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Chapter 1

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1.1 164.guide

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Montserrat

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Header (Montserrat)
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Affiliation:
 (dependent territory of the UK)

1.4 164.guide/Geography (Montserrat)

Geography (Montserrat)
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Location:
 in the eastern Caribbean Sea, about 400 km southeast of Puerto Rico
Map references:
 Central America and the Caribbean
Area:
 total area:
 100 km²
 land area:
 100 km²
 comparative area:
 about 0.6 times the size of Washington, DC
Land boundaries:
 0 km
Coastline:
 40 km
Maritime claims:
 exclusive fishing zone:
 200 nm
 territorial sea:
 3 nm
International disputes:
 none
Climate:
 tropical; little daily or seasonal temperature variation
Terrain:

volcanic islands, mostly mountainous, with small coastal lowland
 Natural resources:
 negligible
 Land use:
 arable land: 20%
 permanent crops:
 0%
 meadows and pastures:
 10%
 forest and woodland:
 40%
 other:
 30%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 subject to severe hurricanes from June to November
 Note:
 located 400 km east southeast of Puerto Rico in the Caribbean Sea

1.5 164.guide/People (Montserrat)

People (Montserrat)

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Population:
 12,661 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 0.36% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 16.35 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 9.77 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 -3 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 11.51 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 75.76 years
 male:
 74 years
 female:
 77.56 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 2.11 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Montserratian(s)
 adjective:
 Montserratian
 Ethnic divisions:
 black, Europeans

Religions:

Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Seventh-Day Adventist,
other Christian denominations

Languages:

English

Literacy:

age 15 and over having ever attended school (1970)

total population: 97%

male:

97%

female:

97%

Labor force:

5,100

by occupation:

community, social, and personal services 40.5%, construction 13.5%, trade,
restaurants, and hotels 12.3%, manufacturing 10.5%, agriculture, forestry,
and fishing 8.8%, other 14.4% (1983 est.)

1.6 164.guide/Government (Montserrat)

Government (Montserrat)

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Names:

conventional long form:

none

conventional short form:

Montserrat

Digraph:

MH

Type:

dependent territory of the UK

Capital:

Plymouth

Administrative divisions:

3 parishes; Saint Anthony, Saint Georges, Saint Peter

Independence:

none (dependent territory of the UK)

Constitution:

1 January 1960

Legal system:

English common law and statute law

National holiday:

Celebration of the Birthday of the Queen (second Saturday of June)

Political parties and leaders:

National Progressive Party (NPP) Reuben T. MEADE; People's Liberation
Movement (PLM), Noel TUITT; National Development Party (NDP), Bertrand
OSBORNE; Independent (IND), Ruby BRAMBLE

Suffrage:

18 years of age; universal

Elections:

Legislative Council:

last held on 8 October 1991; results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (11 total, 7 elected) NPP 4, NDP 1, PLM 1, independent 1

Executive branch:
 monarch, governor, Executive Council (cabinet), chief minister

Legislative branch:
 unicameral Legislative Council

Judicial branch:
 Supreme Court

Leaders:
 Chief of State:
 Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952), represented by Governor David TAYLOR (since NA 1990)

Head of Government:
 Chief Minister Reuben T. MEADE (since October 1991)

Member of:
 CARICOM, CDB, ECLAC (associate), ICFTU, OECS, WCL

Diplomatic representation in US:
 none (dependent territory of the UK)

Flag:
 blue with the flag of the UK in the upper hoist-side quadrant and the Montserratian coat of arms centered in the outer half of the flag; the coat of arms features a woman standing beside a yellow harp with her arm around
 a
 black cross

1.7 164.guide/Economy (Montserrat)

Economy (Montserrat)

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Overview:

The economy is small and open with economic activity centered on tourism ← and construction. Tourism is the most important sector and accounts for roughly one-fifth of GDP. Agriculture accounts for about 4% of GDP and industry ← 10%.

The economy is heavily dependent on imports, making it vulnerable to fluctuations in world prices. Exports consist mainly of electronic parts sold to the US.

National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$73 million (1990 est.)

National product real growth rate:

13.5% (1990 est.)

National product per capita:

\$5,800 (1990 est.)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

9% (1991)

Unemployment rate:

3% (1987)

Budget:

revenues \$12.1 million; expenditures \$14.3 million, including capital expenditures of \$3.2 million (1988)

Exports:

\$1.6 million (f.o.b., 1989)
 commodities:
 electronic parts, plastic bags, apparel, hot peppers, live plants, cattle
 partners:
 NA
 Imports:
 \$31.0 million (c.i.f., 1989)
 commodities:
 machinery and transportation equipment, foodstuffs, manufactured goods,
 fuels, lubricants, and related materials
 partners:
 NA
 External debt:
 \$2.05 million (1987)
 Industrial production:
 growth rate 8.1% (1986); accounts for 10% of GDP
 Electricity:
 5,271 kW capacity; 12 million kWh produced, 950 kWh per capita (1992)
 Industries:
 tourism; light manufacturing - rum, textiles, electronic appliances
 Agriculture:
 accounts for 4% of GDP; small-scale farming; food crops - tomatoes, onions,
 peppers; not self-sufficient in food, especially livestock products
 Economic aid:
 Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), ←
 \$90
 million
 Currency:
 1 EC dollar (EC\$) = 100 cents
 Exchange rates:
 East Caribbean dollars (EC\$) per US\$1 - 2.70 (fixed rate since 1976)
 Fiscal year:
 1 April - 31 March

1.8 164.guide/Communications (Montserrat)

Communications (Montserrat)

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Highways:
 280 km total; about 200 km paved, 80 km gravel and earth
 Ports:
 Plymouth
 Airports:
 total:
 1
 usable:
 1
 with permanent-surface runways 1,036 m:
 1
 with runways over 3,659 m:
 0
 with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

0
with runways 1,220-2,439 m:
0
Telecommunications:
3,000 telephones; broadcast stations - 8 AM, 4 FM, 1 TV

1.9 164.guide/Defense Forces (Montserrat)

Defense Forces (Montserrat)

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Branches:

Police Force

Note:

defense is the responsibility of the UK