# MALAWI VEHICLE POPULATION AND GROWTH RATES

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### Introduction

- MoTPW through DRTSS is mandated by Road Traffic Act (1997) to Register all vehicles according to their categories
- Upon registration- Owner is issued with Certificate of Registration also known as Blue book.
- The Registration is through-Malawi Traffic Information System (MALTIS)
- This system for registering vehicles forms the basis for estimating vehicle population as well as ownership.

#### VEHICLE REGISTRATION CODES

- Two main registration classes are District, and Generic.
- DISTRICT PLATES (MZ 7446 ;BLK; TO 3030;NS 2; NB 1)
- Vehicles may be registered under the home District of the vehicle owner.
  - two letter registration code that appears on the plate, followed by a sequential set of 4-digits from 1 to 9999
  - The maximum number of vehicles registered to each District is 9,999
- Once the numbers are exhausted, old numbers are re-cycled
- Some districts have not used their full allocation of numbers yet.

#### **GENERIC PLATES**

- issued under the 'B' code, starting with B, then BA, BB, BC etc. Each code also has the 4 digits to 9999.
- When a B code is exhausted the next letter in the alphabet is used. Current registrations are under BU. Therefore, all the B codes up to and including BT should have registered 9,999 vehicles each.

## VEHICLE REGISTRATION CODES

- Statutory Corporations have separate registration plates, under the SC code. There are 84 statutory corporations.
  - Some, for example ESCOM, have exhausted their 9,999 digits and now use generic registration plates.
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- Malawi Government vehicles carry the MG registration code. The Plant and Vehicle Hire and Engineering Services (PVHES) registers vehicles on a sequential numbering basis..
- Diplomatic missions carry the CD plate. There are 15 missions, including UK (1 CD), USA (2 CD), China (3 CD), and South Africa (5 CD), UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP. This gives a total of 1,265 CD registrations.
- Malawi Police carry the MP registration about 1,000 registered vehicles.
- The Malawi Prison service has it vehicles registered under the MPS code. 200 vehicles are assumed to be registered to the service.
- The number of vehicles registered to the Malawi Defence force under the MDF code is unknown.

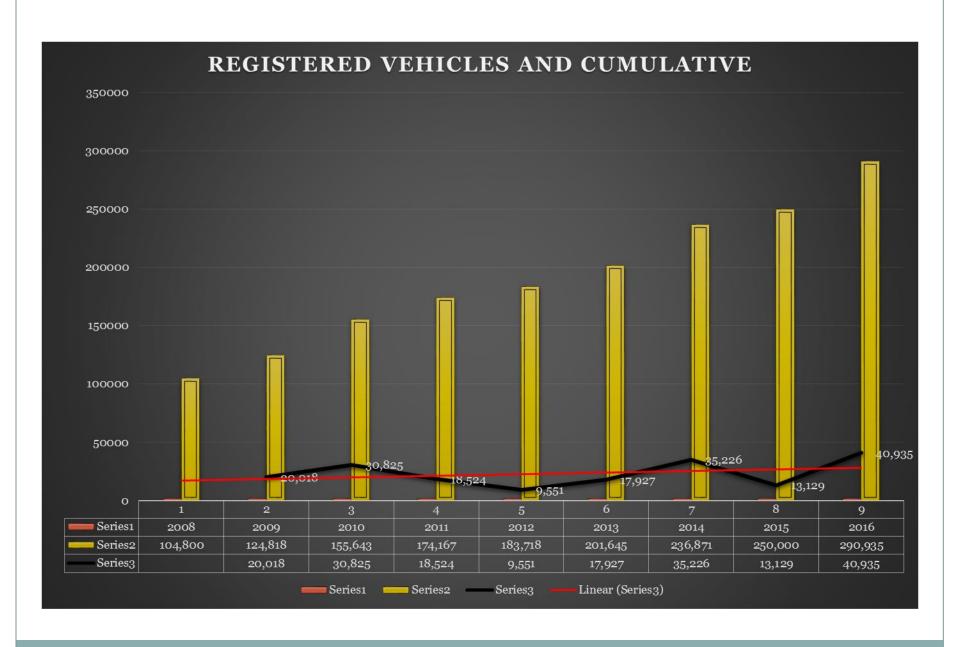
# Registration Coding's

PLATE TYPE	Number
District (BLK-ZA)	187,000
Generic (B-BU)	90,000
Statutory Corporation (SC)	6,720
Malawi Government (MG)	4,000
Diplomatic (CD)	1,265
Malawi Police (MP)	1,000
Malawi Prison(MPS)	200
Rental Various (SS, MN)	350
Private Various (SBIRB, EY,KPMG)	200
	290,735

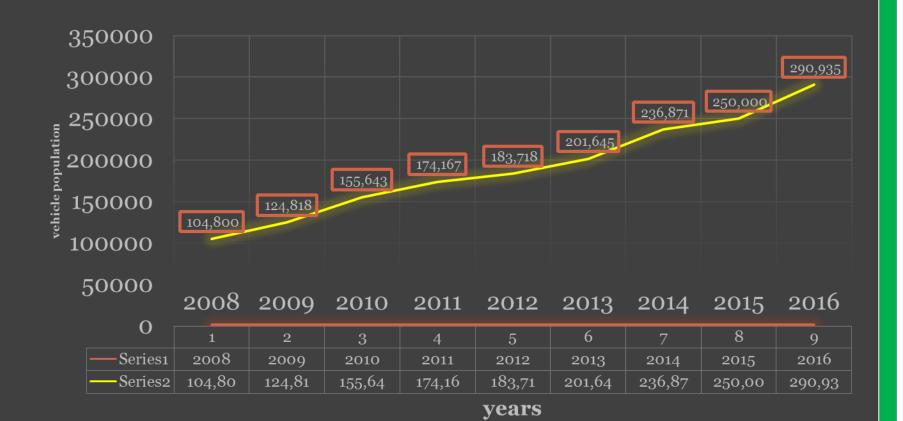
#### **VEHICLE POP & GROWTH RATE**

- For period 2008 to 2016 the average growth rate has been 12%.
- Over a period of 9 years the vehicle population has doubled in Malawi moved from 104,800 to 290,935.
- On average is 20,681/year past 9 years
- 17 vehicles per 1,000 population, and is comparable with Hungary in 1963 15 vehicles per 1,000 population; China in 2002 (16), and India in 2002 (17)

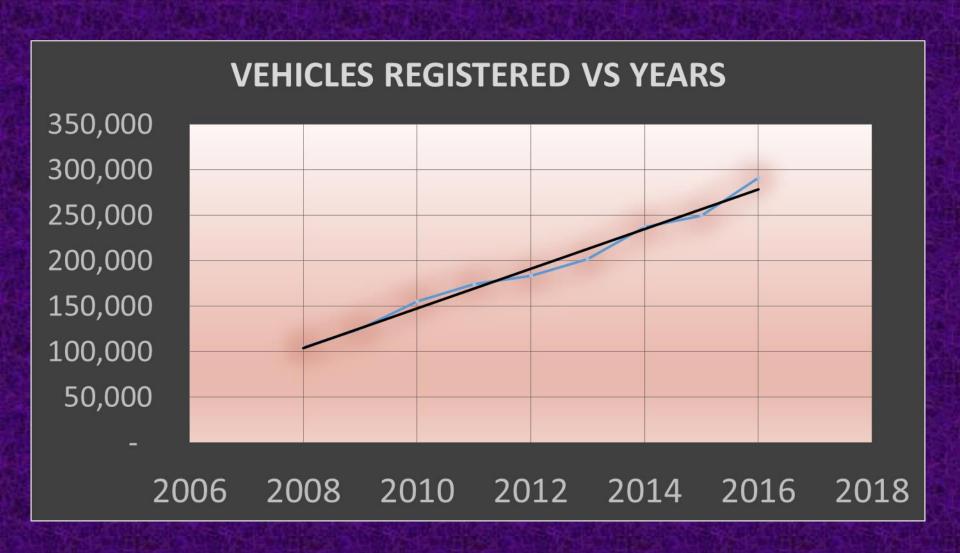
YEAR	Total
2008	104,800
2009	124,818
2010	155,643
2011	174,167
2012	183,718
2013	201,645
2014	236,871
2015	250,000
2016	290,935



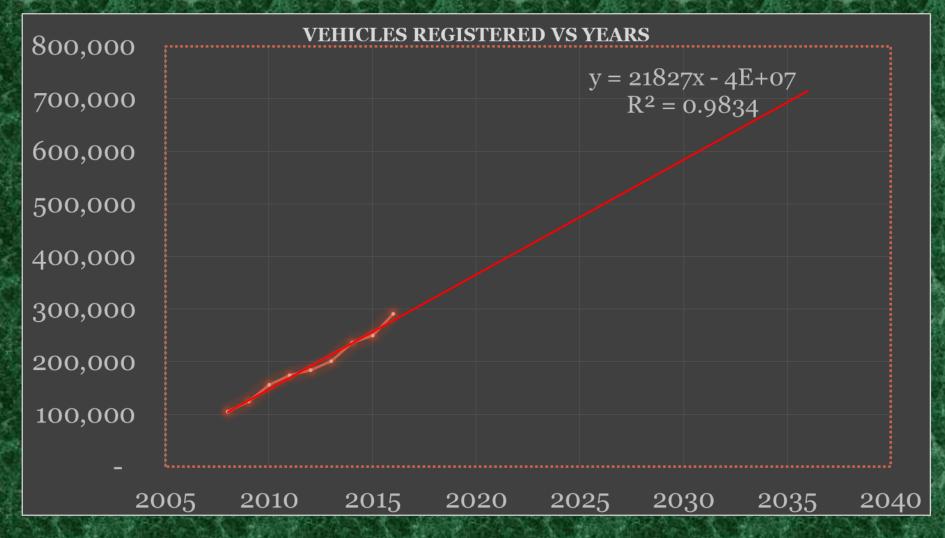
#### REGISTERED VEHICLES VS YEARS



#### **Trend**



## VEHICLE PROJECTIONS



# Forecasting Vehicle Ownership

- Using the liner equation, a twenty year forecast projects tripling of vehicle population by 2036. (704,000)
- Atkins-Consultant who is developing the Transport sector master Plan using a different forecasting methods projects that by 2036 vehicle Population will hint 1,043,000
- Note- Studies in 12 African countries have shown that even when there is no GDP growth, vehicle ownership will rise.

