

# Benefits of Slower Population Growth in Ntchisi District

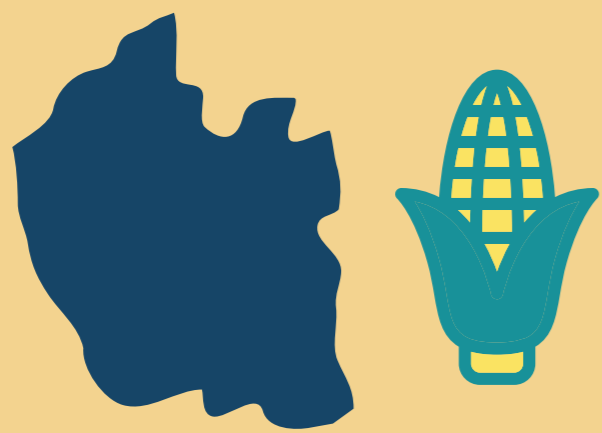


Rapid population growth is significantly affecting Malawi's ability to meet basic health, education, agriculture, and economic needs.

In **Ntchisi**, the population is expected to increase from approximately **315,892** in 2018 to **462,290** by 2030.

**By 2030, slower population growth from lower fertility in Ntchisi could result in:**

**Reduced pressure on land and agriculture**



**15** less people per km<sup>2</sup> than if current population growth continues

**A health care system with less human resource shortages**



**15** less community health workers would need to be hired

**More resources for children's education**



**16** less primary schools would need to be built

**An education system with less teacher shortages**



**179** less primary teachers would need to be hired

**Couples in Ntchisi want smaller families...**

**5.1** number of children per woman



**3.8** desired number of children



**1 in 4** girls 15–19 years of age have begun childbearing



**1 in 5** married women would like to avoid pregnancy but are not using family planning



**Investing in family planning benefits families and development across all sectors.**

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