



# Montserrat

British Overseas

Territory of Montserrat

Caribbean

## Geography

**Area** 102 sq km, since increased by lava flows from Mt. Soufrière, which erupted 1995-2003. One of the Leeward Islands in the Caribbean.

Population	Ann Gr	Density
2010 5,962	1.16%	58/sq km
2020 6,441	0.66%	63/sq km
2030 6,756	0.43%	66/sq km

Over 80% of the population evacuated in 1995/7 to Antigua, Guadeloupe, UK and elsewhere. Only a fraction have since returned; many never will. Only the northern one-third of the island is habitable.

**Capital** Brades 850. **Pop under 15 yrs** 19%.

## Peoples

**African Caribbean** 97%.

**Euro-American** 2%.

**Other** 1%.

**Official language** English. **All languages** 2.

**Languages with Scripture** 1Bi.

## Economy

Post-eruption Montserrat faces a serious

challenge in reestablishing itself.

## Politics

Dependent territory of the UK. Without British assistance, the island probably would not have been reestablished.

## Religion

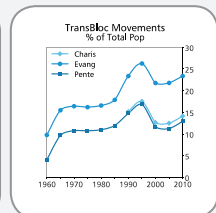
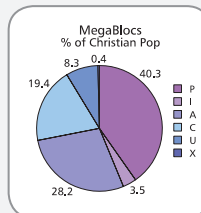
All figures are estimates because of the upheaval in population.

Religions	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
Christian	95.30	5,682	1.1%
Non-religious	2.70	161	1.9%
Baha'i	2.00	119	1.2%

Christians	Denoms	Pop %	Affiliates	Ann Gr
Protestant	6	38.41	2,000	1.2%
Independent	2	3.35	<200	3.3%
Anglican	1	26.84	2,000	0.3%
Catholic	1	18.45	1,000	1.9%
Marginal	1	0.35	<100	0.0%
Unaffiliated		7.90	<500	0.0%

Churches	MegaBloc	Congs	Members	Affiliates
Anglican Church	A	3	800	1,600
Catholic Church	C	2	683	1,100
Seventh-day Adventist	P	2	524	750
Methodist Church	P	2	275	550
Pentecostal Assemblies	P	2	200	350
Ch of God of Prophecy	P	4	132	220
Other denominations[5]		7	336	641
<b>Total Christians[11]</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>5,211</b>

TransBloc	Pop %	Population	Ann Gr
<b>Evangelicals</b>			
Evangelicals	23.4	1,394	2.6%
<b>Renewalists</b>			
Charismatics	14.1	842	3.7%
Pentecostals	12.9	770	4.0%



## Challenges for Prayer

- 1 The massive devastation** caused by the volcanic eruptions in the late 1990s nearly destroyed Montserrat as a habitable island. It will never completely recover. Pray for a new start, with Christ placed at the centre of island life rather than nominal Christianity, which largely prevailed in the past.
- 2 Church life was severely disrupted.** Pray for effective rebuilding of congregations, community life, property and outreach.