

Montserrat

Colony of Montserrat



Location Eastern Caribbean Sea
Part of the Leeward Islands, with Nevis and Antigua to the north, Guadeloupe to the south
Land Area 102 km² = 39 mi²
Climate Sub-tropical
Weather at Plymouth, 40 m altitude
Temperature: hottest month Sept 23–32 °C, coldest Jan 21–28 °C
Rainfall (av monthly): driest month Feb 86 mm, wettest Oct 196 mm

Time 4 hours behind GMT
Measures UK (imperial) system
Monetary unit East Caribbean dollar (EC \$) = 100 cents
Rate of exchange (1976 av): free EC \$ 2.61 = \$ 1, EC \$ 4.71 = £ 1

Summary

Political UK colony, which in January 1967 chose not to join other UK Leeward Islands states in becoming an associated state. Member of Caricom

Economic Cotton, limes and vegetables are the main products; there has been some recovery in cotton production and market gardening and livestock products are being further developed

People, resources and equipment

Population 1960 12 108, 1970 11 458, 1976 13 300*
Growth: 1960–70 –0.6 %pa, 1970–76 2.5* %pa
Density (1976): 130* people per km²
Vital statistics (rate per 1 000 people, 1974): births 24.3, deaths 10.5
Town (population in 000, 1976) Plymouth 3*
Race (1970) African and Mixed 96 %, European 3 %
Language English
Religion (1970) Christian 97 %
Education Pupils (1975/76) 3 220*, teachers (1973/74) 145
Labour force (1973) 4 651; in agriculture 3 048 (66 %), construction 527 (11 %)
Personnel (1972) Physicians: 6, 1 per 2 000 people
Standard of living
National income per person (1976): EC \$ 1 800** = \$ 700** = £ 380**
Consumption per person: energy (1975) 716 kg coal equivalent, electricity (production, 1976) 530* kW h
Telephones (Dec 1976): 1 930, 141 per 1 000 people
Livestock (000, 1976) Cattle 8*, sheep 3*, goats 3*, pigs 3*, chickens 30*
Electrical capacity (1975) 4 megawatts
Hospital beds (1970) 86, 1 per 133 people
Roads (1975) 180* km = 110* mi, density 1.8* km per km²
Ships (registered, 1977) 3, total of 1 248 gross tons
Port (1975) Plymouth: goods loaded 950 t, unloaded 25 300 t
Airport Blackburne (14 km from Plymouth)
Radio There are 2 broadcasting stations
Television Programmes can be received from Antigua and St Kitts
Motor vehicles (1975) 1 300, 100 per 1 000 people, 7.2 per km of road

Production, finance and trade

Gross domestic product 1973: EC \$ 17.3 mn = \$ 8.8 mn = £ 3.6 mn
1976 est: EC \$ 25** mn = \$ 10** mn = £ 5** mn
Main products (1976) Cotton 29 t, tomatoes, limes, fish catch 120 t, electricity 7*mn kW h
Transport traffic (1975) Air Passenger arrivals 16 030
Sea Goods loaded 951 t, unloaded 25 290 t
Tourism (1976) Number of visitors 11 211
Budget (total, 1976) Balanced at EC \$ 8.5 mn = \$ 3.2 mn = £ 1.8 mn
External trade (1976) Imports: EC \$ 20.8 mn = \$ 8.0 mn = £ 4.4mn
Exports: EC \$ 1.12 mn = \$ 0.43 mn = £ 0.24 mn
of which, domestic: EC \$ 0.78 mn = \$ 0.30 mn = £ 0.17 mn
Main imports % of total **Main exports*** % of total
Food 25 Cotton 28
Electrical machinery 9 Potatoes 22
Petroleum products 7 Cattle 13
Chemicals 6 Lime juice 8
Motor vehicles 5* Recapped tyres 5
Tomatoes 5

<i>Main sources</i>		<i>Main destinations*</i>	
United Kingdom	31	Japan	28
United States	18	Trinidad and Tobago	14
Trinidad and Tobago	13	Guadeloupe and	
Canada	5	Martinique	14
West Germany	5	Dominica	11
		Antigua	9
		St Kitts-Nevis	6

*Domestic exports only

Netherlands Antilles

De Nederlandse Antillen



Location There are two main groups of islands, about 800 km apart; the southern, about 100 km from the Venezuelan coast, includes Curaçao, Aruba and Bonaire, and the northern, part of the Leeward Islands, includes Saba, St Eustatius and the southern part of St Maarten island
Land Area 993 km² = 383 mi², of which, Aruba 193 km², Bonaire 288 km², Curaçao 444 km²
Climate Sub-tropical

Weather at Willemstad, 23 m altitude
Temperature: hottest month Sept 26–32 °C, coldest Feb, Mar 23–29 °C
Rainfall (av monthly): driest month May 20 mm, wettest Nov 112 mm
Time 4 hours behind GMT
Measures Metric system
Monetary unit Netherlands Antillian guilder (NA Gld) or florin (NA Fl) = 100 cents
Rate of exchange (1976 av): par NA Gld 1.80 = \$ 1, free NA Gld 3.251 = £ 1

Summary

Political Netherlands territory, with full control of internal affairs; there are proposals for independence by 1980

Economic Main activity is refining of crude oil imported principally from Venezuela. Tourism is important, and diversification of industry has been planned

People, resources and equipment

Population 1960 192 000*, 1970 222 000*, 1976 241 000*
Growth: 1960–70 1.5* %pa, 1970–76 1.4* %pa
Density (1976): 243* people per km²
Vital statistics (rate per 1 000 people, 1973): births 20.0, deaths 4.8
Regions (population in 000, 1975; total of 240 000) *Southern* Curaçao 156, Aruba 62, Bonaire 9, *Northern* St Maarten 10, St Eustatius 1, Saba 1
Town (population in 000, 1976) Willemstad (in Curaçao, capital) 65*
Race Dutch, Mixed, American Indian, Portuguese
Language Dutch; also used are Spanish, English and Papiamentu
Religion (1976) Roman Catholic 80** %, Protestant 20** %
Education (1973/74) Pupils 50 500*, teachers 2 140*
Labour force (1972) 73 270; in agriculture 588 (1 %), manufacturing 10 549 (14 %), construction 5 705 (8 %)
Personnel (1968) Physicians: 120, 1 per 1 783 people
Standard of living National income per person (1976): NA Gld 3 000** = \$ 1 700** = £ 900**
Consumption per person (1975): energy 12 231 kg coal equivalent, electricity (production) 5 800* kW h, newsprint 2.1 kg
Newspapers (1974): number 5; circulation 47 000, 197 per 1 000 people
Telephones (Dec 1976): 48 000, 200 per 1 000 people
Livestock (000, 1976) Cattle 8*, goats 21*, sheep 8*, chickens 100*
Petroleum refinery capacity (1975) 42.4 mn tonnes
Electrical capacity (1975) 290* megawatts
Hospital beds (1968) 1 969, 1 per 109 people
Roads (surfaced, 1975) 1 150* km = 715* mi, density 1.2* km per km²
Ports (goods traffic in crude oil ports, 000 tonnes, 1970) Aruba loaded 24 048, unloaded 27 192; Curaçao loaded 18 155, unloaded 22 101
Airports Plesman (16 km from Willemstad), Princess Beatrix (Aruba), Bonaire, Juliana (St Maarten), St Eustatius, Saba
Durable equipment 000 no per (at end-year) 1 000 people
Radio sets (1975) 132 545 no per
Television sets (1974) 34 143 km of road
Passenger cars (1973) 39* 167* 34*
Commercial vehicles (1973) 8* 34* 7*