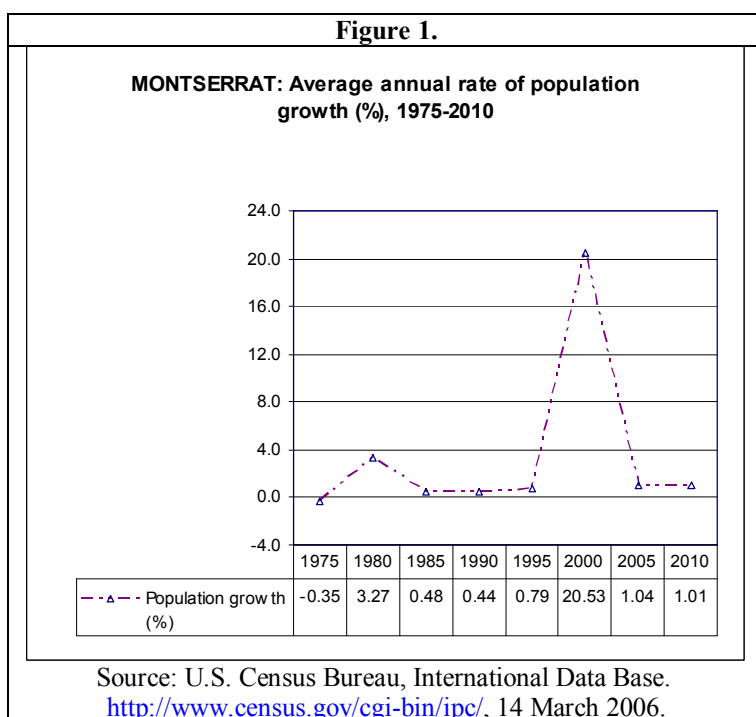


Population

The total population of Montserrat in 2005 is estimated at 9,000; 13.8% live in urban areas.¹ Women represent 55.6% of the total population.² It is estimated that 2,778 women were 15 to 49 years old in the year 2004, that is, around 59% of the total number of women.³

According to demographic estimates and projections there have been sizeable changes since 1975 in the average annual rate of population growth, particularly between 1995 and 2005 (Figure 1).



Socioeconomic context

Health expenditure

Public expenditure on health was 7.7% of gross domestic product in the year 2000, and private expenditure was 1.1% (excluding health insurance).⁴

¹ PAHO/AIS. *Health Situation in the Americas. Basic Indicators 2005*. Washington, DC, 2005.

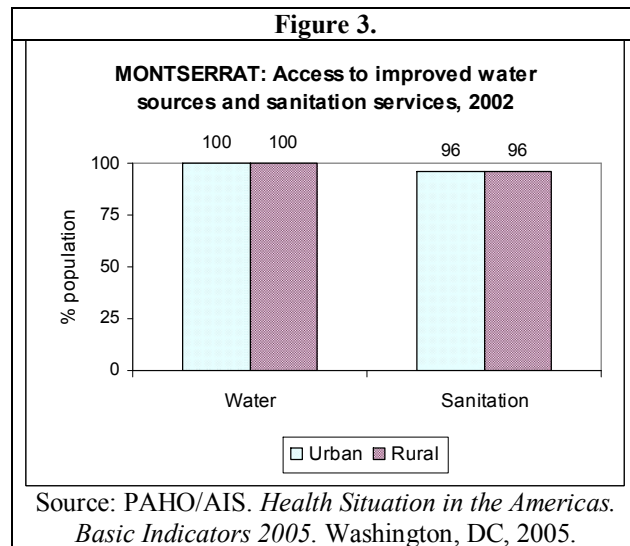
² Based on: PAHO/AIS. Technical Information System. Table Generator. <http://www.paho.org>, 26 January 2006.

³ U.S. Census Bureau. International Data Base. <http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/ipc/>, 14 March 2006.

⁴ PAHO/AIS. *Health Situation in the Americas. Basic Indicators 2005*. Washington, DC, 2005.

Environmental health

All the population has access to improved water sources, and access to sanitation services is almost as high (Figure 3).



Education

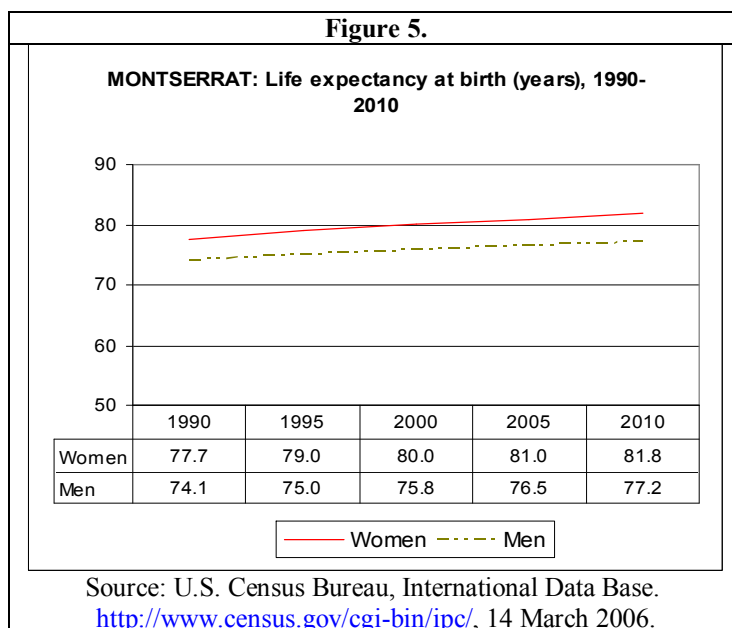
Among the population aged 15 years and over, literacy was 97.0% in 1998 among males as well as females.⁵

Health Situation

In 2005, life expectancy at birth was 81.0 years for women and 76.5 years for men.⁶ Additional gains in life expectancy are projected for both sexes, and the gap between men and women is expected to remain at around 4.5 more years for women (Figure 5).

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ PAHO/AIS. *Health Situation in the Americas. Basic Indicators 2005*. Washington, DC, 2005.



Mortality

The most recent year for which mortality data from Montserrat are available is 1992; since it is doubtful that this represents the current situation in the country, these data are not included here.

There were no infant deaths in 2004.⁷

Sexual and reproductive health

In 2004 the total fertility rate in Montserrat was 1.8 children per woman.⁸

There were no maternal deaths in 2004.⁹

A total of 8 cases of AIDS were reported in Montserrat through the year 2003: 2 males (1 in 1999, 1 in 2003), 4 females (1 each in 1993 and 1998, 2 in 2003), and 2 cases of unknown sex (1 in 1989, 1 in 2001).¹⁰ In September 2005 there was no one under treatment with antiretroviral drugs;¹¹ the number of people 15 to 49 years old who need such treatment is unknown.¹²

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ PAHO/GE. *Gender, Health and Development in the Americas. Basic Indicators 2005*. Washington, DC, 2005.

⁹ PAHO/AIS. *Health Situation in the Americas. Basic Indicators 2005*. Washington, DC, 2005.

¹⁰ PAHO/AI and National AIDS Program.

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² UNAIDS/WHO.

Access to health services

Prenatal care and care at childbirth

In 2004, 98.0% of births were attended by trained personnel and all pregnant women received at least one consultation for prenatal care, provided by a trained health worker.¹³

Health personnel

Although this topic is an essential element in the analysis of gender-based inequalities related to the participation of women and men in the health sector, the statistics that would allow such analyses are not currently available.

¹³ PAHO/AIS. *Health Situation in the Americas. Basic Indicators 2005*. Washington, DC, 2005.