standard 3 and standard 5. Further the results show that in junior classes' girls had a higher promotion rate than boys while in senior primary classes boys had a higher promotion rates than girls.

### 2.6.4.3 Survival to Standard 5 and 8

The survival rate to standard 5 is used to estimate the percentage of students who will complete the first cycle of primary education while that to Standard 8 estimates those that complete the last cycle of primary education. Survival rates approaching 100 percent indicate a high level of retention and low incidence of dropouts. The reliability of this indicator depends on the consistency of data on enrollment and
repeaters both in terms of coverage over time and across grades as it is calculated based on these figures. A "synthetic cohort method" is applied to calculate this rate by assuming a group of pupils, typically 1,000 who are enrolled together and proceed to the 5 th grade and eventually 8th, sometimes with repetition up to two times, and sometimes without. An increase in the Survival rate indicates efficiency in the education system as more students of a particular cohort are able to reach grade 5 and/or 8 . The figures and tables below show the trend for Malawi in the past 4 years.

Figure 2.6.10:Trend in Survival Rates for Standard 5; 2012-2015


The survival rates for standard 5 show a rise from 2012 to 2013 and has remained fairly constant from 2014 to 2015 . However, across the years boys have had a higher rate of survival to standard 5 than girls. In 2014 and 2015, the results show that boys had a marginal urge over girls in the last two school years.

Figure 2.6.11: Trend in Survival Rate for Standard 8; 2012-2015


For Standard 8, the rate of survival dropped from 38 percent in 2012 to around 31 percent in 2013 and has since risen slightly to 32 percent in 2015 . Similar to Standard 5, boys had a higher survival rate relative to girls in standard 8 across the years. However, it is of interest to note that the difference is more pronounced at standard 8 relative to standard 5.

When we take a closer look at 2015 survival rate, the results indicate that in total 64 percent of pupils that start standard 1 reach standard 5 , however boys survived slightly more than girls at 65 percent and 64 percent respectively. However the results further reveal that almost half of the pupils who survived to standard 5 dropped out before standard eight since only 32 percent of a cohort of pupils beginning standardl in a particular school year survived to standard eight. Girls' survival rate to standard 8 is the lowest at only 29 percent relative to boys at 35 percent. This is illustrated in the figure below.

Figure 2.6.12:Primary Survival Rate- 2015


### 2.6.4.5 Primary Completion Rate PCR (Proxy Method)

Internationally the PCR is an established measure of the outcomes of an education system. It has been specified as one of the two major education indicators for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It is calculated by dividing the total number of new entrants in the last grade of primary school by the population of official age in the last grade.

The PCR is highly dependent on the accuracy of the single age repetition (i.e. age 13 for grade 8) and the accurate measurement of repeaters in each grade. An increase in the PCR generally indicates an improvement in the survival and retention of pupils in the education system.

Table 2.6.2 below shows that the rate has varied in the past 5 years ranging between 50 percent and 52 percent. However, boys have had a relatively higher completion rate than girls over the same period.

Table 2.6.2: Completion Rates.

| Year | Population aged 13 |  |  | New entrants in STD 8 |  |  | Completion Rates |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Average |
| 2011 | 173,143 | 180,150 | 353,293 | 94,814 | 84,524 | 179,338 | 55 | 47 | 51 |
| 2012 | 180,201 | 186,959 | 367,160 | 98,667 | 85,146 | 183,813 | 55 | 46 | 50 |
| 2013 | 187,713 | 194,094 | 381,807 | 106,265 | 91,947 | 198,212 | 57 | 47 | 52 |
| 2014 | 193,312 | 199,860 | 393,172 | 109,134 | 93,739 | 202,873 | 56 | 47 | 52 |
| 2015 | 198,718 | 205,323 | 404,041 | 110,361 | 97,111 | 207,472 | 56 | 47 | 51 |

Figure 2.6.13:Trend in Primary School Completion Rates; 2011-2015


### 2.6.4.6 Transition Rate (Primary to Secondary School)

UNESCO defines the Transition rate as the number of pupils (or students) admitted to the first grade of a higher level of education in a given year, expressed as a percentage of the number of pupils (or students) enrolled in the final grade of the lower level of education in the previous year. The purpose of this indicator is to convey information on the degree of access or transition from one cycle or level of education to a higher one, in this case from primary to secondary school. High transition rates indicate a high level of access or transition from one level of education to the next. They also reflect the intake capacity of the next level of education. Inversely, low transition rates can signal problems in the bridging of two cycles or levels of education, due to either deficiencies in the examination system, or inadequate admission capacity in the higher cycle or level of education, or both.

The figure below shows the transition rates for the past 5 years, and it shows an increase over the 5 years from 30 percent in 2011 to 36 percent in 2015 which is a good indication. However despite the trend the figures are still on the lower side.

Figure 2.6.14: Transition rates by sex


### 2.6.5 Equity Indicators

### 2.6.4.1 Gender Parity Index

In relation to access measures, GPI is an important indicator of balanced programs to boost enrolment and participation in education. The GPI is the ratio of female to male GER for all level. In a situation of equality between boys and girls enrolment rates, GPI is 1 , while 0 indicates the highest disparity. The 2015 results indicate the gender parity is at 1 . This shows there is equality between boys and girls enrollment. Despite this being true, other measures such as survival rates and promotion rates provide a clearer picture as to how boys and girls are fairing in the system.

## Table 2.6.4: Primary school Gender Parity Index

| Year | Primary School GPI |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Girls | Boys | Index |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | 2033711 | 2000509 | 1.02 |  |
| 2012 | 2099885 | 2088792 | 1.01 |  |
| 2013 | 2250352 | 2247189 | 1.00 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | 2322679 | 2405589 | 2347600 | 0.99 |

Table 2.6.5 below shows gender parity index of primary teachers by location. The census reveals that there is no equality between male and female teachers at both national and location level (urban and rural). The gender parity index has been registering an index below the acceptable equity level of one since 2011. Overall, the index has moved by 0.2 from 0.70 in 2011 to 0.72 in 2015.

The gender gap gets wider when we aggregate the data by urban and rural areas. Though the sub-sector has a lot of interventions in teacher deployment and provision of incentives through allowances in rural area, the number of female teacher's in rural areas has remained low. However, marginal improvements were reported in the 5 year period. In 2011 the GPI stood at 0.54 while in 2015 stands at 0.61 , the results shows a movement 0.7 of the GPI. In urban, there are more female teachers than males, however the index has been going down from 3.2 in 2011 to 2.8 in 2015.

Table 2.6.5: Primary Teacher Gender Parity Index Trend- 2011-2015

| Year | National |  |  | Rural |  |  |  | Urban |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | GPI | Male | Female | GPI | Male | Female | GPI |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | 25795 | 18026 | 0.70 | 30035 | 16234 | 0.54 | 1615 | 5147 | 3.2 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | 26087 | 18142 | 0.70 | 24197 | 12173 | 0.50 | 1890 | 5969 | 3.2 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | 35324 | 23745 | 0.67 | 32959 | 17489 | 0.53 | 2365 | 6256 | 2.6 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | 35267 | 24974 | 0.71 | 32976 | 18761 | 0.57 | 2291 | 6213 | 2.7 |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | 37390 | 27032 | 0.72 | 35437 | 21468 | 0.61 | 1953 | 5564 | 2.8 |  |

### 3.0 SECONDARY

The secondary sub-sector is a feeder to tertiary education and other post-secondary school studies. As such, the government continues to address challenges associated with access, quality, and provision of inclusive education. This section presents key statistical findings and indicators pertaining to the state and developments of the secondary sub-sector for 2014/15 school calendar. These include, school particulars, pupil information, teacher information, infrastructure and sanitary facilities among others.

### 3.1 School Particulars

During the study school particulars were defined as:

- Location- this was looked at as urban and rural thereafter consideration of division where the school is located
- Proprietor- in the study, proprietorship was looked at as who owns and runs the institution; broadly, it was looked at as public secondary schools and private secondary schools. Public secondary schools were government school and religious school who are government aided. Religious institutions that operate as private were grouped to private secondary schools.


### 3.1.1 Location

The Annual School Census collected information on the location of the secondary schools in Malawi. Because the majority of people in Malawi live in rural areas, it was important to know how many secondary schools are in the rural areas and how many are in semi-urban and urban areas.

Figure 3.1.1 Proportion of Secondary Schools by Location


The total number of secondary schools in 2014/15 was 1,454 . From the figure above, 1,195 schools or 82 percent of secondary schools were located in rural areas while 18 percent, or 259 schools, were located in urban areas. Most of the schools in the rural areas are CDSSs.

### 3.1.2 Number of Secondary Schools

Government has put in place a number of policies to increase access to secondary education to all primary school graduates. One of the key areas in improving access to secondary education is by building more secondary schools. Figure 3.1.2 below shows a trend in the number of secondary schools in Malawi across a period of 5 years.

Figure 3.1.2: Trend in Number of Public and Private Secondary Schools: 2011-2015


The number of secondary schools, both public and private, has increased in the last five years. Number of public schools increased from 847 in 2011 to 1,094 in 2015 representing a 29 percent growth. In the same period, the number of private schools saw a substantial 85 percent increase, growing from 194 schools in 2011 to 360 schools in 2015. By district, Lilongwe City with 86 schools had the highest number of secondary schools. In comparison, Likoma has only four secondary schools. With 56 public secondary schools each, Mzimba South and Mangochi have the highest number of public schools. Blantyre City has the highest number of private secondary schools (48 schools).

Figure 3.1.3: Number of Secondary Schools by Division and Location


The results in the figure above show that NED has highest number of secondary schools followed by CWED while SHED has the least number of secondary schools. The CWED has the highest number of urban secondary schools.

### 3.1.3 Number of Open Day Secondary Schools

Open Day Secondary Schools (ODSS) complement the efforts of making secondary education accessible to whoever desires to enroll despite of his/her age. These schools were formerly known as night schools and enroll students who were not formerly selected but managed to get a pass. The system uses the current existing infrastructure in schools.

Figure 3.1.4: Number of Open Day Secondary Schools


Figure 3.1.4 above shows that the numbers of open day secondary schools have been increasing steadily since 2011. In 2015, there were 260 ODSSs, representing a four-fold increase from 62 schools in 2011. Mangochi, with 23 ODSSs, has the highest number of open day secondary schools; Lilongwe City has 22 ODSSs. Mulanje and Likoma have no ODSSs while Ntchisi, Lilongwe Rural, Blantyre City and Mwanza each have only one ODSS.

### 3.1.4 Secondary School Proprietor

The school census collected information on proprietorship of secondary schools. The secondary schools were divided into public (government and religious) and private categories. The results indicate that the majority of Secondary schools are public owned with 75 percent of schools falling into this category and 25 percent private.

Figure 3.1.5: Proportion of Schools by Proprietor


### 3.1.5 Number of Public Secondary Schools by Type

The categories of secondary schools available in Malawi are Community Day Secondary Schools (CDSS), Boarding Secondary Schools, Day Secondary schools and Open Secondary school.

Figure 3.1.6: Number of Public Secondary Schools by Type

*the chart does not include open secondary schools as they mostly use existing infrastructure of the schools above.
Results from the 2014/15 annual school census indicate that CDSS make up most of the public secondary schools followed by district day secondary schools and district boarding schools.

### 3.2. Student Information

This section provides information on students in Secondary schools with respect to enrollment, orphan hood, dropout, repetition and transfer.

### 3.2.1 Enrolment

Enrolment was captured by grade, ownership and gender to establish pupil distribution for better planning and allocation of school teaching and learning material as well as financial support from government and other stakeholders

### 3.2.1.1 Annual Enrolment Growth Rate

This is the average annual growth rate of change of enrollment between specified periods. Figure 3.2.1 shows how enrolment has been growing in the past 5 years. Number of secondary school enrollment increased from 256,343 in 2011 to 358,033 in 2015 representing a growth of 39.7 percent with an annual average growth of 8.9 percent.

Annual analysis shows that national enrollment increased from 346,604 in 2014 to 358,033 in 2015 representing a growth of 3.3 percent, which is below the annual average growth in the five year period. At the district level, Lilongwe City has the highest secondary enrollment with 26,086 pupils while Likoma with 752 pupils has the lowest enrollment.

Figure 3.2.1: Trend in Enrolment Growth Rate; 2011-2015


Figure 3.2.1 above shows that enrollment in public secondary schools has been consistently increasing in the last five years with average annual growth rate of 8.1 percent. Further, the chart shows that enrolment in private secondary school has been increasing at an average annual growth rate of 15 percent in the last five years.

In terms of proprietorship, public school enrollment accounted for approximately 80 percent of secondary school enrollment in 2014/15, while private schools accounted for 20 percent.

In the 2014/15 academic year, more boys were enrolled (53 percent) compared to girls ( 47 percent). The figure below shows a further breakdown of enrollment by form and sex.

Figure 3.2.2: Enrollment by Form


The results indicate that there were more students in form 2 while form 3 had the least enrollment. The results further indicate there were more boys enrolled relative to girls across all forms. Disaggregating the data by division, variations in enrollment were
observed. Figure 3.2.3 below shows a further distribution by division on enrollment by sex.

Figure 3.2.3: Enrollment Distribution by Division and Sex


This figure indicates that CWED has the highest number of students enrolled in secondary schools with SHED having the lowest secondary school enrollment. Furthermore, just like observed in enrollment by form, boys have a slightly higher enrollment relative to girls in all the education divisions.

### 3.2.1.2 Orphans

Orphans were defined as those students who have one parent dead or both parents dead. About 17.1 percent or 61,326 pupils of total secondary enrollment were reported as orphans. The figure below shows a graphical presentation of orphans by division.

Figure 3.2.4: Number of Orphans by Division and Type of Orphan hood


The highest number of orphans with single parents was reported in CWED followed by NED. The NED reported more students with both parents dead followed by CWED. By district, Blantyre City with a total of 4,045 orphans had the highest number, followed by Mulanje with 3,205 orphans. In comparison, the lowest numbers were in Likoma (194 orphans) and Mwanza (367 orphans).

### 3.2.1.3 Students with Special Needs

The Education sector plan stresses on provision of equal and equitable access of education to all Malawians. Several policies have been laid down and are currently under implementation to accommodate every citizen who is interested to learn. About 1.3 percent $(4,726 / 358,033)$ of total secondary school enrollment were students with special needs.

Figure 3.2.5 Number of Students with Special Needs


The figure above shows the number of SNE learners, more than 47 percent, suffers from low vision.
Table 3.4.1 Proportion of SNE learners by Education Division

|  | Enrolment | Number of SNE | Percent |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CEED | 54550 | 672 | 1.2 |
| CWED | 86187 | 1271 | 1.5 |
| NED | 68915 | 1010 | 1.5 |
| SHED | 43421 | 345 | 0.8 |
| SEED | 49515 | 603 | 1.2 |
| SWED | 55445 | 825 | 1.5 |
| Total | 358033 | 4726 |  |

CWED, NED and SWED recorded the highest proportion of special needs students in 2015.

### 3.2.2 Repetition in Secondary Schools

Repetition represents number of pupils who failed to make it to the next grade. This provides an indication of poor performance, resource wastage and can result in congestion and/or competition for space with those students that have been promoted.

Figure 3.2.6: Number of Repeaters by Education Division


The total number of repeaters in 2014/15 was 13,445. The NED had the highest number of repeaters at 3,447 accounting for 26 percent of all repeaters. SHED had the lowest number of repeaters. By district, Blantyre City had the highest number of repeaters ( 1,060 pupils) and Likoma has the lowest number (27 pupils).

The annual schools census also collected information on repeaters by their respective forms and sex. The figure 3.2.7 below summarizes the same.

Figure 3.2.7: Number of Repeaters by Sex and Form


Overall, the results indicate that Form 4 and Form 2 had the highest proportions of repeaters at ( 47 and 30 percent) respectively while Form one had the lowest proportion of repeaters at 3.3 percent. The results further indicate that the number of girls repeating a grade is higher than the number of boys in every Form except Form 4.

### 3.2.3 Dropouts

The total number of dropouts in 2014/15 was 14,940. The CWED had the highest number of dropouts at 3,417 accounting for almost 23 percent of all dropouts. SHED had the lowest number of dropouts with 1,489 pupils dropping out. By district, Kasungu had the highest number of dropouts ( 1,075 pupils). In comparison, Likoma had the lowest number of dropouts (19 pupils), followed by Zomba Urban with 94 dropouts.

Figure 3.2.8: Number of Dropouts by Division


### 3.2.3.1 Dropouts by Sex and Form

The figure 3.2.9 below summarizes the distribution of dropouts by Form and sex.
Figure 3.2.9: Distribution of Dropouts by Form and Sex


The figure above shows that dropouts were marginally higher in junior secondary school (Form 1 and Form 2 than in lower part of senior secondary school (Form 3). In

2014/15, a total of 5,101 girls dropped out of school in Form 1 and Form 2. In Form 3 and Form 4, the numbers were less as 3,797 girls dropped out. As for boys, high dropout was also observed in Form 1. In total, 6,042 boys dropped out of secondary school with 1,871 dropping out of Form 1 and 1,611 Form 3 respectively

These two classes (Form1 and Form2) accounted for 54percent of the total that dropped out. The next subsection explores the reasons behind these dropouts.

### 3.2.3.2 Dropouts by Sex and Reason

Pupils drop out of school because of various reasons, some of them being unavailability of teachers, pregnancy, employment, poor facilities especially to girls, lack of support, lack of interest by the learner, early marriage, traveling long distance to school, lack of fees, family responsibilities, sickness and violence.

Figure 3.2.10: Drop-out by Reasons and Sex


The results indicate that most students, both male and female, dropped out mainly because of school fees. Schools fees accounts for 35 percent of total dropouts. Further, the results reveal that a lot of girls dropped out due to pregnancies and marriage - these two reasons accounted for 44 percent of all female dropouts.

### 3.3 Transfers

Transfers show learner migration within a district or across divisions. Learner migration may either have positive or negative effects on the planned resources. The ASC captured learner migration as transfers in and transfers out.
Table 3.4.2: Learner migration by form and division.

|  |  | Form 1 |  | Form 2 |  | Form 3 |  | Form 4 |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |  |
| CEED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Transfer in | 4800 | 5664 | 6896 | 7152 | 8528 | 8512 | 6640 | 5840 | 54032 |
|  | Transfer out | 4176 | 4000 | 2960 | 3296 | 5120 | 3968 | 2496 | 2000 | 28016 |
| CWED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Transfer in | 11184 | 11520 | 10400 | 11408 | 13184 | 13440 | 8720 | 7040 | 86896 |
|  | Transfer out | 10432 | 10256 | 5200 | 5408 | 7184 | 6704 | 3616 | 3344 | 52144 |
| NED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Transfer in | 7099 | 8504 | 8427 | 10407 | 13176 | 16183 | 10492 | 9726 | 84014 |
|  | Transfer out | 5919 | 6508 | 3872 | 4366 | 6208 | 5696 | 2592 | 2416 | 37577 |
| SHED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Transfer in | 3536 | 2832 | 3472 | 3696 | 4768 | 4400 | 3008 | 2736 | 28448 |
|  | Transfer out | 1984 | 2416 | 1280 | 1440 | 2512 | 2304 | 800 | 992 | 13728 |
| SEED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Transfer in | 5120 | 5408 | 4848 | 4528 | 7408 | 6096 | 3888 | 3472 | 40768 |
|  | Transfer out | 2800 | 3248 | 2512 | 2496 | 3152 | 2464 | 1152 | 1312 | 19136 |
| SWED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Transfer in | 6368 | 7104 | 6176 | 6544 | 9488 | 9040 | 8544 | 7600 | 60864 |
|  | Transfer out | 4064 | 4672 | 3088 | 3520 | 4464 | 4704 | 2608 | 3168 | 30288 |

*Net transfers cannot come up to zero because of poor record keeping

### 3.4 Teaching and Learning Materials

### 3.4.1 Teachers

The performance of students in secondary schools is affected by many factors, among many include; class environment, teacher's ability in delivering lessons and economic characteristics of the household where a student comes from. The School Census captured the total number of teachers in secondary schools by division and gender to establish their percentage distribution.

The Figure below shows disparities across divisions in terms of male and female teacher's distributions. Some divisions have very few female teachers giving an assumption of some school having no female teacher. The disparities leave some schools with only male teachers, thereby leaving girls without role models to mentor them.

Table 3.4.3: Total number of Secondary School Teachers in Malawi 2014/15

| Division | Total | Male | Female | Percent Male | Percent Female | PTR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CEED | 1,777 | 1,453 | 324 | 82 | 18 | 31 |
| CWED | 3,579 | 2,598 | 981 | 73 | 27 | 24 |
| NED | 2,706 | 2,210 | 496 | 82 | 18 | 25 |
| SHED | 1,620 | 1,381 | 239 | 85 | 15 | 27 |
| SEED | 2,135 | 1,700 | 435 | 80 | 20 | 23 |
| SWED | 2,680 | 1,946 | 734 | 73 | 27 | 21 |
| Malawi | 14,497 | 11,288 | 3,209 | 78 | 22 | 25 |

In total there were 14,497 secondary school teachers in Malawi in 2015 . There is a large persistent gender disparity favoring males from division to division as well as the national level where roughly 78 percent of secondary school teachers are male.

In Shire Highlands, 85 percent of secondary school teachers are male, only 15 percent of total teachers in Malawi are female.

The gender disparity among secondary school teachers may be because of the gender disparity in pupil enrolment. It is known that higher rates of female teachers can lead to increases in female student enrolment. It is commonly believed that female teachers who are deployed in rural schools act as role models.

Figure 3.4.1: Number of Teachers by Division


From the graphs above, 51.8 percent $(7,508 / 14,497)$ of the teachers are professionally trained while 48.2 percent $(6,989 / 14,497)$ are not trained as secondary school teachers. Out of the qualified ones, 74 percent $(5,048)$ are male and 26 percent are females $(1,757)$ in the country.

Further analysis per division indicates that in every division, the number or percentage of trained teachers with diploma in education is higher than any other type of trained
qualification. It is also observed that CEED, CWED and SEED have trained teachers slightly above 50 percent as compared to untrained.
Table 3.4.4 Number of teachers by qualification

| Division | Educ. Degree. | Other Degree. | Educ. Dipl. | Other Dipl. | Univ. Cert. in Education. | Other | Unknown | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CEED | 420 | 107 | 517 | 97 | 27 | 454 | 155 | 1,777 |
| CWED | 688 | 253 | 1,044 | 312 | 86 | 902 | 294 | 3,579 |
| NED | 643 | 184 | 659 | 200 | 54 | 750 | 216 | 2,706 |
| SHED | 329 | 59 | 417 | 79 | 28 | 480 | 228 | 1,620 |
| SEED | 492 | 157 | 593 | 186 | 44 | 497 | 166 | 2,135 |
| SWED | 678 | 199 | 735 | 265 | 54 | 498 | 251 | 2,680 |
| Malawi | 3,250 | 959 | 3,965 | 1,139 | 293 | 3,581 | 1,310 | 14,497 |

Figure 3.4.2 below show alarming numbers of un-qualified teachers in both private secondary schools and community day secondary schools. In the study qualified teachers were all those teachers who hold a diploma in education or other degrees with a teaching certificate.

Figure 3.4.2 Distribution of teachers by type of secondary school


### 3.4.2 Learning Materials

Learning materials have a very huge impact on the performance of students
Figure 3.4.2: Number of Books by Subject and Division


The graph above shows the distribution of books in major subjects in Malawi. Ideally student to book ratio is supposed to be 1:1. With the enrolment of 358,033 in 2015 it is evident that there is an acute shortage of books in all the subjects. The Table below show pupil text book ratio at division level in compulsory subjects (Mathematics and English) in secondary school.

Table 3.4.4 Pupil Text Book Ratio (Mathematics and English) Division

Pupil Text Book Ratio

|  | Mathematics | English |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NED | $2: 1$ | $2: 1$ |
| CEED | $3: 1$ | $2: 1$ |
| CWED | $3: 1$ | $3: 1$ |
| SHED | $3: 1$ | $3: 1$ |
| SEED | $2: 1$ | $3: 1$ |
| SWED | $3: 1$ | $3: 1$ |

### 3.5 Infrastructure and Sanitation Information

School infrastructure and sanitation have a direct impact on access, quality, efficiency and equity of education. Good infrastructure and proper sanitary facilities are vital tools in attracting student attendance especially girls. The 2015 school census collected infrastructure and sanitation data which included; buildings by condition and type, sanitary facilities, buildings under construction, source of drinking water, electricity and furniture.

### 3.5.1 Number of Secondary School Buildings by Condition and Status

Data collected on infrastructure availability across the country's secondary schools included buildings under construction at various levels. Infrastructure in Malawi schools still remains a challenge. Table 3.5.1 and Figure 3.5.1 give a summary on the number and condition of buildings across the country respectively.

Figure 3.5.1: Infrastructure Type and Condition


Table 3.4.6 Number of Secondary School Buildings by Condition 2014/15
In use Complete
In Use Incomplete

| Building Type | Permanent | Temporary | Permanent | Temporary | Rehabilitation | Repair |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Classrooms | 5851 | 358 | 256 | 27 | 1263 | 1832 |
| General Office | 395 | 44 | 23 | 5 | 28 | 410 |
| Head Teacher Office | 792 | 161 | 43 | 12 | 71 | 351 |
| Kitchen | 283 | 63 | 18 | 1 | 46 | 346 |
| Libraries | 538 | 167 | 45 | 16 | 52 | 483 |
| Recreation Hall | 279 | 24 | 27 | 5 | 34 | 452 |
| Special Needs | 50 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 312 |
| Resource rooms <br> Staff Rooms | 750 | 156 | 44 | 10 | 56 | 387 |
| Store Rooms | 815 | 118 | 26 | 7 | 66 | 523 |
| Teacher's Houses | 3851 | 695 | 290 | 73 | 864 | 5318 |
| Workshops | 117 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 301 |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{1 3 7 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{7 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 7 1 5}$ |

### 3.5.2 Availability of Sanitary Facilities.

Sanitary facilities are very important for student's personal health. Sanitation is one of the key areas of intervention in protecting the girl child. Other studies have shown that proper sanitary facilities reduce girl absenteeism especially in CDSSs. The figure 3.5.2 below shows that toilets are required across all divisions. Girl's toilets required are more than boy's toilets. The results further indicate a dare need of girl's toilets than boy's toilets. However, CWED and NED have the greatest need of toilets than any other division.

Figure 3.5.2 Number of toilets by division and gender


The recommneded pupil/toilet ratio for secondary school boys is 15 to 1 and for girls is 10 to 1. However, Table 3.5.2 below shows that toilets in secondary schools are inadequate. The problem is very accute in CWED with a pupil toilet ratio of 22 for girls and 23 for boys. It can be assumed that the higher enrolment figures has a huge influence on the high number of toilets required.

## Table 3.5.2: Pupil Toilet Ratio by Division

| Division | Enrolment |  |  | Toilets |  |  | Pupil Toilet Ratio |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Average |
| CEED | 29699 | 24851 | 54550 | 1368 | 1388 | 2756 | 22 | 18 | 20 |
| CWED | 46004 | 40183 | 86187 | 1994 | 1804 | 3798 | 23 | 22 | 23 |
| NED | 36287 | 32628 | 68915 | 1564 | 1979 | 3543 | 23 | 16 | 19 |
| SHED | 23261 | 20160 | 43421 | 1234 | 1113 | 2347 | 19 | 18 | 19 |
| SEED | 26106 | 23409 | 49515 | 1234 | 1236 | 2470 | 21 | 19 | 20 |
| SWED | 29266 | 26179 | 55445 | 1289 | 1498 | 2787 | 23 | 17 | 20 |

### 3.5.3 Number of Classrooms

Data on availability of classrooms in secondary schools in relation to enrollment was collected. The divisions have different number of schools such that the Northern and Central Western divisions have more classrooms since they also have more schools. It is worth noting, however, that there are still temporary structures across all divisions being used as classrooms. There are no open air classrooms in secondary schools but the classrooms are generally overcrowded in most secondary schools as students are squeezed in the available classrooms. The figure below reveals that most classrooms are in need of rehabilitation which requires more than just routine maintenance.

Figure 3.5.3: Number of Classrooms by Division


### 3.5.4 Number of Teacher's Houses

Most teachers, especially the newly deployed ones, are usually very reluctant to go to schools which have no houses. The situation gets worse where there are no rentable houses around the school concerned. Shortage of teachers' houses is indeed a serious factor affecting teachers' availability in many schools.

Figure 3.5.4: Number of Teachers Houses by Division


The results in Figure 3.5 .4 show that all divisions have a shortfall of teachers' houses and that 19 percent of the available permanent houses are in need of rehabilitation.

### 3.5.5 Electricity Source

Electricity is very critical in secondary education especially considering that most appliances these days require electricity. Equally important is the fact that evening studies are possible where electricity is available.

Figure 3.5.5: Distribution Energy


The Figure 3.5.5 above indicates that 54 percent of schools are powered by Electricity Supply Commission of Malawi (ESCOM). The use of solar power and generators is also common in some schools. On the other hand, 26 percent of the schools reported having no electricity.

### 3.5.6 Main Source of Drinking Water

Figure 3.5.6: Source of Water


From the Figure 3.5.4 it shows that still 3 percent of secondary schools in Malawi do not have access to water supply and one percent uses unprotected hand-dug wells

### 3.6 Summary of Secondary Education Indicators

### 3.6.1 Access Indicators in Secondary Education

### 3.6.1.1 Gross Enrolment Rate (GER)

GER is a crude measure of access to school. Mostly the indicator is above 100 because of its methodological nature of calculation as it includes both under and over aged pupils.

Figure 3.6.1: Trend in Gross Enrollment Rate; 2011-2015


Gross enrollment rate has been changing from 201 1, a slight drop was observed from 2011 to 2012, upward thrust was observed from 2012 to 2014 with enrolments moving from 19.6 to 24.3 percent. The trend has remained stagnant from 2014 to 2015 with a repetitive trend of 24.3 percent. The results mean there is very low accessibility of secondary education by the citizenry in Malawi. Across gender, the results show that boys gross enrollment rates have been marginally above girls over the last five years. However, for 2015 the boy's rates have marginally dropped while the rates for girls have remained static compared to 2014. Though it can be concluded that boys have better access to secondary education than girls but the national rates remained low for such conclusions.

### 3.6.1.2 Net Enrolment Rate (NER)

NER is the best way of measuring organized on-time school participation. It is a more refined indicator of school and enrolment coverage and explains the proportion of students enrolled in terms of official age group. NER is calculated by dividing the number of properly aged primary students (6 years of age) by the number of children of school age (6-13). The official age for student in secondary school is between 14 to

17 years. The analysis below considers students falling within the official secondary school going age.

Figure 3.6.2: Trend in Net Enrollment Rates for Secondary Schools


The NER for secondary sub-sector has remained below 20 percent over the last five years. The national rate has moved from 13 percent from 2011 to 15 percent in 2015. This result shows very low accessibility of secondary school education for the population of secondary school going age.

Boy's NER has moved from 14 percent in 2011 to 16 percent in 2015 while girls have moved from 12 percent in 2011 to 15 percent in 2015. The rule is, the closer to 100 the rate is the better the access to secondary education of official secondary school going age population.

### 3.6.2 Quality Indicators in Secondary Education

Quality indicators in secondary school include Students Teacher Ratio (STR) and Student Classroom Ratio (SCR). The census captured both trained and untrained teachers in secondary schools. It also captures number of permanent classes and temporary but used classes. To match with the policy direction underway we analyzed the trend from 2011 to 2015 for Pupil qualified Teacher Ratio ( $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{q}} \mathrm{TR}$ ) and Pupil Permanent Classroom Ratio (PCR)
These indicators provide a picture on learning/teaching environment as they are pivotal in achieving equitable access of secondary education. These indicators may show how overcrowded classes in the system are and the student teacher contact time. Both indicators, a lower value indicate reduced levels of overcrowding or reduced competition for classroom resources.

### 3.6.2.1 Pupil qualified Teacher Ratio (PqTR)

Figure 3.6.3: Pupil Qualified Teacher Ratio


Figure 3.6.3 shows that pupil qualified teacher ratios have been oscillating between 49.1 in 2011 and 63.5 in 2015. The results further show that the situation has worsened more in private schools relative to public ones since the PqTR in the former has increased from 45 in 2011 to 77 in 2015 while in the later it has slightly decreased from 53.1 in 2011 to 50 in 2015

Figure 3.6.4: Pupil Permanent Classroom Ratio by Proprietorship


The National Student permanent classroom ratio has been increasing from 51.4 in 2011 to 61.2 in 2015. Across proprietorship, public secondary schools have a higher student permanent classroom ratio than in private secondary schools.

### 3.6.3 Equity Indicator

### 3.6.3.1 Gender Parity Index (GPI) for secondary School

In relation to access measures, GPI is an important indicator of balanced programs to boost enrolment and participation in education. The GPI is the ratio of female to male for all level. In a situation of equality between boys and girls enrolment, GPI is 1 , while 0 indicates the highest disparity. The results in table 3.6.1 show gender gap in-terms of enrollment. There are more boys enrolled in secondary schools than girls.

Table 3.6.1: Trend of Gender Parity Index, 2011-2015

| Year | Secondary School GPI |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Boys | Girls | Index |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | 140,189 | 116,154 | 0.83 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | 142,548 | 117,516 | 0.82 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | 165,799 | 141,417 | 0.85 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | 184,817 | 161,787 | 0.88 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | 190,623 | 167,410 | 0.88 |

The results show marginal improvement between 2011 and 2015 where the GPI stands at 0.83 and 0.88 respectively. Despite the improvement the Index still stands less than 1 as such more has to be done to equal girls to boy's access in secondary education.

### 4.0 TERTIARY

### 4.1 Primary Teacher Training Colleges

The government of Malawi focuses on training teachers in order to address quality issues and in order to overcome supply side shortages in the education system. Teacher education has emerged as an essential element in the improvement of education delivery. The country currently has 11 teacher training Colleges. Teachers are trained through two modes of training. First is the Initial Primary Teachers Education Program (IPTE) and The Open Distance Learning (ODL). This section examines different aspects as regards teacher education in Malawi. This is in terms of enrollment, accommodation and Staffing.

### 4.2 Enrollment

The ministry has in the past few years been increasing the conventional primary teacher trainee intake, recruit, orient and deploy -trainee teachers for the ODL and IPTE programs. The number of TTC's built has increased as well. The ultimate goal has been to bring the Pupil teacher ratio to the recommended 1:60. The 2014/15 Annual School Census covered both public and private teachers college. Some of the private TTC 's were Amalika, Dapp Dowa, Chilangoma, Emmanuel and Maryam girl) The table below shows TTCs enrollment by sex, program and year of study.

## Table 4.1: Primary Teacher Enrollment by Mode of Training

| Enrollment by Mode of Training |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Students |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name of TTC | Year 1 |  |  |  | Year 2 |  |  |  |  |
|  | IPTE |  | ODL |  | IPTE |  | ODL |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |  |
| Machinga | 371 | 231 |  |  | 307 | 317 |  |  | 1226 |
| Lilongwe | 303 | 199 | 325 | 121 | 498 | 239 | 741 | 124 | 2550 |
| St Joseph | - | 612 | - | 649 | - | 1261 |  |  | 2522 |
| Karonga | 476 | 615 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1091 |
| Kasungu | 264 | 256 | 167 | 122 | 478 | 292 | 556 | 441 | 2576 |
| Blantyre | 409 | 333 |  |  | 946 | 730 |  |  | 2418 |
| Amalika | 18 | 43 |  |  | 39 | 50 |  |  | 150 |
| Dapp Dowa | 45 | 44 |  |  | 28 | 49 |  |  | 166 |
| Chilangoma | 25 | 47 |  |  | 40 | 53 |  |  | 165 |
| Emmanuel | 29 | 72 |  |  | 28 | 58 |  |  | 187 |
| Maryam Girls |  | 180 |  |  |  | 209 |  |  | 389 |
| Total | 1940 | 2632 | 492 | 892 | 2364 | 3258 | 1297 | 565 | 13440 |

Table 4.1 shows how enrollment in teachers training colleges is distributed by sex and by programme. More females were enrolled in all programmes for year one and two except for the ODL programme for year 2.

### 4.3 Accommodation

The Figure below, presents the results on available bed space against the recommended bed space. This is a measure of quality in-terms of how overcrowding the colleges are or how bed space is being under -utilized.

Figure 4.1: Number of Bed Space by College


The Figure above indicate that some teachers training colleges enrolled students beyond the recommended bed capacity, namely, Machinga, Lilongwe and Kasungu. However, some of the colleges enrolled less students than the recommended capacity, this can be assumed as under-utilization of bed space which is not cost effective in-term of unit production of a teacher as a final product. Some of TTC's which have enrolled less students than required bed space are; Karonga, Blantyre, Amalika and Emmanuel. St Joseph, DAPP Dowa and Chilangoma enrolled students to the maximum bed space, everything being constant, this can be deemed as cost-effective way of producing a teacher.

### 4.4 Staffing

The figure below informs of the percentage of teachers by sex in all TTCs' in the 2014/15 academic year


The results indicate that there are more Male tutors (66 percent) than female tutors (34 percent).

### 5.0 BUDGET INDICATORS

### 5.1 Introduction

The budget allocation to the education sector consists of allocations to Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Ministry of Gender, Women and Child Development, Local Councils, Local Development Fund, and education Subventions. The budget for Ministry of Education, Science and Technology include allocations of personal emoluments (PE) for all primary and secondary school teacher, operational budgets for Headquarters and its agencies, all secondary schools, the six education divisions, Teacher Training Colleges (TTCs) and development projects at all levelsprimary, secondary, teacher education and tertiary education. The budget at the local councils mainly consists of operation allocations called Other Recurrent Transactions (ORT) for the running and management of all the 5,415 primary schools in the country

Education subventions included the four public universities (namely University of Malawi, Mzuzu University, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Malawi University of Science and Technology), Malawi National Examination Board (MANEB), National Library Services, Malawi Institute of Education and National Council for Higher Education.

### 5.1.1 Education Expenditure in Malawi

This chapter presents the analysis of total public education expenditure as a percentage of total government expenditure from 2006 to 2015

Figure 5.1: Trend in Total Government Expenditure on Education excluding statutory expenditures; 2006-2015


Source: Ministry of Finance Books and IFMIS, 2006-2015

The trend analysis shows that the percentage allocation of total government expenditure to education sector has a decreasing trend between 2008 and 2010. The pattern of this proportion follows an up and down movement throughout the period, the maximum being 26 percent in 2011 and the minimum 15 percent in 2009 and 2010. From 2011 the total education expenditure increased to 24 percent, because Malawi became a Fast Track Initiative (FTI) member and signed a Joint Financial Agreement for pooled funding (which FTI is also included). So before 2010, there was no set government budget percentage benchmark allocation to the education sector. The target became effective starting from 2010/11 financial year onwards.

### 5.2 Allocation to Education Levels

This figure 2 below analyses education expenditure, total recurrent expenditure by level of education in Malawi.

Figure 5.2: Share of Expenditure by Level of Education in 2014-15 YR


Source: Ministry of Finance Books and IFMIS
In 2014/15 financial year, 49 percent of public education expenditure was allocated to primary education, 14 percent for secondary education, 4 for percent to teacher education and 28 percent for Sub vented organizations. However, about 4 percent of the allocation could not be specifically allocated to any of these levels of education. Mostly administration services and cross cutting activities both at headquarters and education divisions accounted for these unallocated funds. Primary education gets the largest share of public expenditure compared to the
other levels of education. Sub vented organizations get the second largest share followed by secondary education, complementary basic education and tertiary gets the lowest share.

### 5.3 Expenditure in Local Councils (34 District Education Offices)

The budget for the local councils mainly consists of operation allocations, Other Recurrent Transactions (ORT) for the running and management of all the 5,415 primary schools in the country. In 2014/15 FY the councils had an approved budget of MK 8.25 billion which was revised to MK 10.58 billion for the 34 Education Districts and a total of MK9.88 billion was funded to the councils representing 93.4percent ORT funding to district councils.

Of the funded amount, MK6.13 billion was the actual expenditure (available data is only for 22 education districts). About 52percent (MK5.5 billion) of the total allocation was earmarked for School Improvement Grants (SIG) which are deposited into school bank accounts. All the 5,415 primary schools with a total enrolment of 4,804,194 receive these grants from their respective district councils.

Other major allocations in 2014/15 FY include maintenance of primary schools (MK 231.5 million), payments to teachers on double-shifting allowance (MK 175 million) and inspection and advisory services (MK324 million) and there was no allocation for teaching and learning materials to the councils.

Leave grants were revised upwards by MK2.3 billion during the mid-year review. The increase was mainly for leave grants increments including arrears. The total revised leave grants budget for the 34 education districts office came to MK2.83 billion.

## APPENDIX

Table 2.1 Pupil Toilet Ratio by division and District

|  | Enrolment | Number of Toilets | Pupil Toilet Ratio |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Central Eastern |  |  |  |
| Dowa | 203836 | 2455 | 83 |
| Kasungu | 259830 | 3685 | 71 |
| Nkhotakota | 115231 | 1191 | 97 |
| Ntchisi | 85370 | 1929 | 44 |
| Salima | 119747 | 1168 | 103 |
| Total | 784014 | 10428 | 75 |
| Central Western |  |  |  |
| Dedza | 215701 | 2313 | 93 |
| Lilongwe City | 173204 | 2008 | 86 |
| Lilongwe Rural East | 237400 | 2193 | 108 |
| Lilongwe Rural West | 237534 | 2668 | 89 |
| Mchinji | 168613 | 1698 | 99 |
| Ntcheu | 177955 | 2163 | 82 |
| Total | 1210407 | 13043 | 93 |
| Northern |  |  |  |
| Chitipa | 75885 | 1943 | 39 |
| Karonga | 109762 | 1781 | 62 |
| Likoma | 3781 | 61 | 62 |
| Mzimba North | 126771 | 2897 | 44 |
| Mzimba South | 160620 | 3496 | 46 |
| Mzuzu City | 55720 | 672 | 83 |
| Nkhata Bay | 84970 | 1931 | 44 |
| Rumphi | 71436 | 1574 | 45 |
| Total | 688945 | 14355 | 48 |
| Shire Highlands |  |  |  |
| Chiradzulu | 105691 | 1932 | 55 |
| Mulanje | 211834 | 1846 | 115 |
| Phalombe | 131079 | 1041 | 126 |
| Thyolo | 210145 | 1844 | 114 |
| Total | 658749 | 6663 | 99 |
| Southern Eastern |  |  |  |
| Balaka | 127703 | 1301 | 98 |
| Machinga | 176882 | 1573 | 112 |
| Mangochi | 265366 | 2605 | 102 |
| Zomba Rural | 214068 | 2150 | 100 |
| Zomba Urban | 27096 | 368 | 74 |
| Total | 811115 | 7997 | 101 |
| Southern Western |  |  |  |
| Blantyre City | 170331 | 1829 | 93 |
| Blantyre Rural | 141463 | 1602 | 88 |
| Chikwawa | 165351 | 1839 | 90 |
| Mwanza | 37199 | 452 | 82 |
| Neno | 46096 | 687 | 67 |
| Nsanje | 90524 | 816 | 111 |
| Total | 650964 | 7225 | 90 |
| Grand Total | 4804196 | 59711 | 80 |


|  | Std 1 |  | Std 2 |  | Std 3 |  | Std 4 |  | Std 5 |  | Std 6 |  | Std 7 |  | Std 8 |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |  |
| Central Eastern |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dowa | 23409 | 23513 | 17479 | 17725 | 15844 | 16828 | 12352 | 12943 | 10378 | 10894 | 7821 | 8652 | 6606 | 7002 | 6369 | 6021 | 203836 |
| Kasungu | 28090 | 28291 | 21559 | 22321 | 19490 | 19729 | 15561 | 16792 | 14735 | 14286 | 11098 | 12145 | 9378 | 9862 | 8478 | 8013 | 259828 |
| Nkhotakota | 13860 | 14119 | 9929 | 9773 | 9103 | 9404 | 6749 | 6984 | 6324 | 6181 | 5035 | 4678 | 3770 | 3289 | 3478 | 2555 | 115231 |
| Ntchisi | 10316 | 10409 | 7351 | 7804 | 6741 | 6789 | 4697 | 5226 | 3946 | 4630 | 3137 | 3651 | 2507 | 2826 | 2828 | 2512 | 85370 |
| Salima | 15902 | 15942 | 10845 | 10969 | 9557 | 9670 | 6745 | 7026 | 5809 | 5850 | 4424 | 4416 | 3427 | 3387 | 3185 | 2593 | 119747 |
| Central Western |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dedza | 27776 | 27809 | 19964 | 20563 | 18550 | 19073 | 12709 | 13372 | 10590 | 10589 | 7582 | 7535 | 5768 | 5332 | 4643 | 3846 | 215701 |
| Lilongwe City | 12183 | 12585 | 12881 | 13067 | 12665 | 13367 | 11771 | 12501 | 12250 | 12982 | 9904 | 10879 | 7791 | 8563 | 4972 | 4853 | 173204 |
| Lilongwe Rural East | 28160 | 30220 | 21619 | 22694 | 18789 | 19608 | 14567 | 15952 | 11893 | 13064 | 8983 | 9094 | 6772 | 6898 | 4885 | 4202 | 237400 |
| Lilongwe Rural West | 27651 | 27949 | 19881 | 21704 | 19077 | 20115 | 14420 | 15865 | 11803 | 13215 | 9330 | 9916 | 7454 | 7906 | 6007 | 5241 | 237534 |
| Mchinji | 20050 | 19868 | 14641 | 15071 | 13235 | 13529 | 10382 | 10994 | 8656 | 9185 | 6851 | 7031 | 5568 | 5429 | 4344 | 3779 | 168613 |
| Ntcheu | 20352 | 21825 | 14978 | 14571 | 14240 | 14096 | 11126 | 11685 | 9955 | 9963 | 7368 | 7573 | 5636 | 5700 | 4731 | 4156 | 177955 |
| Northern |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chitipa | 6962 | 6310 | 5470 | 5080 | 5127 | 4952 | 4747 | 4670 | 4472 | 4596 | 4029 | 4067 | 3905 | 3639 | 4092 | 3767 | 75885 |
| Karonga | 10976 | 10414 | 7997 | 7925 | 7667 | 7710 | 7277 | 6825 | 6978 | 6948 | 5550 | 5532 | 4800 | 4503 | 4918 | 3742 | 109762 |
| Likoma | 270 | 286 | 244 | 312 | 256 | 242 | 226 | 249 | 242 | 254 | 186 | 206 | 225 | 220 | 172 | 191 | 3781 |
| Mzimba North | 12873 | 12231 | 10007 | 9827 | 9272 | 8987 | 7950 | 8264 | 7280 | 7208 | 6279 | 6460 | 5657 | 5566 | 4770 | 4130 | 126771 |
| Mzimba South | 15819 | 15278 | 12200 | 12319 | 18321 | 11279 | 9492 | 9429 | 8430 | 8597 | 7409 | 7428 | 6488 | 6721 | 5799 | 5611 | 160620 |
| Mzuzu City | 4010 | 4009 | 3884 | 3749 | 3590 | 3832 | 3447 | 3598 | 3867 | 4060 | 3350 | 3699 | 2930 | 3485 | 1998 | 2212 | 55720 |
| Nkhata Bay | 7916 | 7766 | 6472 | 6599 | 6201 | 5973 | 5646 | 5549 | 5474 | 5379 | 4492 | 4378 | 3686 | 3331 | 3408 | 2700 | 84970 |
| Rumphi | 6734 | 6222 | 5237 | 5065 | 5048 | 4884 | 4679 | 4416 | 4188 | 4206 | 3717 | 3604 | 3573 | 3387 | 3537 | 2939 | 71436 |
| Shire Highlands |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chiradzulu | 10155 | 9955 | 8355 | 8441 | 8244 | 8722 | 7038 | 7002 | 6569 | 6615 | 4974 | 4979 | 4205 | 4094 | 3504 | 2839 | 105691 |
| Mulanje | 21605 | 26342 | 16975 | 17643 | 16170 | 16374 | 13512 | 14058 | 12101 | 12672 | 9727 | 10050 | 7361 | 7695 | 5219 | 4330 | 211834 |
| Phalombe | 16387 | 16118 | 11734 | 12075 | 10187 | 11236 | 7515 | 8366 | 6620 | 7265 | 5108 | 4957 | 3728 | 3581 | 3566 | 2637 | 131079 |
| Thyolo | 21690 | 21655 | 16524 | 17876 | 16873 | 16597 | 13299 | 13672 | 12510 | 12901 | 9636 | 10125 | 7753 | 7559 | 6159 | 5311 | 210145 |
| Southern Eastern |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balaka | 15399 | 14928 | 10901 | 11022 | 10071 | 10410 | 7800 | 8025 | 6832 | 7173 | 5171 | 5475 | 4329 | 4228 | 3147 | 2792 | 127703 |
| Machinga | 22212 | 23156 | 16458 | 17076 | 14433 | 15479 | 10646 | 10724 | 8497 | 8983 | 6393 | 6445 | 4775 | 4577 | 3736 | 3292 | 176882 |
| Mangochi | 38056 | 38173 | 26505 | 26394 | 21614 | 21477 | 15136 | 15029 | 12715 | 12400 | 9071 | 8569 | 6235 | 5980 | 4321 | 3691 | 265366 |
| Zomba Rural | 24437 | 25200 | 18062 | 18481 | 16867 | 17515 | 13212 | 13768 | 11602 | 12322 | 9388 | 8966 | 7317 | 7053 | 5428 | 4450 | 214068 |


| Zomba Urban | 2036 | 1795 | 1920 | 1667 | 2080 | 1816 | 2258 | 1838 | 2073 | 1607 | 1618 | 1477 | 1727 | 1243 | 1052 | 889 | 27096 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Southern Western |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Blantyre City | 11275 | 10690 | 11535 | 11953 | 11808 | 12218 | 11892 | 12614 | 11568 | 11927 | 10471 | 11153 | 9302 | 9835 | 5984 | 6105 | 170331 |
| Blantyre Rural | 13364 | 12711 | 10803 | 11905 | 11351 | 11292 | 9330 | 9507 | 8692 | 8978 | 6840 | 7376 | 5310 | 5639 | 4341 | 4024 | 141463 |
| Chikwawa | 17560 | 17090 | 23115 | 13323 | 12210 | 12136 | 9983 | 10100 | 8907 | 8376 | 6958 | 6366 | 5734 | 4857 | 5291 | 3345 | 165351 |
| Mwanza | 4402 | 4279 | 3003 | 3007 | 2960 | 2998 | 2322 | 2330 | 2026 | 2207 | 1426 | 1548 | 1266 | 1248 | 1177 | 1009 | 37199 |
| Neno | 5181 | 4806 | 3912 | 3887 | 3840 | 3657 | 2975 | 2944 | 2644 | 2591 | 2011 | 2030 | 1554 | 1564 | 1300 | 1200 | 46096 |
| Nsanje | 11364 | 11492 | 7821 | 8163 | 6643 | 6510 | 5709 | 5359 | 4725 | 4249 | 3888 | 3459 | 3476 | 2581 | 3162 | 1923 | 90524 |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{5 2 8 4 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 3 3 4 3 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 1 0 2 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 1 0 0 5 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 8 1 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 8 5 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 7 1 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 7 6 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 5 3 5 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 2 3 5 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 9 2 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 3 9 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 0 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 8 7 8 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 0 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 0 9 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 0 4 1 9 6}$ |

Table 2.2.2 Learner Age Distribution by Sex and Grade- Public

| age | Std 1 |  | Std 2 |  | Std 3 |  | Std 4 |  | Std 5 |  | Std 6 |  | Std 7 |  | Std 8 |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |
| 4 | 801 | 882 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 801 | 882 |
| 5 | 8078 | 8688 | 17 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8095 | 8701 |
| 6 | 257288 | 265402 | 12193 | 13219 | 96 | 117 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 269604 | 278710 |
| 7 | 138639 | 142277 | 162541 | 162376 | 10385 | 11718 | 844 | 1025 | 45 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 312460 | 317415 |
| 8 | 68183 | 66562 | 97346 | 103602 | 111038 | 120199 | 10646 | 12846 | 1575 | 1983 | 84 | 81 | 34 | 37 | 45 | 43 | 288951 | 305353 |
| 9 | 31093 | 28535 | 60359 | 61255 | 93560 | 91669 | 83690 | 89484 | 10989 | 12683 | 1666 | 1958 | 100 | 41 | 14 | 18 | 281471 | 285643 |
| 10 | 15202 | 13269 | 41414 | 38661 | 68892 | 69908 | 70120 | 76190 | 70274 | 76416 | 11247 | 12030 | 1886 | 2106 | 284 | 314 | 279319 | 288894 |
| 11 | 5583 | 4814 | 19636 | 17718 | 43370 | 41427 | 50377 | 53913 | 58545 | 63622 | 53857 | 57791 | 10441 | 11387 | 1726 | 1897 | 243535 | 252569 |
| 12 | 2133 | 1802 | 10458 | 8462 | 28435 | 25460 | 38475 | 37676 | 48832 | 50498 | 48057 | 52424 | 42121 | 45102 | 9308 | 10056 | 227819 | 231480 |
| 13 | 453 | 370 | 4009 | 2972 | 13384 | 11223 | 23550 | 21395 | 35871 | 34862 | 38220 | 40919 | 39215 | 41853 | 31433 | 29982 | 186135 | 183576 |
| 14 | 190 | 97 | 1241 | 892 | 5962 | 4514 | 12931 | 10332 | 24172 | 21067 | 30123 | 28550 | 33695 | 34401 | 33156 | 31951 | 141470 | 131804 |
| 15 | 31 | 5 | 308 | 230 | 1803 | 1076 | 4535 | 3310 | 10078 | 7798 | 15519 | 13097 | 22130 | 20011 | 27626 | 24080 | 82030 | 69607 |
| 16 | 28 | 0 | 61 | 36 | 365 | 234 | 1074 | 673 | 3279 | 2225 | 6876 | 5004 | 11998 | 8999 | 18845 | 13943 | 42526 | 31114 |
| 17 | 14 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 101 | 60 | 239 | 101 | 824 | 462 | 2443 | 1326 | 5785 | 3385 | 11311 | 6116 | 20730 | 11454 |
| 18 | 34 | 1 | 28 | 0 | 61 | 8 | 119 | 25 | 292 | 117 | 717 | 278 | 2114 | 959 | 6006 | 2287 | 9371 | 3675 |
| Total | 527750 | 532704 | 409624 | 409440 | 377452 | 377613 | 296600 | 306971 | 264776 | 271753 | 208814 | 213458 | 169519 | 168281 | 139754 | 120687 | 2394317 | 2400877 |


| Georaphical Position | Availability of Teachers |  | Employment |  | Family Responsibilities |  | Fees |  | Long Distances |  | Marriage |  | Other Reasons |  | Poor Facilities |  | Pregnancy |  | Sickness |  | Violence |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |
| Chitipa | 5 | 4 | 26 | 5 | 174 | 159 | 45 | 32 | 33 | 38 | 60 | 319 | 193 | 111 | 27 | 26 | 1 | 53 | 18 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Karonga | 1 | 1 | 31 | 8 | 475 | 363 | 1 | 9 | 93 | 95 | 62 | 477 | 404 | 272 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 129 | 60 | 63 | 21 | 19 |
| Likoma | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mzimba North | 9 | 39 | 23 | 6 | 427 | 364 | 2 | 0 | 194 | 164 | 93 | 448 | 421 | 270 | 11 | 17 | 2 | 118 | 91 | 87 | 23 | 13 |
| Mzimba South | 70 | 38 | 29 | 7 | 472 | 434 | 34 | 39 | 291 | 294 | 96 | 489 | 630 | 585 | 98 | 122 | 17 | 130 | 103 | 66 | 25 | 8 |
| Mzuzu City | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 59 | 42 | 25 | 26 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 22 | 145 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 9 | 19 | 3 |
| Nkhata Bay | 18 | 11 | 27 | 8 | 206 | 200 | 4 | 3 | 152 | 198 | 31 | 255 | 332 | 251 | 34 | 41 | 0 | 107 | 70 | 64 | 19 | 11 |
| Rumphi | 9 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 234 | 212 | 17 | 9 | 37 | 38 | 27 | 186 | 158 | 127 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 60 | 23 | 29 | 4 | 0 |
| Dowa | 26 | 28 | 228 | 133 | 1508 | 1475 | 45 | 33 | 445 | 444 | 48 | 193 | 1503 | 1525 | 267 | 286 | 12 | 116 | 103 | 119 | 97 | 103 |
| Kasungu | 16 | 19 | 65 | 33 | 687 | 627 | 32 | 27 | 410 | 405 | 111 | 552 | 885 | 754 | 92 | 113 | 16 | 211 | 137 | 117 | 57 | 23 |
| Nkhotakota | 26 | 29 | 75 | 53 | 579 | 674 | 0 | 0 | 366 | 394 | 56 | 285 | 829 | 849 | 68 | 112 | 9 | 241 | 99 | 111 | 31 | 24 |
| Ntchisi | 36 | 30 | 54 | 30 | 388 | 413 | 2 | 2 | 148 | 128 | 36 | 129 | 436 | 480 | 23 | 39 | 3 | 100 | 46 | 42 | 5 | 1 |
| Salima | 104 | 83 | 165 | 77 | 769 | 873 | 21 | 14 | 402 | 404 | 53 | 176 | 711 | 694 | 109 | 116 | 30 | 168 | 121 | 120 | 14 | 19 |
| Dedza | 12 | 8 | 577 | 354 | 2101 | 2160 | 5 | 10 | 637 | 633 | 75 | 302 | 2484 | 2375 | 108 | 131 | 5 | 200 | 86 | 89 | 129 | 110 |
| Lilongwe City | 0 | 0 | 39 | 27 | 270 | 287 | 238 | 223 | 67 | 62 | 4 | 46 | 451 | 459 | 3 | 16 | 0 | 69 | 44 | 39 | 22 | 14 |
| Lilongwe Rural East | 29 | 25 | 463 | 280 | 1370 | 1561 | 8 | 8 | 505 | 628 | 72 | 199 | 1279 | 1298 | 203 | 245 | 8 | 147 | 125 | 106 | 182 | 94 |
| Lilongwe Rural West | 17 | 14 | 222 | 82 | 2210 | 2151 | 173 | 141 | 277 | 277 | 53 | 267 | 1518 | 1487 | 92 | 135 | 5 | 143 | 138 | 161 | 54 | 65 |
| Mchinji | 36 | 40 | 173 | 85 | 1129 | 1050 | 9 | 14 | 415 | 465 | 51 | 312 | 1515 | 1448 | 186 | 198 | 19 | 335 | 102 | 100 | 34 | 40 |
| Ntcheu | 29 | 22 | 200 | 127 | 1290 | 1256 | 5 | 6 | 330 | 331 | 39 | 175 | 1974 | 1712 | 73 | 78 | 10 | 239 | 85 | 77 | 17 | 7 |
| Chiradzulu | 0 | 0 | 69 | 57 | 581 | 471 | 21 | 35 | 133 | 98 | 30 | 238 | 1026 | 867 | 40 | 33 | 3 | 174 | 69 | 45 | 39 | 3 |
| Mulanje | 5 | 5 | 113 | 75 | 829 | 867 | 4 | 19 | 363 | 371 | 57 | 349 | 2982 | 2558 | 67 | 95 | 25 | 314 | 160 | 130 | 35 | 42 |
| Phalombe | 1 | 4 | 165 | 78 | 622 | 693 | 12 | 6 | 207 | 190 | 77 | 250 | 1920 | 1962 | 48 | 43 | 19 | 175 | 90 | 85 | 15 | 12 |
| Thyolo | 15 | 20 | 112 | 70 | 771 | 752 | 27 | 13 | 437 | 413 | 89 | 433 | 2075 | 1834 | 133 | 130 | 6 | 338 | 120 | 86 | 16 | 9 |
| Balaka | 41 | 26 | 76 | 57 | 545 | 536 | 2 | 13 | 107 | 109 | 55 | 318 | 1170 | 946 | 26 | 23 | 11 | 247 | 23 | 19 | 6 | 5 |
| Machinga | 25 | 25 | 230 | 92 | 1399 | 1451 | 8 | 8 | 406 | 403 | 80 | 730 | 2643 | 2670 | 141 | 169 | 18 | 316 | 72 | 77 | 186 | 187 |
| Mangochi | 152 | 170 | 301 | 145 | 2255 | 2294 | 78 | 97 | 1075 | 1017 | 58 | 536 | 4267 | 4030 | 439 | 444 | 10 | 385 | 108 | 124 | 352 | 344 |
| Zomba Rural | 6 | 7 | 87 | 56 | 908 | 813 | 42 | 87 | 222 | 230 | 84 | 292 | 1149 | 919 | 50 | 46 | 35 | 253 | 69 | 52 | 26 | 21 |
| Zomba Urban | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 30 | 67 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Blantyre City | 1 | 1 | 17 | 17 | 145 | 143 | 155 | 153 | 38 | 33 | 3 | 22 | 214 | 173 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 100 | 17 | 14 | 4 | 5 |
| Blantyre Rural | 29 | 28 | 54 | 56 | 411 | 384 | 7 | 13 | 105 | 122 | 39 | 227 | 695 | 627 | 18 | 8 | 3 | 225 | 43 | 31 | 20 | 14 |
| Chikwawa | 36 | 15 | 169 | 75 | 993 | 1041 | 44 | 33 | 336 | 343 | 70 | 406 | 1372 | 1310 | 209 | 201 | 0 | 281 | 98 | 96 | 85 | 52 |
| Mwanza | 0 | 0 | 25 | 6 | 217 | 216 | 66 | 53 | 115 | 86 | 18 | 96 | 474 | 410 | 7 | 16 | 0 | 45 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 7 |
| Neno | 1 | 0 | 40 | 26 | 207 | 206 | 0 | 2 | 201 | 177 | 12 | 105 | 369 | 322 | 71 | 43 | 1 | 77 | 45 | 36 | 15 | 10 |
| Nsanje | 28 | 37 | 74 | 12 | 640 | 748 | 7 | 11 | 209 | 187 | 14 | 190 | 380 | 318 | 27 | 23 | 1 | 174 | 57 | 63 | 5 | 4 |
| Grand Total | 783 | 733 | 3943 | 2144 | 24902 | 24984 | 1145 | 1153 | 8760 | 8784 | 1655 | 9029 | 36634 | 33760 | 2682 | 2970 | 283 | 5739 | 2447 | 2277 | 1576 | 1270 |

## Table 2.3 Number of buildings/Rooms by condition 2014/2015

| Building |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Classrooms | 38241 | 5827 | 1524 | 507 | 11948 | 27379 |
| General Office | 454 | 79 | 28 | 21 | 80 | 2983 |
| Head Teacher Office | 2603 | 513 | 161 | 74 | 419 | 2888 |
| Kitchen | 1204 | 235 | 50 | 33 | 184 | 2705 |
| Libraries | 1167 | 409 | 84 | 41 | 174 | 4522 |
| Recreation Hall | 174 | 15 | 7 | 5 | 61 | 3052 |
| Special Need Resource rooms | 154 | 39 | 7 | 3 | 117 | 3428 |
| Staff rooms | 1487 | 158 | 72 | 31 | 200 | 3391 |
| Store Rooms | 2785 | 163 | 108 | 14 | 265 | 4229 |
| Teachers' houses | 16018 | 6223 | 1092 | 641 | 7064 | 36631 |
| Workshops | 88 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 52 | 2684 |

## Table 2.4. Primary School Pupils with Special Learning Needs by Type and Gender for 2014/2015

| Georaphical Position | Low Vision |  | Blind |  | Hard of Hearing |  | Deaf |  | Physical Impairment |  | Learning Difficulties |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |
| Dowa | 824 | 795 | 0 | 0 | 914 | 922 | 49 | 41 | 306 | 261 | 1871 | 1884 | 3964 | 3903 |
| Kasungu | 624 | 580 | 20 | 20 | 556 | 579 | 36 | 43 | 314 | 242 | 1429 | 1344 | 2979 | 2808 |
| Nkhotakota | 178 | 185 | 4 | 6 | 163 | 134 | 18 | 22 | 193 | 129 | 633 | 552 | 1189 | 1028 |
| Ntchisi | 286 | 307 | 1 | 2 | 334 | 370 | 28 | 24 | 120 | 96 | 956 | 842 | 1725 | 1641 |
| Salima | 522 | 514 | 12 | 18 | 507 | 554 | 43 | 40 | 215 | 149 | 884 | 851 | 2183 | 2126 |
| Dedza | 739 | 783 | 5 | 7 | 862 | 969 | 138 | 133 | 285 | 189 | 1792 | 1672 | 3821 | 3753 |
| Lilongwe City | 364 | 412 | 0 | 2 | 226 | 236 | 34 | 23 | 120 | 71 | 703 | 559 | 1447 | 1303 |
| Lilongwe Rural East | 712 | 684 | 0 | 4 | 602 | 586 | 96 | 95 | 269 | 191 | 1038 | 941 | 2717 | 2501 |
| Lilongwe Rural West | 602 | 513 | 25 | 22 | 543 | 619 | 132 | 126 | 227 | 179 | 679 | 612 | 2208 | 2071 |
| Mchinji | 680 | 597 | 14 | 18 | 706 | 683 | 54 | 48 | 220 | 218 | 1312 | 1306 | 2986 | 2870 |
| Ntcheu | 741 | 716 | 19 | 17 | 717 | 760 | 60 | 64 | 263 | 164 | 1580 | 1277 | 3380 | 2998 |
| Chitipa | 186 | 206 | 0 | 0 | 268 | 297 | 14 | 15 | 95 | 76 | 588 | 571 | 1151 | 1165 |
| Karonga | 296 | 244 | 3 | 4 | 305 | 220 | 65 | 52 | 128 | 97 | 411 | 344 | 1208 | 961 |
| Likoma | 15 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 47 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 46 | 23 | 92 | 84 |
| Mzimba North | 468 | 442 | 20 | 11 | 657 | 642 | 46 | 43 | 168 | 116 | 1010 | 840 | 2369 | 2094 |
| Mzimba South | 301 | 288 | 6 | 7 | 217 | 189 | 137 | 97 | 263 | 190 | 676 | 655 | 1600 | 1426 |
| Mzuzu City | 217 | 247 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 164 | 19 | 13 | 34 | 35 | 415 | 386 | 820 | 845 |
| Nkhata Bay | 247 | 189 | 2 | 3 | 376 | 355 | 59 | 45 | 134 | 118 | 445 | 413 | 1263 | 1123 |
| Rumphi | 219 | 180 | 0 | 1 | 142 | 150 | 20 | 15 | 65 | 44 | 410 | 355 | 856 | 745 |
| Chiradzulu | 293 | 321 | 21 | 9 | 328 | 431 | 102 | 92 | 131 | 111 | 651 | 610 | 1526 | 1574 |
| Mulanje | 364 | 378 | 5 | 5 | 445 | 480 | 34 | 20 | 239 | 186 | 817 | 749 | 1904 | 1818 |
| Phalombe | 212 | 233 | 17 | 30 | 252 | 360 | 30 | 51 | 116 | 93 | 461 | 432 | 1088 | 1199 |
| Thyolo | 368 | 356 | 3 | 4 | 277 | 285 | 177 | 136 | 166 | 134 | 911 | 849 | 1902 | 1764 |
| Balaka | 422 | 389 | 0 | 2 | 441 | 427 | 34 | 34 | 146 | 124 | 740 | 724 | 1783 | 1700 |
| Machinga | 522 | 509 | 3 | 9 | 633 | 664 | 120 | 91 | 251 | 233 | 677 | 562 | 2206 | 2068 |
| Mangochi | 702 | 739 | 12 | 12 | 778 | 789 | 75 | 45 | 355 | 371 | 1839 | 1745 | 3761 | 3701 |
| Zomba Rural | 392 | 397 | 8 | 6 | 289 | 311 | 48 | 65 | 194 | 139 | 592 | 508 | 1523 | 1426 |
| Zomba Urban | 121 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 42 | 1 | 4 | 33 | 25 | 48 | 42 | 239 | 189 |
| Blantyre City | 189 | 200 | 4 | 6 | 145 | 109 | 25 | 33 | 127 | 118 | 514 | 376 | 1004 | 842 |
| Blantyre Rural | 494 | 452 | 11 | 7 | 436 | 449 | 73 | 53 | 158 | 116 | 675 | 586 | 1847 | 1663 |
| Chikwawa | 255 | 232 | 25 | 12 | 242 | 187 | 53 | 50 | 153 | 120 | 415 | 360 | 1143 | 961 |
| Mwanza | 162 | 141 | 5 | 7 | 161 | 156 | 14 | 2 | 51 | 47 | 230 | 167 | 623 | 520 |
| Neno | 58 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 67 | 16 | 15 | 58 | 42 | 138 | 156 | 351 | 348 |
| Nsanje | 154 | 126 | 7 | 4 | 184 | 186 | 42 | 14 | 100 | 70 | 176 | 145 | 663 | 545 |
| Grand Total | 12929 | 12508 | 252 | 255 | 12984 | 13419 | 1892 | 1645 | 5702 | 4498 | 25762 | 23438 | 59521 | 55763 |


|  | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chitipa | 2,663 | 2,570 | 598 | 527 | 3,261 | 3,097 | 6,358 |
| Karonga | 5,044 | 4,694 | 1,109 | 1,048 | 6,153 | 5,742 | 11,895 |
| Likoma | 184 | 200 | 26 | 21 | 210 | 221 | 431 |
| Mzimba North | 4,296 | 3,905 | 1,098 | 1,173 | 5,394 | 5,078 | 10,472 |
| Mzimba South | 5,175 | 4,870 | 1,412 | 1,543 | 6,587 | 6,413 | 13,000 |
| Mzuzu City | 1,526 | 1,773 | 495 | 435 | 2,021 | 2,208 | 4,229 |
| Nkhata Bay | 4,141 | 3,928 | 1,022 | 958 | 5,163 | 4,886 | 10,049 |
| Rumphi | 2,693 | 2,495 | 677 | 680 | 3,370 | 3,175 | 6,545 |
| Dowa | 5,094 | 5,324 | 1,376 | 1,473 | 6,470 | 6,797 | 13,267 |
| Kasungu | 6,712 | 6,725 | 2,404 | 2,285 | 9,116 | 9,010 | 18,126 |
| Nkhotakota | 3,838 | 3,643 | 1,123 | 1,158 | 4,961 | 4,801 | 9,762 |
| Ntchisi | 1,883 | 1,882 | 471 | 525 | 2,354 | 2,407 | 4,761 |
| Salima | 3,836 | 3,847 | 1,209 | 1,193 | 5,045 | 5,040 | 10,085 |
| Dedza | 6,415 | 6,363 | 1,909 | 1,921 | 8,324 | 8,284 | 16,608 |
| Lilongwe C | 4,010 | 4,302 | 1,485 | 1,499 | 5,495 | 5,801 | 11,296 |
| Lilongwe RE | 5,376 | 5,520 | 2,086 | 2,178 | 7,462 | 7,698 | 15,160 |
| Lilongwe RW | 4,850 | 5,123 | 1,701 | 1,790 | 6,551 | 6,913 | 13,464 |
| Mchinji | 4,309 | 4,483 | 1,091 | 1,046 | 5,400 | 5,529 | 10,929 |
| Ntcheu | 6,495 | 6,218 | 2,135 | 1,989 | 8,630 | 8,207 | 16,837 |
| Chiradzulu | 4,826 | 4,770 | 1,526 | 1,548 | 6,352 | 6,318 | 12,670 |
| Mulanje | 10,126 | 9,581 | 3,812 | 3,574 | 13,938 | 13,155 | 27,093 |
| Phalombe | 6,032 | 6,011 | 1,995 | 1,815 | 8,027 | 7,826 | 15,853 |
| Thyolo | 7,998 | 7.910 | 3,569 | 3,353 | 11,567 | 11,263 | 22,830 |
| Balaka | 4,618 | 4,564 | 1,651 | 1,542 | 6,269 | 6,106 | 12,375 |
| Machinga | 4,983 | 5,088 | 1,498 | 1,454 | 6,481 | 6,542 | 13,023 |
| Mangochi | 9,564 | 9,336 | 3,263 | 3,081 | 12,827 | 12,417 | 25,244 |
| Zomba Rural | 8,103 | 8,017 | 3,190 | 3,020 | 11,293 | 11,037 | 22,330 |
| Zomba Urban | 912 | 986 | 267 | 254 | 1,179 | 1,240 | 2,419 |
| Blantyre City | 4,520 | 5,157 | 1,633 | 1,663 | 6,153 | 6,820 | 12,973 |
| Blantyre Rural | 5,279 | 5,248 | 2,106 | 2,078 | 7,385 | 7,326 | 14,711 |
| Chikwawa | 6,953 | 6,138 | 2,217 | 2,021 | 9,170 | 8,159 | 17,329 |
| Mwanza | 1,351 | 1,293 | 379 | 344 | 1,730 | 1,637 | 3,367 |
| Neno | 1,612 | 1,579 | 389 | 375 | 2,001 | 1,954 | 3,955 |
| Nsanje | 4,535 | 3,907 | 1,797 | 1,634 | 6,332 | 5,541 | 11,873 |
| Grand Total |  |  |  |  |  |  | 373,054 |

## Table 2.6 Number of Primary School Pupils Books Available in Good Condition for 2014/2015

| Subject | Std 1 | Std 2 | Std 3 | Std 4 | Std 5 | Std 6 | Std 7 | Std 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agriculture | 0 | 0 | 3787 | 354920 | 128369 | 114267 | 95123 | 139451 |
| Bible Knowledge | 171917 | 168620 | 168548 | 154393 | 82309 | 63330 | 61530 | 73129 |
| Chichewa | 509838 | 241115 | 238144 | 329117 | 113943 | 97249 | 86722 | 138411 |
| English | 345361 | 208664 | 263529 | 339937 | 118842 | 97045 | 89746 | 138353 |
| Expressive Arts | 231014 | 211012 | 275664 | 356318 | 143330 | 118948 | 100531 | 152297 |
| Kuyamba Sukulu | 333560 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Life Skills | 0 | 195565 | 261671 | 320664 | 139152 | 115116 | 103009 | 143732 |
| Mathematics | 0 | 0 | 267080 | 343505 | 127155 | 101222 | 90633 | 113525 |
| Numeracy \& Mathematics | 244118 | 208617 | 1547 | 1615 | 447 | 341 | 288 | 664 |
| Religious Education | 150066 | 135874 | 166008 | 162511 | 88496 | 75741 | 67096 | 70093 |
| Science \& Technology | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80317 | 129696 | 106299 | 95277 | 151634 |
| Social \& Env. Science | 0 | 0 | 265926 | 340112 | 136766 | 114862 | 96950 | 144544 |
| Total | 1985874 | 1369467 | 1911904 | 2783409 | 1208505 | 1004420 | 886905 | 1265833 |

Table 2.6a Number of Primary School Teachers Guides Available in Good Condition for 2014/2015

| Subject | Std 1 | Std 2 | Std 3 | Std 4 | Std 5 | Std 6 | Std 7 | Std 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agriculture | 0 | 0 | 38 | 9705 | 6518 | 8634 | 6155 | 5749 |
| Bible Knowledge | 11490 | 6564 | 8181 | 7453 | 5224 | 7518 | 5312 | 4748 |
| Chichewa | 17406 | 8941 | 10007 | 9510 | 6861 | 9464 | 6338 | 5979 |
| English | 15281 | 8808 | 10481 | 10143 | 6901 | 9558 | 6584 | 6113 |
| Expressive Arts | 12649 | 8570 | 10501 | 10552 | 6365 | 9012 | 6250 | 5950 |
| Kuyamba Sukulu | 18896 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Life Skills | 0 | 8629 | 10016 | 10657 | 6844 | 8934 | 6281 | 6087 |
| Mathematics | 0 | 0 | 10374 | 10064 | 6706 | 9077 | 6036 | 5506 |
| Numeracy \& Mathematics | 13820 | 8965 | 204 | 240 | 158 | 171 | 133 | 144 |
| Religious Education | 9061 | 5207 | 6340 | 5851 | 3990 | 6000 | 4154 | 3663 |
| Science \& Technology | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5388 | 6062 | 8493 | 5918 | 5681 |
| Social \& Env. Science | 0 | 0 | 8942 | 10220 | 6438 | 8816 | 6173 | 5816 |
| Grand Total | 98603 | 55684 | 75084 | 89783 | 62067 | 85677 | 59334 | 55436 |

Table 2.7: Main Source of Water and Electricity by District

| District | Main water Source |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Main Electricity source |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\frac{\otimes}{\square}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{\omega} \\ & \frac{0}{0} \\ & \mathbf{3} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  | $\stackrel{亠}{\stackrel{亠}{\Delta}}$ |  |  | $\overline{\mathbf{D}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \sum_{0}^{0} \\ & \underset{\sim}{U} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { o } \\ & \frac{0}{0} \\ & 0 \\ & \vdots \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 흧 } \\ & \text { 흥 } \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{\mathbf{0}} \\ & \hline-1 \end{aligned}$ |
| Dowa | 184 |  | 13 | 10 | 1 |  |  | 11 | 18 | 7 | 244 | 16 | 1 | 212 | 15 | 244 |
| Kasungu | 306 |  | 9 | 16 | 1 | 1 |  | 4 | 7 |  | 344 | 19 | 2 | 295 | 28 | 344 |
| Nkhotakota | 95 | 1 | 21 | 16 | 5 |  |  | 5 | 8 | 1 | 152 | 19 |  | 115 | 18 | 152 |
| Ntchisi | 105 |  | 6 | 13 | 1 | 1 |  | 7 | 7 | 5 | 145 | 5 |  | 136 | 4 | 145 |
| Salima | 120 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 1 |  |  | 2 |  |  | 144 | 13 | 1 | 124 | 6 | 144 |
| Dedza | 169 |  | 23 | 23 | 5 | 1 |  | 2 | 14 | 2 | 239 | 13 |  | 200 | 26 | 239 |
| Lilongwe City | 2 |  |  | 139 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 143 | 94 |  | 49 |  | 143 |
| Lilongwe Rural East | 177 |  | 4 | 4 | 3 |  |  | 4 | 11 | 4 | 207 | 5 | 1 | 195 | 6 | 207 |
| Lilongwe Rural West | 200 |  | 15 | 15 | 3 |  | 1 | 2 | 12 |  | 248 | 13 | 1 | 202 | 32 | 248 |
| Mchinji | 168 |  | 6 | 15 | 3 |  | 1 |  | 6 |  | 199 | 8 | 2 | 176 | 13 | 199 |
| Ntcheu | 158 |  | 32 | 32 |  | 2 |  | 9 | 7 | 5 | 245 | 9 |  | 225 | 11 | 245 |
| Karonga | 117 | 3 | 8 | 25 | 6 |  |  | 6 | 4 | 4 | 173 | 32 |  | 106 | 35 | 173 |
| Likoma |  |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10 | 7 |  |  | 3 | 10 |
| Mzimba North | 206 |  | 13 | 14 | 2 |  | 1 | 15 | 10 |  | 261 | 25 | 1 | 201 | 34 | 261 |
| Mzimba South | 229 |  | 14 | 28 | 15 |  |  | 3 | 17 |  | 306 | 18 | 3 | 260 | 25 | 306 |
| Mzuzu City | 9 |  | 1 | 42 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 54 | 31 |  | 23 |  | 54 |
| Nkhata Bay | 110 | 7 | 4 | 24 | 15 | 1 |  | 6 | 20 | 6 | 193 | 20 |  | 139 | 34 | 193 |
| Rumphi | 76 | 3 | 23 | 42 | 17 |  |  | 22 | 7 | 4 | 194 | 26 | 2 | 149 | 17 | 194 |
| Chiradzulu | 76 |  | 7 | 4 |  | 2 |  |  | 1 |  | 90 | 10 |  | 77 | 3 | 90 |
| Mulanje | 105 |  | 10 | 42 | 1 |  |  | 3 | 2 | 2 | 165 | 21 |  | 141 | 3 | 165 |
| Phalombe | 62 |  | 7 | 26 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 95 | 6 |  | 88 | 1 | 95 |
| Thyolo | 126 |  | 15 | 15 | 5 | 2 |  | 7 | 13 | 4 | 187 | 19 |  | 163 | 5 | 187 |
| Balaka | 134 |  | 6 | 14 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  | 158 | 6 |  | 118 | 34 | 158 |
| Machinga | 119 |  | 15 | 19 | 2 | 1 |  |  | 8 | 1 | 165 | 8 |  | 143 | 14 | 165 |
| Mangochi | 219 | 4 | 24 | 24 | 2 |  |  | 5 | 1 | 2 | 281 | 33 | 2 | 217 | 29 | 281 |
| Zomba Rural | 153 | 2 | 14 | 25 |  |  |  | 2 |  | 1 | 197 | 22 | 1 | 166 | 8 | 197 |
| Zomba Urban | 4 |  |  | 21 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 25 | 15 |  | 10 |  | 25 |
| Blantyre City | 17 |  | 3 | 88 | 3 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 112 | 87 |  | 25 |  | 112 |
| Blantyre Rural | 143 |  | 9 | 8 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 1 | 164 | 21 |  | 125 | 18 | 164 |
| Chikwawa | 121 |  | 18 | 27 | 1 |  |  | 12 | 8 | 1 | 188 | 17 | 1 | 163 | 7 | 188 |
| Mwanza | 42 |  | 4 | 7 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 54 | 5 |  | 43 | 6 | 54 |
| Neno | 54 |  | 12 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 3 | 2 | 1 | 74 | 6 |  | 56 | 12 | 74 |
| Nsanje | 81 |  | 8 | 7 |  | 1 |  | 3 | 5 | 4 | 109 | 16 | 1 | 82 | 10 | 109 |
| TOTAL | 3994 | 22 | 357 | 828 | 118 | 19 | 3 | 142 | 195 | 60 | 5738 | 676 | 19 | 4547 | 496 | 5738 |


| District | 1 YEAR |  | 2 YEAR |  | IPTE (1+1) |  | MASTEP |  | MIITEP |  | ODL |  | On training |  | Unknown |  | Untrained |  | Grand Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M |  |
| Dowa | 66 | 140 | 50 | 135 | 311 | 532 | 28 | 63 | 296 | 588 | 190 | 265 | 94 | 171 | 33 | 78 | 16 | 43 | 3099 |
| Kasungu | 83 | 147 | 139 | 197 | 378 | 587 | 33 | 94 | 336 | 720 | 190 | 265 | 62 | 84 | 21 | 34 | 9 | 29 | 3408 |
| Nkhotakota | 32 | 48 | 45 | 82 | 175 | 265 | 14 | 39 | 138 | 297 | 153 | 284 | 38 | 70 | 4 | 14 |  | 2 | 1700 |
| Ntchisi | 23 | 73 | 37 | 70 | 123 | 225 | 5 | 19 | 81 | 214 | 125 | 265 | 22 | 63 | 4 |  |  |  | 1349 |
| Salima | 31 | 42 | 51 | 96 | 277 | 324 | 14 | 31 | 146 | 230 | 186 | 332 | 58 | 46 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 1897 |
| Dedza | 42 | 110 | 61 | 92 | 470 | 733 | 14 | 55 | 196 | 366 | 282 | 421 | 198 | 67 | 15 | 27 | 30 | 59 | 3238 |
| Lilongwe City | 191 | 34 | 314 | 136 | 143 | 44 | 73 | 15 | 1126 | 134 | 20 | 21 | 8 | 23 | 103 | 143 | 96 | 109 | 2733 |
| Lilongwe Rural East | 71 | 97 | 113 | 139 | 745 | 463 | 31 | 33 | 320 | 434 | 212 | 373 | 63 | 100 | 24 | 32 | 5 | 13 | 3268 |
| Lilongwe Rural West | 75 | 158 | 177 | 169 | 758 | 534 | 30 | 71 | 391 | 623 | 222 | 281 | 53 | 94 | 18 | 35 | 20 | 53 | 3762 |
| Mchinji | 40 | 82 | 46 | 118 | 294 | 507 | 17 | 45 | 194 | 445 | 217 | 230 | 62 | 56 | 4 | 28 | 6 | 10 | 2401 |
| Ntcheu | 42 | 81 | 50 | 106 | 485 | 541 | 10 | 26 | 186 | 455 | 233 | 354 | 151 | 38 | 21 | 24 | 17 | 32 | 2852 |
| Chitipa | 25 | 100 | 41 | 147 | 69 | 147 | 8 | 24 | 80 | 247 | 96 | 149 | 28 | 26 | 20 | 53 | 32 | 113 | 1405 |
| Karonga | 29 | 71 | 54 | 152 | 247 | 237 | 8 | 14 | 157 | 282 | 56 | 96 | 68 | 79 | 11 | 19 | 4 | 11 | 1595 |
| Likoma | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 9 |  |  | 9 | 13 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 2 |  | 1 |  |  | 73 |
| Mzimba North | 26 | 55 | 91 | 180 | 336 | 273 | 9 | 17 | 170 | 351 | 164 | 310 | 31 | 51 | 21 | 23 | 29 | 62 | 2199 |
| Mzimba South | 38 | 68 | 96 | 200 | 264 | 322 | 6 | 18 | 188 | 451 | 141 | 208 | 29 | 35 | 15 | 40 | 21 | 44 | 2184 |
| Mzuzu City | 52 | 11 | 207 | 90 | 146 | 31 | 25 | 4 | 259 | 41 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 43 | 20 | 23 | 18 | 985 |
| Nkhata Bay | 19 | 53 | 43 | 98 | 156 | 243 | 6 | 14 | 75 | 221 | 106 | 247 | 39 | 64 | 6 | 13 | 24 | 47 | 1474 |
| Rumphi | 28 | 83 | 71 | 100 | 90 | 91 | 16 | 27 | 116 | 209 | 76 | 137 | 32 | 61 | 33 | 76 | 42 | 82 | 1370 |
| Chiradzulu | 28 | 43 | 51 | 111 | 252 | 261 | 18 | 38 | 152 | 246 | 141 | 264 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 21 |  | 2 | 1651 |
| Mulanje | 36 | 71 | 61 | 114 | 411 | 615 | 24 | 51 | 145 | 358 | 224 | 390 | 46 | 39 | 16 | 51 | 6 | 8 | 2666 |
| Phalombe | 14 | 36 | 6 | 47 | 184 | 531 | 3 | 26 | 59 | 251 | 216 | 519 | 32 | 38 | 12 | 27 | 3 | 5 | 2009 |
| Thyolo | 47 | 87 | 76 | 159 | 449 | 599 | 25 | 58 | 242 | 503 | 239 | 387 | 30 | 40 | 19 | 27 | 6 | 5 | 2998 |
| Balaka | 30 | 51 | 66 | 82 | 285 | 346 | 22 | 39 | 177 | 269 | 214 | 308 | 57 | 50 | 11 | 29 | 2 | 8 | 2046 |
| Machinga | 30 | 43 | 29 | 57 | 267 | 515 | 10 | 30 | 123 | 323 | 178 | 401 | 118 | 117 | 8 | 29 | 30 | 15 | 2323 |
| Mangochi | 37 | 84 | 73 | 98 | 486 | 818 | 17 | 34 | 180 | 366 | 249 | 376 | 89 | 98 | 90 | 105 | 18 | 33 | 3251 |
| Zomba Rural | 37 | 102 | 61 | 114 | 643 | 596 | 22 | 54 | 170 | 367 | 218 | 410 | 46 | 70 | 27 | 36 | 12 | 40 | 3025 |
| Zomba Urban | 50 | 15 | 63 | 40 | 58 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 159 | 45 | 4 | 3 |  | 1 | 19 | 18 | 2 | 16 | 555 |
| Blantyre City | 153 | 26 | 505 | 164 | 127 | 13 | 130 | 35 | 666 | 119 | 9 | 7 | 12 | 13 | 87 | 98 | 53 | 92 | 2309 |
| Blantyre Rural | 37 | 47 | 98 | 89 | 719 | 262 | 28 | 32 | 309 | 345 | 272 | 309 | 17 | 34 | 16 | 19 | 10 | 14 | 2657 |
| Chikwawa | 23 | 61 | 32 | 95 | 266 | 480 | 9 | 39 | 77 | 227 | 183 | 419 | 54 | 62 | 36 | 51 | 10 | 20 | 2144 |
| Mwanza | 10 | 27 | 22 | 32 | 63 | 87 | 8 | 8 | 43 | 88 | 83 | 136 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 19 | 10 | 24 | 678 |
| Neno | 4 | 22 | 16 | 36 | 53 | 109 | 2 | 14 | 36 | 112 | 89 | 157 | 6 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 690 |
| Nsanje | 8 | 59 | 12 | 67 | 83 | 238 | 4 | 19 | 44 | 186 | 152 | 376 | 21 | 26 | 9 | 19 | 12 | 34 | 1369 |
| TOTAL | 1458 | 2231 | 2858 | 3615 | 9818 | 11600 | 690 | 1105 | 7046 | 10126 | 5162 | 8713 | 1573 | 1740 | 792 | 1222 | 558 | 1056 | 71363 |


| Table 2.9 Primary school teachers by Qualification, Division and District for 2015/2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| District | Degree General |  | Degree in Education |  | Diploma General |  | Diploma in Education | Junior Certificate (JC) |  | Malawi School Cert. Education (MCE) |  | University Certificate in Education |  | Total |
|  | F | M | F | M | F | M | M | F | M | F | M | F | M |  |
| Dowa |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 206 | 349 | 878 | 1664 |  |  | 3099 |
| Kasungu | 1 |  | 3 | 2 |  |  |  | 186 | 311 | 1061 | 1844 |  |  | 3408 |
| Nkhotakota |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 92 | 173 | 507 | 928 |  |  | 1700 |
| Ntchisi |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 58 | 138 | 362 | 791 |  |  | 1349 |
| Salima |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 103 | 127 | 678 | 989 |  |  | 1897 |
| Dedza |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 108 | 184 | 1200 | 1745 |  |  | 3238 |
| Lilongwe City |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 528 | 93 | 1545 | 565 |  |  | 2733 |
| Lilongwe Rural East |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 176 | 177 | 1408 | 1507 |  |  | 3268 |
| Lilongwe Rural West |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 277 | 362 | 1467 | 1653 |  | 1 | 3762 |
| Mchinji |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 126 | 248 | 754 | 1273 |  |  | 2401 |
| Ntcheu | 2 | 2 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 112 | 192 | 1080 | 1459 | 1 | 3 | 2852 |
| Chitipa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 103 | 272 | 296 | 734 |  |  | 1405 |
| Karonga |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 129 | 210 | 504 | 751 |  |  | 1595 |
| Likoma |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 | 8 | 26 | 32 |  |  | 73 |
| Mzimba North |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 149 | 222 | 728 | 1100 |  |  | 2199 |
| Mzimba South |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 137 | 227 | 661 | 1159 |  |  | 2184 |
| Mzuzu City |  |  |  |  | 2 | 1 |  | 179 | 39 | 583 | 181 |  |  | 985 |
| Nkhata Bay |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 70 | 138 | 404 | 862 |  |  | 1474 |
| Rumphi |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 158 | 212 | 346 | 652 |  | 1 | 1370 |
| Chiradzulu |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 99 | 111 | 561 | 880 |  |  | 1651 |
| Mulanje |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100 | 178 | 869 | 1519 |  |  | 2666 |
| Phalombe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 39 | 79 | 490 | 1401 |  |  | 2009 |
| Thyolo |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 166 | 216 | 967 | 1649 |  |  | 2998 |
| Balaka |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 97 | 105 | 767 | 1077 |  |  | 2046 |
| Machinga |  |  |  | 3 |  | 1 |  | 72 | 118 | 721 | 1408 |  |  | 2323 |
| Mangochi |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 151 | 206 | 1088 | 1806 |  |  | 3251 |
| Zomba Rural |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 124 | 216 | 1112 | 1573 |  |  | 3025 |
| Zomba Urban |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 62 | 17 | 314 | 162 |  |  | 555 |
| Blantyre City |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |  | 359 | 70 | 1380 | 497 |  |  | 2308 |
| Blantyre Rural |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 130 | 122 | 1376 | 1029 |  |  | 2657 |
| Chikwawa |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 42 | 124 | 648 | 1330 |  |  | 2144 |
| Mwanza |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 26 | 36 | 230 | 386 |  |  | 678 |
| Neno |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 25 | 47 | 189 | 428 |  |  | 690 |
| Nsanje |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 37 | 94 | 307 | 930 |  |  | 1369 |
| TOTAL | 3 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4433 | 5421 | 25507 | 35964 | 1 | 5 | 71362 |

SECONDARY SUB-SECTOR

Table 3.1 Number of Secondary School by Proprietorship

| Division | District | Government | Religious Institutions | Private | Tołal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Central Eastern | Dowa | 38 | 6 | 9 | 53 |
|  | Kasungu | 46 | 5 | 7 | 58 |
|  | Nkhotakota | 36 | 1 | 3 | 40 |
|  | Ntchisi | 15 |  | 2 | 17 |
|  | Salima | 29 |  | 6 | 35 |
| Total |  | 164 | 12 | 27 | 203 |
| Central Western | Dedza | 28 | 12 | 11 | 51 |
|  | Lilongwe City | 51 | 4 | 31 | 86 |
|  | Lilongwe Rural East | 24 | 5 | 4 | 33 |
|  | Lilongwe Rural West | 36 | 9 | 9 | 54 |
|  | Mchinji | 22 | 2 | 10 | 34 |
|  | Ntcheu | 23 | 14 | 13 | 50 |
| Total |  | 184 | 46 | 78 | 308 |
| Northern | Chitipa | 30 | 2 | 6 | 38 |
|  | Karonga | 29 | 9 | 8 | 46 |
|  | Likoma | 3 |  | 1 | 4 |
|  | Mzimba North | 50 |  | 9 | 59 |
|  | Mzimba South | 53 | 3 | 7 | 63 |
|  | Mzuzu City | 19 | 2 | 18 | 39 |
|  | Nkhata Bay | 41 | 4 | 6 | 51 |
|  | Rumphi | 30 | 1 | 8 | 39 |
| Total |  | 255 | 21 | 63 | 339 |
| Shire Highlands | Chiradzulu | 24 | 6 | 14 | 44 |
|  | Mulanje | 18 | 9 | 10 | 37 |
|  | Phalombe | 17 | 2 | 9 | 28 |
|  | Thyolo | 42 | 2 | 15 | 59 |
| Total |  | 101 | 19 | 48 | 168 |
| Southern Eastern | Balaka | 14 | 5 | 10 | 29 |
|  | Machinga | 24 | 9 | 10 | 43 |
|  | Mangochi | 39 | 17 | 16 | 72 |
|  | Zomba Rural | 19 | 17 | 14 | 50 |
|  | Zomba Urban | 12 | 3 | 7 | 22 |
| Total |  | 108 | 51 | 57 | 216 |
| Southern Western | Blantyre City | 22 | 6 | 48 | 76 |
|  | Blantyre Rural | 27 | 13 | 14 | 54 |
|  | Chikwawa | 22 | 5 | 9 | 36 |
|  | Mwanza | 6 |  | 7 | 13 |
|  | Neno | 10 | 3 | 6 | 19 |
|  | Nsanje | 18 | 1 | 3 | 22 |
| Total |  | 105 | 28 | 87 | 220 |

## Table 3.2 Number of Secondary Schools Learners by Form and District 2014/15

| Location | Form 1 |  | Form 2 |  | Form 3 |  | Form 4 |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |
| Dowa | 2003 | 1708 | 2153 | 1876 | 1871 | 1349 | 2113 | 1451 | 8140 | 6384 |
| Kasungu | 2108 | 1979 | 2177 | 2282 | 1918 | 1723 | 2150 | 1750 | 8353 | 7734 |
| Nkhotakota | 1548 | 1166 | 1521 | 1344 | 1208 | 911 | 1350 | 990 | 5627 | 4411 |
| Ntchisi | 813 | 740 | 779 | 619 | 675 | 568 | 636 | 490 | 2903 | 2417 |
| Salima | 1353 | 1080 | 1237 | 1100 | 1024 | 821 | 1062 | 904 | 4676 | 3905 |
| Dedza | 2067 | 1584 | 2130 | 1675 | 1854 | 1381 | 1927 | 1312 | 7978 | 5952 |
| Lilongwe City | 3344 | 3369 | 3360 | 3384 | 2995 | 2948 | 3322 | 3364 | 13021 | 13065 |
| Lilongwe Rural East | 1201 | 1078 | 1231 | 1146 | 969 | 871 | 1036 | 971 | 4437 | 4066 |
| Lilongwe Rural West | 1981 | 1675 | 2126 | 1819 | 1727 | 1262 | 1910 | 1373 | 7744 | 6129 |
| Mchinji | 1316 | 1216 | 1505 | 1384 | 1322 | 1122 | 1408 | 952 | 5551 | 4674 |
| Ntcheu | 1833 | 1698 | 2025 | 1797 | 1608 | 1342 | 1897 | 1552 | 7363 | 6389 |
| Chitipa | 1054 | 1066 | 1128 | 1228 | 812 | 826 | 1004 | 994 | 3998 | 4114 |
| Karonga | 1521 | 1327 | 1583 | 1344 | 1359 | 1090 | 1541 | 1160 | 6004 | 4921 |
| Likoma | 126 | 61 | 120 | 70 | 91 | 77 | 111 | 96 | 448 | 304 |
| Mzimba North | 1380 | 1469 | 1288 | 1436 | 1129 | 1149 | 1130 | 1124 | 4927 | 5178 |
| Mzimba South | 1681 | 1380 | 1669 | 1279 | 1341 | 948 | 1266 | 856 | 5957 | 4463 |
| Mzuzu City | 1327 | 1325 | 1284 | 1341 | 1381 | 1295 | 1602 | 1665 | 5594 | 5626 |
| Nkhata Bay | 1242 | 1271 | 1384 | 1187 | 1005 | 794 | 988 | 802 | 4619 | 4054 |
| Rumphi | 1248 | 1051 | 1147 | 1042 | 1094 | 855 | 1250 | 1020 | 4739 | 3968 |
| Chiradzulu | 1216 | 1172 | 1344 | 1169 | 1240 | 1108 | 1224 | 967 | 5024 | 4416 |
| Mulanje | 1593 | 1577 | 1542 | 1371 | 1413 | 1324 | 1397 | 1205 | 5945 | 5477 |
| Phalombe | 1024 | 865 | 878 | 801 | 794 | 644 | 793 | 577 | 3489 | 2887 |
| Thyolo | 2283 | 2029 | 2366 | 2049 | 2070 | 1651 | 2084 | 1651 | 8803 | 7380 |
| Balaka | 1058 | 1119 | 1370 | 1231 | 1276 | 1040 | 948 | 928 | 4652 | 4318 |
| Machinga | 1504 | 1251 | 1241 | 1117 | 1049 | 928 | 1054 | 786 | 4848 | 4082 |
| Mangochi | 1859 | 1905 | 1909 | 2006 | 1491 | 1573 | 1384 | 1489 | 6643 | 6973 |
| Zomba Rural | 1695 | 1533 | 1730 | 1597 | 1449 | 1170 | 1450 | 1038 | 6324 | 5338 |
| Zomba Urban | 771 | 665 | 996 | 712 | 983 | 690 | 889 | 631 | 3639 | 2698 |
| Blantyre City | 2589 | 2834 | 2798 | 2972 | 2938 | 2917 | 3603 | 3517 | 11928 | 12240 |
| Blantyre Rural | 1618 | 1367 | 1651 | 1383 | 1381 | 1069 | 1492 | 1074 | 6142 | 4893 |
| Chikwawa | 1090 | 983 | 1279 | 1075 | 1045 | 837 | 1225 | 856 | 4639 | 3751 |
| Mwanza | 433 | 364 | 458 | 345 | 375 | 326 | 434 | 376 | 1700 | 1411 |
| Neno | 495 | 500 | 479 | 543 | 350 | 364 | 359 | 293 | 1683 | 1700 |
| Nsanje | 784 | 588 | 829 | 620 | 681 | 444 | 790 | 440 | 3084 | 2092 |

## Table 3.2 Number of Secondary School Pupils by Age 2014/15

 Form 1| age | Form 1 |  | Form 2 |  | Form 3 |  | Form 4 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls |
| 11 | 406 | 561 | 134 | 157 | 83 | 65 | 53 | 37 |
| 12 | 1961 | 2780 | 483 | 508 | 42 | 176 | 150 | 101 |
| 13 | 5721 | 6910 | 2169 | 2965 | 577 | 577 | 218 | 114 |
| 14 | 10544 | 11639 | 6138 | 7459 | 1930 | 2571 | 609 | 624 |
| 15 | 11570 | 11229 | 10235 | 11210 | 5304 | 5919 | 1980 | 2441 |
| 16 | 8852 | 6512 | 11550 | 10815 | 8544 | 8860 | 4917 | 5458 |
| 17 | 5467 | 2861 | 8989 | 6776 | 10047 | 8119 | 8824 | 8759 |
| 18 | 2611 | 1294 | 5896 | 3380 | 7998 | 5526 | 9996 | 8593 |
| 19 | 1091 | 505 | 2727 | 1527 | 4656 | 2729 | 8044 | 5602 |
| 20 | 440 | 186 | 1211 | 641 | 2150 | 1089 | 5406 | 3047 |
| 21 | 154 | 95 | 458 | 261 | 894 | 499 | 2648 | 1392 |
| 22 | 86 | 51 | 206 | 159 | 406 | 284 | 1398 | 715 |
| 23 | 66 | 39 | 91 | 90 | 216 | 217 | 748 | 426 |
| 24 | 41 | 47 | 79 | 60 | 217 | 111 | 459 | 262 |
| 25 | 33 | 21 | 46 | 44 | 185 | 122 | 423 | 272 |
| 26 | 115 | 265 | 305 | 292 | 669 | 553 | 956 | 811 |

## Table 3.3 Number of Secondary Buildings' Condition by Division

|  | In Use Complete |  | In Use incomplete |  | Needs Rehab | Required |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Permanent | Temporary | Permanent | Temporary |  |  |
| Classrooms | 839 | 59 | 23 | 10 | 259 | 299 |
| General Office | 46 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 62 |
| Head Teacher Office | 102 | 23 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 62 |
| Kitchen | 39 | 20 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 43 |
| Libraries | 64 | 23 | 6 | 1 | 13 | 80 |
| Recreation Hall | 33 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 76 |
| Special Needs Resource rooms | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 45 |
| Staff Rooms | 88 | 26 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 61 |
| Store Rooms | 103 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 98 |
| Teacher's Houses | 657 | 123 | 55 | 22 | 217 | 908 |
| Workshops | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 49 |
| Central Eastern | 1984 | 312 | 111 | 39 | 566 | 1783 |
| Classrooms | 1156 | 74 | 45 | 4 | 208 | 436 |
| General Office | 76 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 88 |
| Head Teacher Office | 145 | 38 | 10 | 2 | 14 | 75 |
| Kitchen | 59 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 66 |
| Libraries | 106 | 40 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 100 |
| Recreation Hall | 53 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 97 |
| Special Needs Resource rooms | 17 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 90 |
| Staff Rooms | 150 | 34 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 91 |
| Store Rooms | 148 | 25 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 122 |
| Teacher's Houses | 707 | 116 | 32 | 21 | 117 | 1227 |
| Workshops | 30 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 75 |
| Central Western | 2647 | 366 | 126 | 33 | 379 | 2467 |
| Classrooms | 1285 | 110 | 77 | 9 | 330 | 424 |
| General Office | 84 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 119 |
| Head Teacher Office | 197 | 45 | 5 | 2 | 23 | 107 |
| Kitchen | 65 | 26 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 70 |
| Libraries | 115 | 46 | 14 | 4 | 12 | 150 |
| Recreation Hall | 62 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 133 |
| Special Needs Resource rooms | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 84 |
| Staff Rooms | 166 | 44 | 9 | 2 | 16 | 117 |
| Store Rooms | 182 | 36 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 147 |
| Teacher's Houses | 921 | 252 | 110 | 20 | 288 | 1315 |
| Workshops | 25 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 97 |
| Northern | 3108 | 583 | 235 | 46 | 732 | 2763 |
| Classrooms | 737 | 31 | 26 | 0 | 161 | 186 |
| General Office | 43 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 57 |
| Head Teacher Office | 96 | 21 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 38 |
| Kitchen | 32 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 9 |


| Libraries | 60 | 24 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 52 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Recreation Hall | 37 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 45 |
| Special Needs Resource rooms | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 31 |
| Staff Rooms | 88 | 22 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 41 |
| Store Rooms | 88 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 54 |
| Teacher's Houses | 492 | 84 | 15 | 5 | 56 | 563 |
| Workshops | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 26 |
| Shire highlands | 1692 | 206 | 60 | 14 | 242 | 1102 |
| Classrooms | 873 | 17 | 20 | 3 | 165 | 208 |
| General Office | 77 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 29 |
| Head Teacher Office | 124 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 25 |
| Kitchen | 47 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 135 |
| Libraries | 100 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 42 |
| Recreation Hall | 46 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 43 |
| Special Needs Resource rooms | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 26 |
| Staff Rooms | 129 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 27 |
| Store Rooms | 150 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 39 |
| Teacher's Houses | 584 | 47 | 22 | 5 | 82 | 547 |
| Workshops | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| Southern Eastern | 2149 | 104 | 77 | 15 | 294 | 1140 |
| Classrooms | 961 | 67 | 65 | 1 | 140 | 279 |
| General Office | 69 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 55 |
| Head Teacher Office | 128 | 25 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 44 |
| Kitchen | 41 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 23 |
| Libraries | 93 | 24 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 59 |
| Recreation Hall | 48 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 58 |
| Special Needs Resource rooms | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 36 |
| Staff Rooms | 129 | 24 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 50 |
| Store Rooms | 144 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 63 |
| Teacher's Houses | 490 | 73 | 56 | 0 | 104 | 758 |
| Workshops | 29 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 35 |
| Southern Western | 2141 | 248 | 172 | 14 | 292 | 1460 |
| Grand Total | 13721 | 1819 | 781 | 161 | 2505 | 10715 |


| Table 3.4 Number of Secondary Buildings by Condition 2014/15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | In use Complete |  | In Use Incomplete |  |  |  |
| Building Type | Permanent | Temporary | Permanent | Temporary | Rehab | Repair |
| Classrooms | 5851 | 358 | 256 | 27 | 1263 | 1832 |
| General Office | 395 | 44 | 23 | 5 | 28 | 410 |
| Head Teacher Office | 792 | 161 | 43 | 12 | 71 | 351 |
| Kitchen | 283 | 63 | 18 | 1 | 46 | 346 |
| Libraries | 538 | 167 | 45 | 16 | 52 | 483 |
| Recreation Hall | 279 | 24 | 27 | 5 | 34 | 452 |
| Special Needs Resource rooms | 50 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 312 |
| Staff Rooms | 750 | 156 | 44 | 10 | 56 | 387 |
| Store Rooms | 815 | 118 | 26 | 7 | 66 | 523 |
| Teacher's Houses | 3851 | 695 | 290 | 73 | 864 | 5318 |
| Workshops | 117 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 301 |
| Grand Total | 13721 | 1819 | 781 | 161 | 2505 | 10715 |

## Table 3.5 Number of Secondary Teachers by Training

| Location | Degree in Education | Diploma in Education | Noneducation degree | Noneducation diploma | Other | University Cert. of Education | Unknown | Grand Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dowa | 108 | 157 | 36 | 35 | 138 | 7 | 47 | 528 |
| Kasungu | 122 | 164 | 25 | 23 | 133 | 9 | 52 | 528 |
| Nkhotakota | 71 | 80 | 13 | 22 | 73 | 4 | 14 | 277 |
| Ntchisi | 45 | 57 | 9 | 5 | 55 | 2 | 2 | 175 |
| Salima | 74 | 59 | 24 | 12 | 55 | 5 | 40 | 269 |
| Dedza | 92 | 146 | 27 | 44 | 142 | 15 | 29 | 495 |
| Lilongwe City | 353 | 329 | 127 | 115 | 82 | 31 | 63 | 1100 |
| Lilongwe Rural East | 40 | 124 | 18 | 46 | 146 | 7 | 18 | 399 |
| Lilongwe Rural West | 98 | 175 | 44 | 51 | 223 | 17 | 51 | 659 |
| Mchinji | 45 | 108 | 18 | 16 | 108 | 9 | 41 | 345 |
| Ntcheu | 60 | 162 | 19 | 40 | 201 | 7 | 92 | 581 |
| Chitipa | 48 | 71 | 8 | 24 | 84 |  | 6 | 241 |
| Karonga | 122 | 104 | 28 | 41 | 73 | 2 | 4 | 374 |
| Likoma | 3 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 36 |
| Mzimba North | 76 | 103 | 20 | 29 | 160 | 12 | 46 | 446 |
| Mzimba South | 89 | 107 | 30 | 27 | 163 | 14 | 42 | 472 |
| Mzuzu City | 171 | 84 | 58 | 33 | 63 | 15 | 72 | 496 |
| Nkhata Bay | 78 | 98 | 17 | 31 | 91 | 3 | 19 | 337 |
| Rumphi | 56 | 83 | 20 | 13 | 100 | 7 | 25 | 304 |
| Chiradzulu | 101 | 102 | 16 | 26 | 108 | 7 | 74 | 434 |
| Mulanje | 101 | 118 | 23 | 24 | 182 | 7 | 42 | 497 |
| Phalombe | 27 | 53 | 3 | 4 | 73 | 3 | 49 | 212 |
| Thyolo | 100 | 144 | 17 | 25 | 117 | 11 | 63 | 477 |
| Balaka | 55 | 111 | 15 | 26 | 68 | 7 | 31 | 313 |
| Machinga | 65 | 84 | 20 | 32 | 107 | 6 | 27 | 341 |
| Mangochi | 86 | 129 | 45 | 40 | 139 | 9 | 45 | 493 |
| Zomba Rural | 113 | 140 | 42 | 54 | 159 | 11 | 45 | 564 |
| Zomba Urban | 173 | 129 | 35 | 34 | 24 | 11 | 18 | 424 |
| Blantyre City | 431 | 350 | 120 | 135 | 94 | 27 | 121 | 1278 |
| Blantyre Rural | 115 | 156 | 33 | 59 | 124 | 9 | 63 | 559 |
| Chikwawa | 57 | 101 | 22 | 41 | 113 | 9 | 24 | 367 |
| Mwanza | 22 | 30 | 11 | 14 | 31 | 2 | 9 | 119 |
| Neno | 23 | 35 | 4 | 7 | 31 |  | 20 | 120 |
| Nsanje | 30 | 63 | 9 | 9 | 105 | 7 | 14 | 237 |
| Grand Total | 3250 | 3965 | 959 | 1139 | 3581 | 293 | 1310 | 14497 |


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