

Global Catholic Education Report 2020: Country Profiles

Country: **Malawi**

Data: Statistical yearbooks of the Church

Table 1: Trends in the Number of Students (Thousand) and Schools, 1975-2017

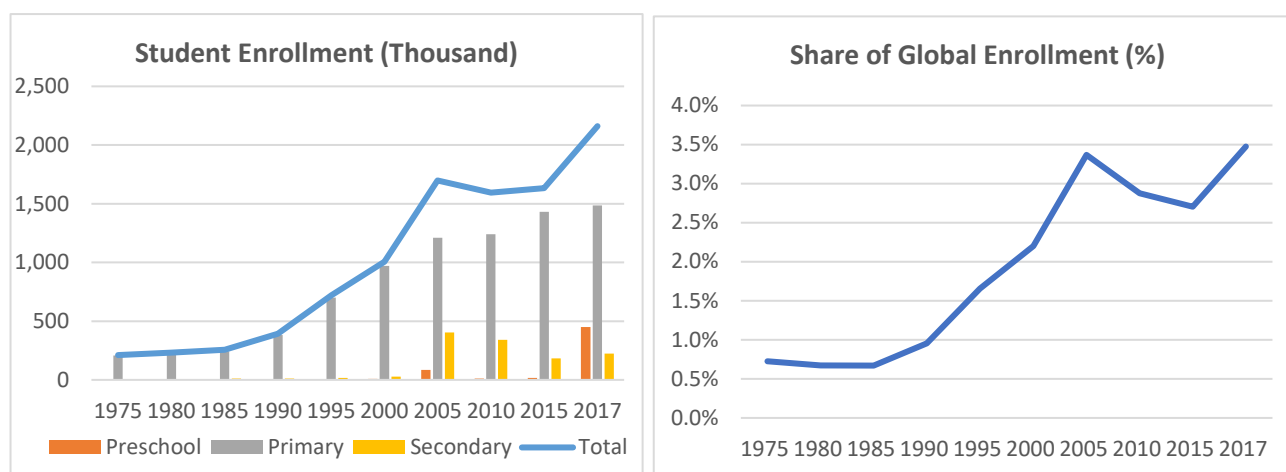
| | 1975 | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 | 2000 | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2017 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Students | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preschool | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 84 | 12 | 18 | 451 |
| Primary | 207 | 226 | 244 | 381 | 701 | 971 | 1212 | 1240 | 1431 | 1486 |
| Secondary | 4 | 5 | 12 | 10 | 17 | 28 | 404 | 342 | 184 | 223 |
| Total | 211 | 233 | 256 | 392 | 719 | 1,006 | 1,700 | 1,595 | 1,633 | 2,161 |
| Schools | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preschool | - | 30 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 23 | 25 | 103 | 69 |
| Primary | 808 | 792 | 877 | 921 | 987 | 987 | 1,146 | 1,137 | 1,426 | 1,480 |
| Secondary | 24 | 25 | 30 | 46 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 65 | 151 | 161 |
| Total | 832 | 847 | 915 | 977 | 977 | 1,047 | 1,218 | 1,227 | 1,680 | 1,710 |

Note: No data for preschools in 1975.

Table 2: Annual Growth Rates in the Number of Students and Schools, Various Periods (%)

| | Students | | | | | Schools | | | | |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| | 1980s | 1990s | 2000s | 2010s | 2015-17 | 1980s | 1990s | 2000s | 2010s | 2015-17 |
| Preschool | -7.5% | 26.2% | 5.4% | 67.3% | 400.5% | -10.4% | 1.0% | 8.6% | 15.6% | -18.2% |
| Primary | 5.4% | 9.8% | 2.5% | 2.6% | 1.9% | 1.5% | 0.7% | 1.4% | 3.8% | 1.9% |
| Secondary | 7.3% | 10.6% | 28.3% | -5.9% | 10.2% | 6.3% | 0.6% | 2.9% | 13.8% | 3.3% |
| Total | 5.4% | 9.9% | 4.7% | 4.4% | 15.0% | 1.4% | 0.7% | 1.6% | 4.9% | 0.9% |

Note: Compounded growth rates for 10 years by decade (e.g., 1980 to 1990) except last two periods



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