

MONTSERRAT









GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II

Head of Government

Premier Easton TAYLOR-FARRELL

Government Type

parliamentary democracy; self-governing overseas territory of the UK

Capital

Plymouth; note - Plymouth was abandoned in 1997 because of volcanic activity; interim government buildings have been built at Brades Estate, the de facto capital

Legislature

unicameral Legislative Assembly (11 seats

Judiciary

the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC), headquartered on St. Lucia, is the superior court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

Ambassador to US

none (overseas territory of the UK)

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GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 102 sq km Land: 102 sq km Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical; little daily or seasonal temperature variation

Natural Resources

negligible

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

severe volcanic activity, which began in July 1995, has put a damper on this small, open economy; prospects for the economy depend largely on developments in relation to the volcanic activity and on public sector construction activity

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$167.4 million (2011 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$34,000 (2011 est.)

Exports

\$4.4 million (2017 est.)

partners: US 29%, France 23%, Saint Kitts and Nevis 22.2%

(2017)

Imports

\$39.44 million (2017 est.)

partners: US 72.8%, Trinidad and Tobago 6%, UK 4.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

5,370 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.58% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

African/Black 88.4%, mixed 3.7%,

Hispanic/Spanish 3%,

Caucasian/White 2.7%, East Indian/Indian 1.5%, other 0.7% (2011 est.)

Language

English

Religion

Protestant 67.1% (includes Anglican 21.8%, Methodist 17%, Pentecostal 14.1%, Seventh Day Adventist 10.5%, and Church of God 3.7%), Roman Catholic 11.6%, Rastafarian 1.4%, other 6.5%, none 2.6%, unspecified 10.8% (2001 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 9.1% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 0.64% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)