

THE MONTSERRAT DIASPORA SURVEY REPORT

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1. Introduction

The Montserrat Diaspora Survey sought to capture a comprehensive understanding of individuals connected to Montserrat, who reside outside the island. This multifaceted survey gathered insights on demographics, connections to Montserrat, reasons for migration, current circumstances, concerns about the island's development, issues preventing investment, diaspora contributions, and recommendations for future government-hosted events. This approach provided a holistic view of the diaspora's engagement and their perspectives.

2. Methodology

The survey, which consisted of **32 questions**, was circulated via online platforms, diaspora organisations, and community networks from **November 27th to December 11th, 2023**. This strategic approach resulted in **153 responses**, providing a diverse and insightful perspective on the different facets of the Montserrat diaspora.

3. Demographic Characteristics

Gender and Age Distribution

In this dataset comprising 153 respondents, there was a notable gender disparity. Female respondents made up the majority with 96 individuals, while there were only 56 male respondents, resulting in an unequal representation. Additionally, one respondent opted not to specify their gender.

The age distribution leaned toward the more mature age range, particularly within the 45-65+ range, while participation from the youngest group (0-17 years old) remains relatively lower, aligning with common survey trends.

Connections to Montserrat

The respondents demonstrated diverse connections to Montserrat. Ninety-nine individuals were native to the island, 47 mentioned regular visits, and 22 had temporary residencies on the island. Additionally, 62 respondents mentioned family ties, emphasising strong connections, while 31 noted active participation in cultural events, showcasing an added layer of engagement with Montserrat's cultural activities and practices.



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Origins and Background

Ancestral roots varied across Montserrat's regions, notably Plymouth with 28 respondents having ancestral connections. While 99 respondents were born in Montserrat, significant representations existed in the UK, US, Canada, and diverse locations within these countries.

Duration Abroad and Reasons for Migration

The survey showcased that the majority (120 respondents) had lived outside Montserrat for over 20 years. Their migration was influenced by factors such as natural disasters, pursuit of better economic prospects, education, family reasons, and limited job opportunities.

Marital Status and Household Composition

Respondents displayed diverse marital statuses and household compositions, offering a comprehensive view of the diaspora's family structures and dynamics.

Educational Attainment

Educational backgrounds spanned from primary/elementary school to doctorate/PH.D. degrees. Bachelor's degrees were most common, followed by Master's degrees, illustrating the diverse educational landscape of the diaspora.

Areas of Expertise

The diaspora exhibited expertise in various fields, including business, medicine, education, information technology, finance, engineering, and other specialised industries, showcasing a rich spectrum of skills and knowledge.

4. Issues You Care About

Issues Pertaining to Montserrat

Respondents expressed a range of concerns regarding economic growth, healthcare, environmental sustainability, job opportunities, island accessibility, education, infrastructure development, cultural preservation, and social equity.

5. Level of Involvement in Montserrat

Material or Financial Contributions

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Sixty-six respondents indicated that they have made material or financial contributions to individuals/organisations on the island, reflecting an active involvement and willingness to support the community or specific organisations.

6. Affiliation to Diaspora Organisations

Awareness and Involvement

Sixty-three respondents were aware of Montserrat diaspora organisations, though fewer reported active involvement or contributions to these entities. Identified organisations showcased a varied range of diaspora groups that respondents were connected with or aware of within their communities or countries.

7. Motivation to Invest

The survey highlighted multiple governance challenges hindering savings or investment in Montserrat. These encompass financial limitations, difficulty finding suitable investments, concerns about economic instability and political uncertainty, insufficient information about investment opportunities, currency exchange hurdles, regulatory barriers, banking challenges, and personal financial constraints. These complexities collectively impede individuals' or organisations' capacity to save or invest in Montserrat, indicating that an array of obstacles impact the financial decisions of the diaspora.

8. Future Diaspora Events

The feedback regarding preferences for a Government-hosted diaspora event revealed mixed responses among the respondents. A significant portion, comprising 43 individuals, showed a strong inclination towards attending in person if circumstances allow, indicating a desire for direct engagement and immersion in the event's atmosphere. The largest group, totaling 78 respondents, were open to both in-person and virtual attendance, showcasing flexibility in their approach to participation. However, 21 respondents expressed disinterest in attending, potentially due to various reasons such as other commitments or disengagement from the diaspora community. Additionally, 58 respondents preferred virtual attendance via online platforms, possibly driven by convenience, accessibility, or geographic constraints.

9. Conclusion

The survey provided a comprehensive snapshot of the Montserrat diaspora's demographics, connections, concerns, contributions, and feedback about events, including government-hosted

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events. It underscores the active interest and engagement of the diaspora in Montserrat's affairs and development.

10. Recommendations

- **Enhanced Communication:** Implement improved communication channels to regularly update the diaspora on Montserrat's development, addressing concerns and sharing progress updates effectively.
- **Engagement Initiatives:** Create targeted engagement programs and events to foster stronger connections between the diaspora and Montserrat, encouraging active participation and involvement.
- **Information Accessibility:** Develop platforms or databases offering comprehensive information about investment opportunities, economic stability, and regulatory frameworks in Montserrat, catering to the diaspora's need for detailed and accessible information.
- **Support for Investment:** Provide guidance and support for diaspora members looking to invest in Montserrat, addressing currency exchange challenges, regulatory barriers, and banking hurdles that hinder financial transactions.
- **Collaboration with Diaspora Organisations:** Collaborate with existing diaspora organisations to leverage their networks, knowledge, and expertise for initiatives that contribute to Montserrat's development.
- **Cultural Exchange Programs:** Organise cultural exchange programs and events to preserve Montserrat's heritage, allowing the diaspora to actively participate and contribute to cultural preservation efforts.
- **Governance Transparency:** Ensure transparent governance and a stable political climate, addressing concerns about political uncertainty that may impact diaspora members' investment decisions.

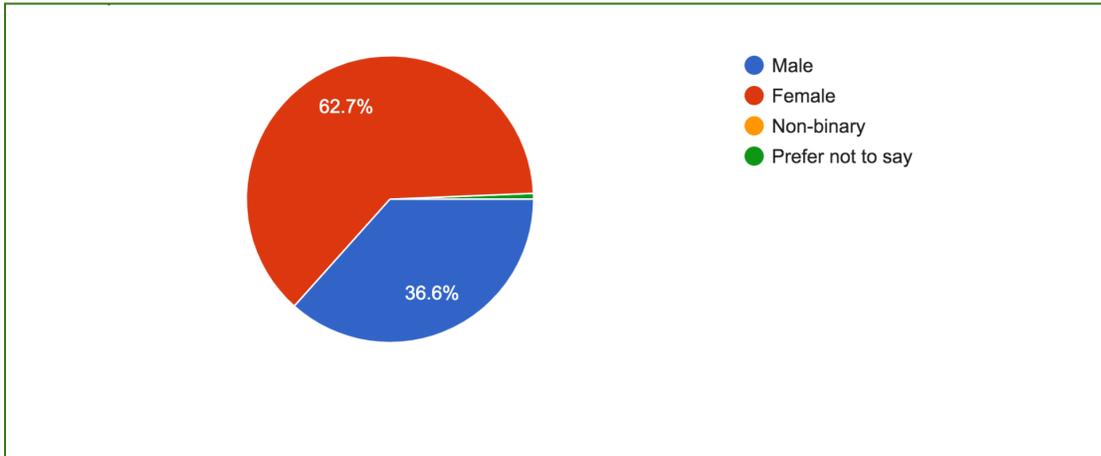
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12. Survey Results

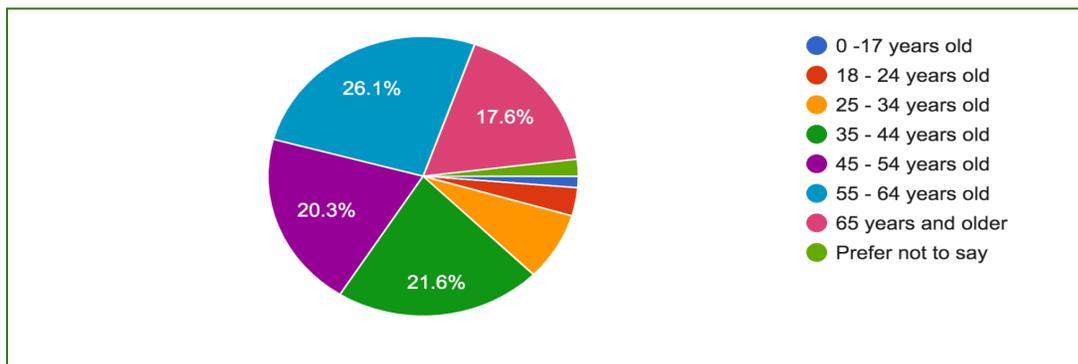
1. What is your gender? (153 responses)



- **Male:** 56 respondents
- **Female:** 96 respondents
- **Prefer not to say:** 1 respondent

In the survey, 56 respondents identified as male, while 96 identified as female. One respondent preferred not to specify their gender. This indicates a notable gender disparity among respondents, with females comprising the majority and males representing a smaller portion. The presence of an unspecified gender choice highlights the significance of providing inclusive options in future surveys to cater to diverse preferences or identities.

2. What is your age? (153 responses)

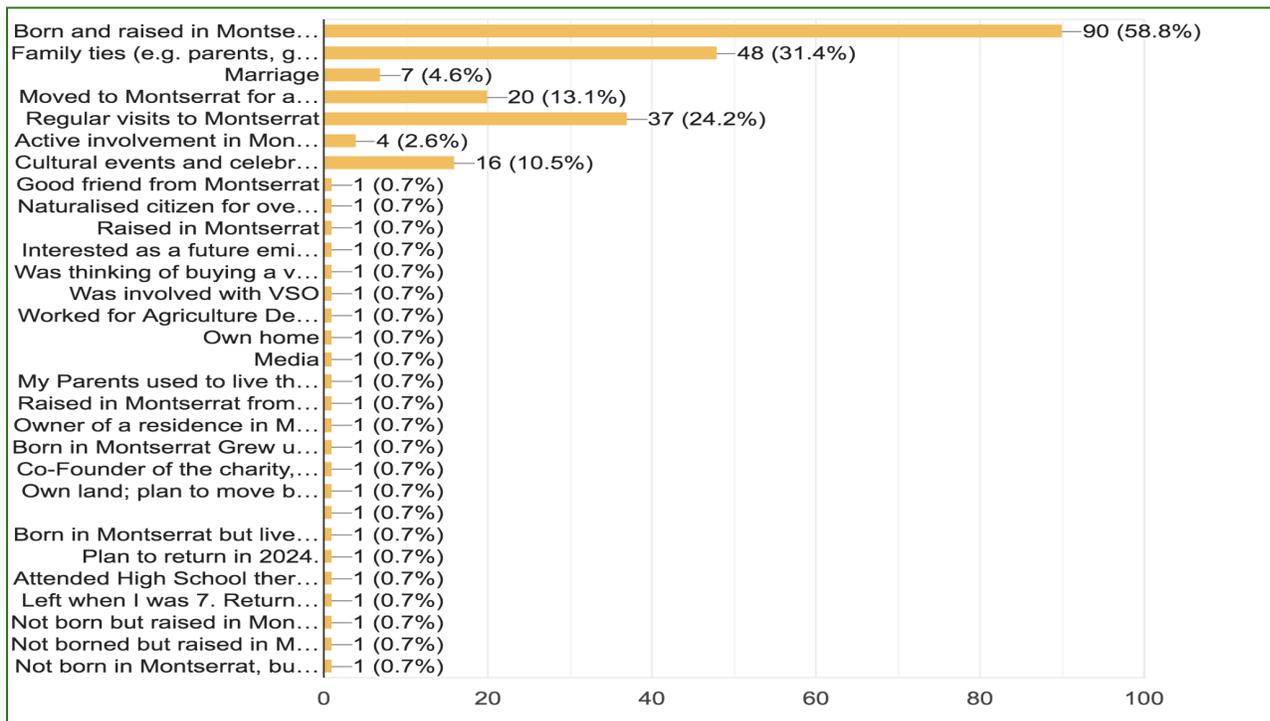


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- **Aged 0 to 17:** 2 respondents
- **Aged 18 to 24:** 5 respondents
- **Aged 25 to 34:** 12 respondents
- **Aged 35 to 44:** 33 respondents
- **Aged 45 to 54:** 31 respondents
- **Aged 55 to 64:** 40 respondents
- **Aged 65 or older:** 27 respondents
- **Preferred not to share their age:** 3 respondents

The data shows a clear pattern: more participation from older age groups. The largest group was between 45 and 65+, indicating a significant contribution from this age range. Conversely, the youngest group (0 - 17 years) had the fewest respondents, which is a common trend in surveys where younger people tend to participate less. Overall, the survey covered a wide range of ages, with a slightly higher focus on older participants.

3. How are you connected to Montserrat? (153 responses)



- **Born and raised in Montserrat:** 99 respondents
- **Regular visits to Montserrat:** 47 respondents
- **Moved to Montserrat for a period of time:** 22 respondents
- **Family ties (e.g., parents, grandparents):** 62 respondents

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- **Cultural events and celebrations:** 31 respondents
- **Active involvement in Montserratian community groups abroad:** 7 respondents
- **Interested as a future emigration destination:** 1 respondent
- **Owns a residence in Montserrat:** 2 respondents
- **Involved with VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas):** 1 respondent
- **Media involvement:** 1 respondent
- **Co-founder of a charity aiding Montserrat:** 1 respondent
- **Owner of land planning to move back within the next 10 years:** 1 respondent
- **Attended High School and worked previously as a police officer in Montserrat:** 1 respondent
- **Plans to return to Montserrat in 2024:** 1 respondent
- **Not born but raised in Montserrat:** 3 respondents
- **Not born in Montserrat but partially raised there:** 1 respondent
- **Moved back to Montserrat just recently:** 1 respondent
- **Naturalised citizen for over 30 years, continuing regular visits:** 1 respondent
- **Was thinking of buying a villa but decided not to:** 1 respondent
- **Interested in Montserrat as a potential emigration destination:** 1 respondent

In short, the data indicates a diverse and widespread connection to Montserrat among respondents, including family ties, cultural involvement, residency experiences, and various personal affiliations, showcasing the diverse ways individuals stay connected to the island.

4. What part of Montserrat do you or your parents or grandparents originate from? (153 respondents)

North of Montserrat (14 respondents)

- Barzey's: 1 respondent
- Brades: 1 respondent
- Davy Hill: 1 respondent
- Dick Hill: 1 respondent
- Look Out: 1 respondent
- Mongo Hill: 1 respondent
- Northern region/North: 3 respondents
- St. John's: 5 respondents

East of Montserrat (15 respondents)

- Delvins Village: 3 respondents
- Dyers/Windy Hill: 1 respondent
- Gages: 1 respondent

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- Harris' Village: 4 respondents
- Molyneux: 1 respondent
- Streathams: 1 respondent
- Streathams & Dyers villages: 1 respondent
- Trials Village: 2 respondents
- Tuitts Village: 1 respondent

South of Montserrat (25 respondents)

- Fairfield: 1 respondent
- Kinsale: 6 respondents
- Safari City: 1 respondent
- St. Patrick's: 17 respondents

West of Montserrat (65 respondents)

- Cork Hill: 13 respondents
- Fort Barrington: 2 respondents
- Foxes Bay: 1 respondent
- Old Towne: 3 respondents
- Plymouth: 28 respondents
- Salem: 11 respondents
- Town: 1 respondent
- Town Hill: 2 respondents
- Virgin Island St Peter's: 1 respondent
- Weekes (mother's place of origin) - Cudjoe Head (father's place of origin) - St. Peters: 1 respondent
- Woodlands: 2 respondents

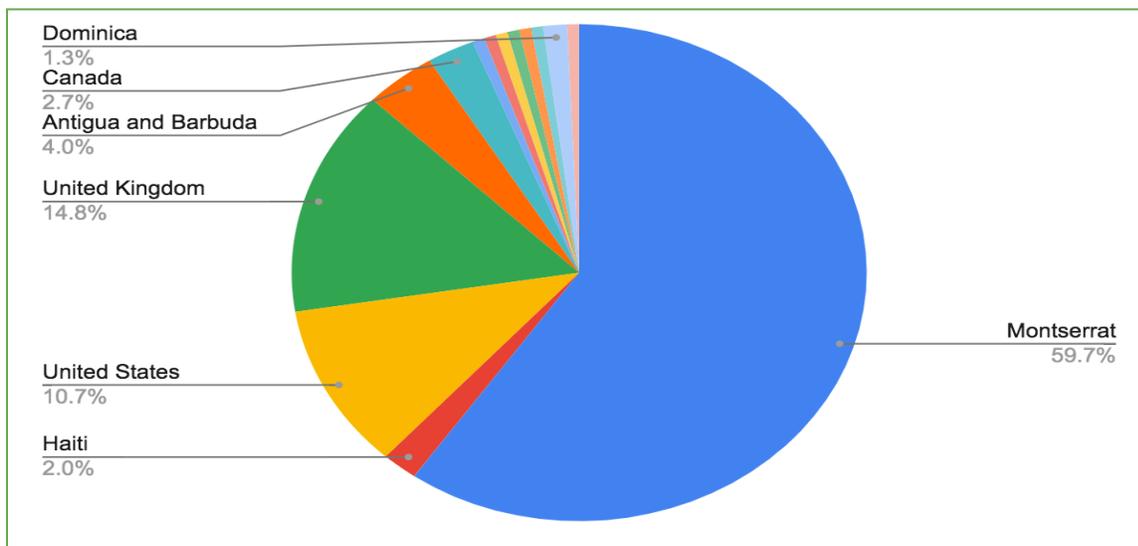
Other Countries (34 respondents)

- Guyana: 1 respondent
- Pakistan: 1 respondent
- Not from Montserrat: 2 respondents
- Blank response: 7 respondents
- Responded 'No/None': 18 respondents
- Responded 'N/A': 2 respondents
- Responded 'Not From There': 3 respondents

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The survey shows that individuals and their families have diverse origins and connections to various parts of Montserrat. This emphasises the rich and varied ancestral background of the island's diaspora.

5. What country were you born in? (153 respondents)



- **Antigua and Barbuda:** 6 respondents
- **Belgium:** 1 respondent
- **Canada:** 5 respondents
- **Dominica:** 2 respondents
- **Haiti:** 3 respondents
- **Ireland:** 1 respondent
- **Montserrat:** 91 respondents
- **Netherlands Antilles:** 1 respondent
- **Pakistan:** 1 respondent
- **Saint Kitts and Nevis:** 1 respondent
- **Saint Lucia:** 1 respondent
- **Sweden:** 1 respondent
- **United Kingdom:** 22 respondents
- **United States:** 17 respondents

Most respondents were from Montserrat, with significant numbers also coming from the United Kingdom and the United States. The remaining countries had fewer respondents in the survey.

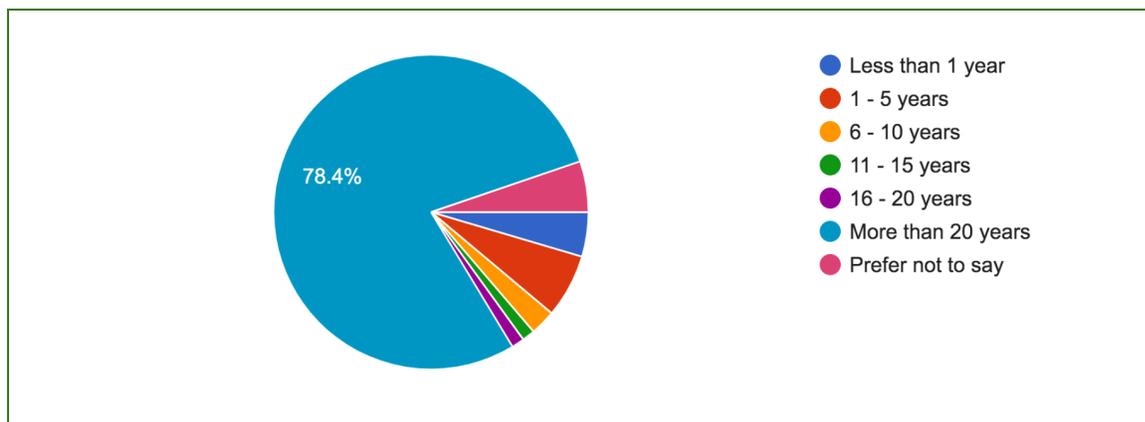
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6. Where do you currently reside (City/County/Province/Country)? (153 respondents)

- **United States (57 respondents):** There is a significant representation in various states, indicating a diverse dispersal of the Montserrat diaspora throughout the country. Locations include California, Georgia, Connecticut, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Utah, Minnesota, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Arizona, and more.
- **United Kingdom (54 respondents):** The respondents are spread across different parts of the UK, with a notable presence in London, Essex, Wiltshire, Leicester, and Birmingham among other unspecified locations.
- **Canada (5 respondents):** Some respondents are situated in Ontario and Toronto specifically.
- **Montserrat (4 respondents):** A smaller number of respondents currently reside within Montserrat itself, primarily in areas like Old Towne, Olveston, and Salem Village.
- **Other Global Locations (33 respondents):** There is a scattering of respondents across various other regions, including Haiti, Ireland, Kuwait, Switzerland, Barbados, St. Lucia, Tobago, Pakistan, the British Virgin Islands, and more.

This wide geographic dispersion suggests that the Montserrat diaspora is not only distributed across the United States and the United Kingdom but also extends to other countries around the world, reflecting a diverse and far-reaching network of individuals with roots in Montserrat.

7. How many years have you lived abroad? (153 respondents)



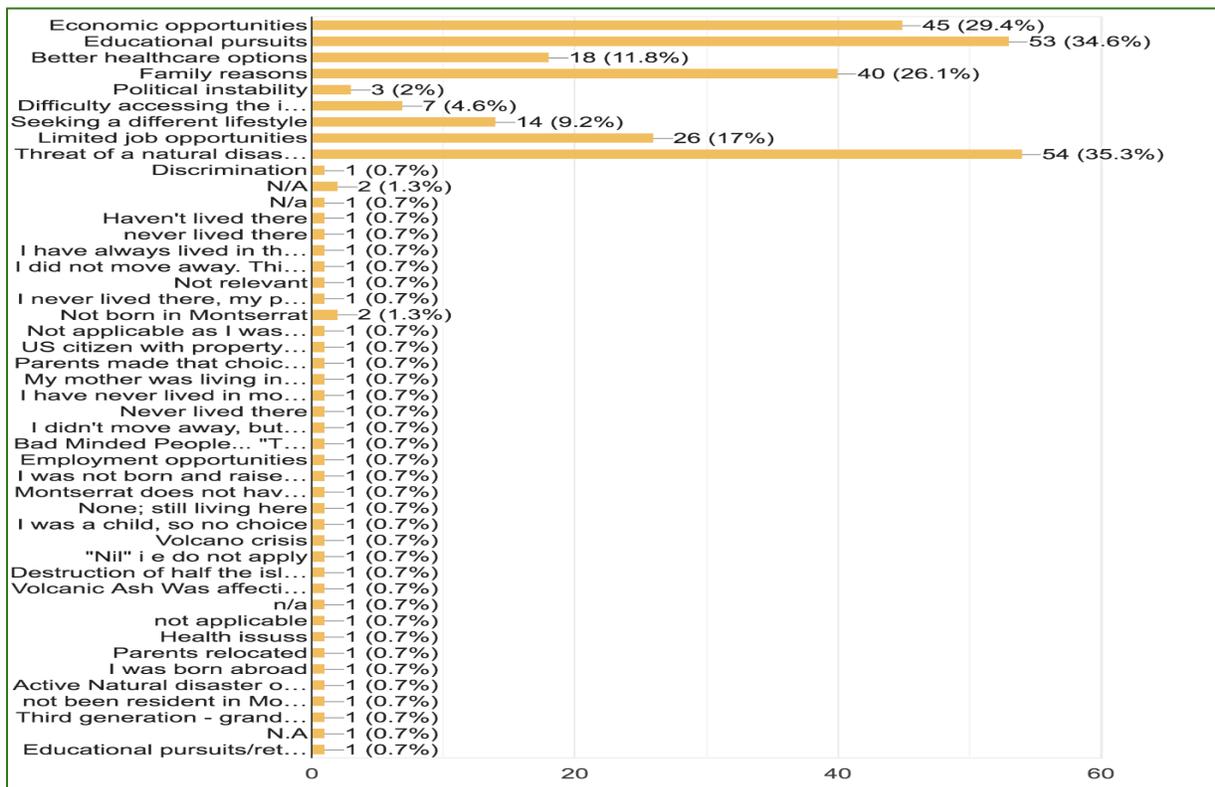
- **Less than 1 year:** 7 respondents
- **1-5 years:** 10 respondents
- **6-10 years:** 4 respondents

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- **11-15 years:** 2 respondents
- **16-20 years:** 2 respondents
- **More than 20 years:** 120 respondents
- **Prefer not to say:** 8 respondents

The majority of respondents, accounting for 120 out of 153, have lived abroad for more than 20 years, indicating a substantial number of long-term expatriates or persons who left because of the volcanic eruptions. The distribution among the other categories is relatively smaller, with fewer respondents residing abroad for shorter durations, such as less than 1 year, 1-5 years, 6-10 years, and 11-15 years. Additionally, a small fraction of respondents, 8 in total, preferred not to disclose their duration of stay abroad.

8. What factors influenced your decision to move away from Montserrat? (153 respondents)



- **Threat of Natural Disasters (e.g. Volcanic Eruption, Hurricanes):** This factor stands out as the primary reason for migration, indicated by **56 respondents**. Montserrat has

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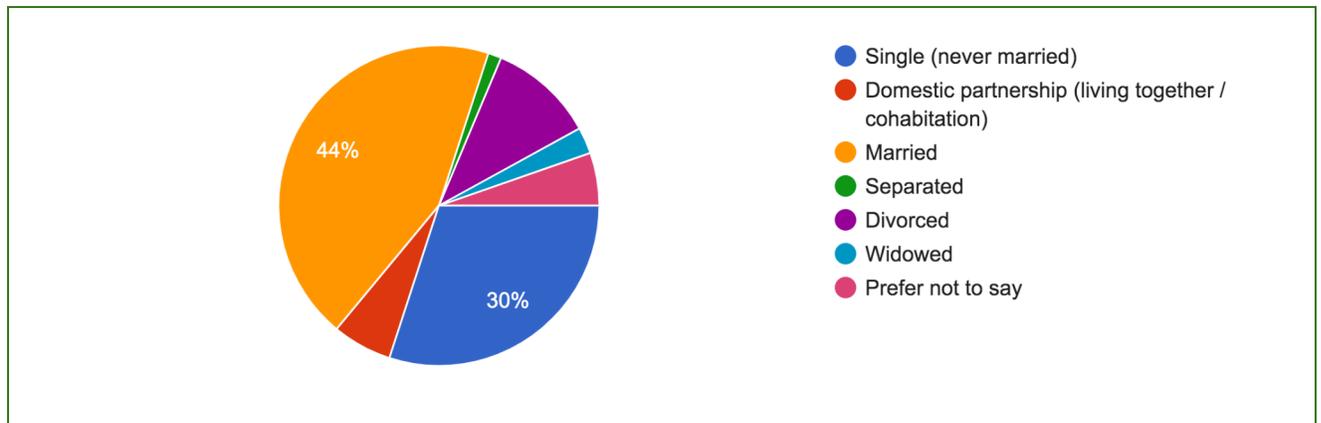
faced significant challenges due to natural disasters, especially the volcanic eruption in the 1990s, which caused widespread destruction.

- **Economic Opportunities:** Close behind the threat of natural disasters, **45 respondents** cited seeking better economic prospects as a motive for leaving. Limited economic growth and opportunities on the island could be a driving force for migration.
- **Educational Pursuits:** The pursuit of education appears as another influential factor, with **54 respondents** indicating a move for educational reasons. This suggests that individuals may have left to access better educational institutions or opportunities elsewhere.
- **Family Reasons:** Approximately **40 respondents** cited family-related reasons for moving away, indicating that familial ties or circumstances played a role in their decision.
- **Limited Job Opportunities:** **26 respondents** mentioned a lack of job opportunities as a reason for leaving, emphasising the challenge of finding suitable employment on the island.
- **Seeking a Different Lifestyle:** **14 respondents** aimed to seek a different lifestyle, implying a desire for changes in living conditions, culture, or societal aspects.
- **Better Healthcare Options:** **18 respondents** indicated that access to improved healthcare facilities influenced their decision to relocate, indicating potential gaps in healthcare services on the island.
- **Difficulty Accessing the Island:** **79 respondents** cited difficulties in accessing the island, which might include challenges related to transportation, connectivity, or infrastructure.
- **Other Miscellaneous Reasons:** The remaining responses were a mix of factors such as political instability, health issues or not being born in Montserrat.

Overall, the survey reveals a complex mix of factors driving migration from Montserrat. While natural disasters and economic concerns appear as primary catalysts, other factors such as education, family, job opportunities, lifestyle preferences, healthcare, and logistical challenges also significantly contribute to the diasporas' decision to leave the island.

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9. What is your current marital status? (150 respondents)

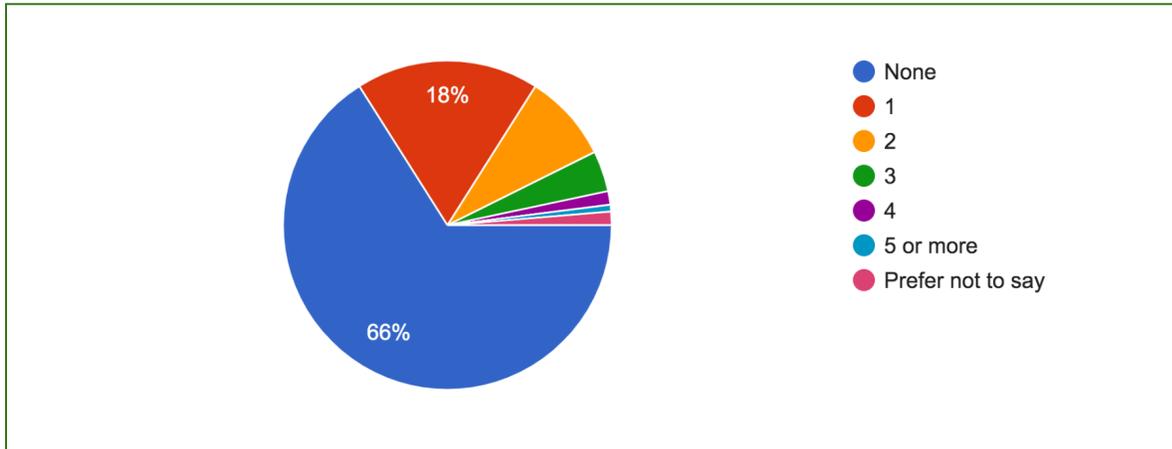


- **Married:** This category constitutes the largest portion of respondents, comprising **66** out of 150 individuals. This indicates a significant presence of married individuals within the surveyed group, potentially reflecting stable relationships or committed partnerships among the participants.
- **Single (never married):** A notable number of respondents, accounting for **45** individuals, reported being single and never being married. This group signifies a considerable segment of the surveyed diaspora, indicating a diverse range of relationship statuses among the respondents.
- **Divorced:** A group of **16 respondents** reported being divorced, indicating prior marriages that ended in divorce. This category, while smaller in size, signifies a significant life event that affected a portion of the surveyed diaspora.
- **Domestic partnership:** **9 respondents** indicated being in a domestic partnership, showcasing alternative forms of relationships beyond traditional marriage.
- **Widowed and Separated:** A smaller number of respondents, **4 and 2** respectively, identified as widowed or separated. This indicates the presence of individuals who have experienced the loss of a spouse or are currently in the process of separation.
- **Prefer not to say:** **8 respondents** chose not to disclose their marital status. This choice suggests a level of privacy or personal discretion among this subgroup.

Overall, the data shows a diverse range of marital statuses among the surveyed diaspora, reflecting the varied experiences in relationships among the respondents.

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10. How many children under the age of 18 live in your household? (150 respondents)

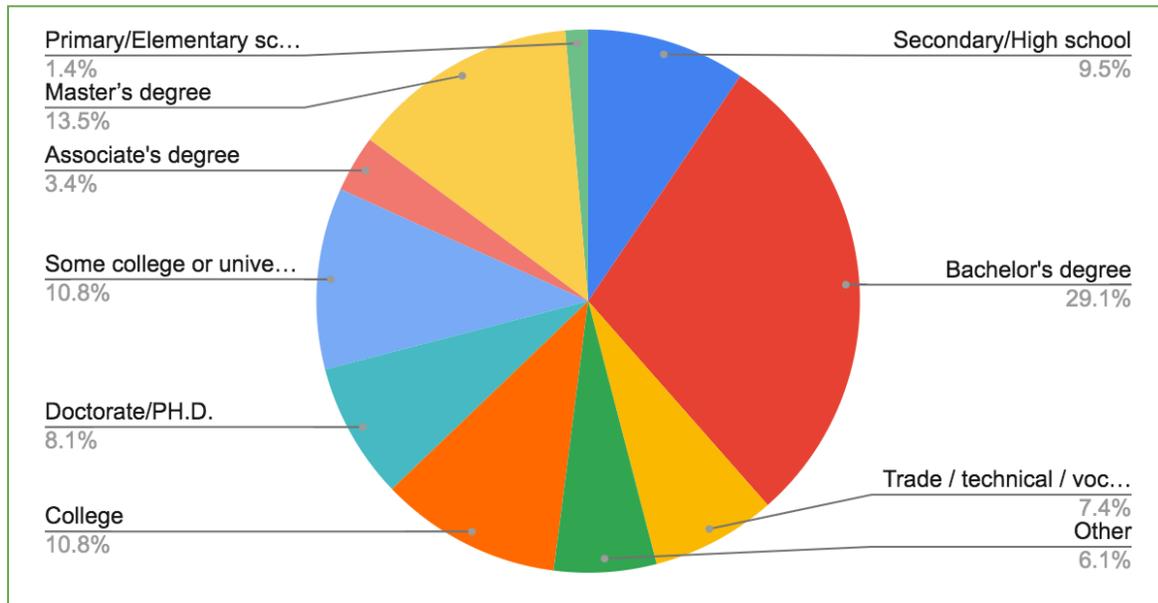


- 99 households have **no children under 18**
- 27 households have **one child**
- 13 households have **two children**
- 6 households have **three children**
- 2 households have **four children**
- 1 household has **five or more children**
- 2 respondents **preferred not to disclose this information**

This indicates that a significant portion of the surveyed households doesn't have children under 18 living in their household, while smaller portions have one to four children. Only a few households have five or more children, and a couple of respondents opted not to share this information.

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11. What is the highest level of education you have attained? (148 responses)

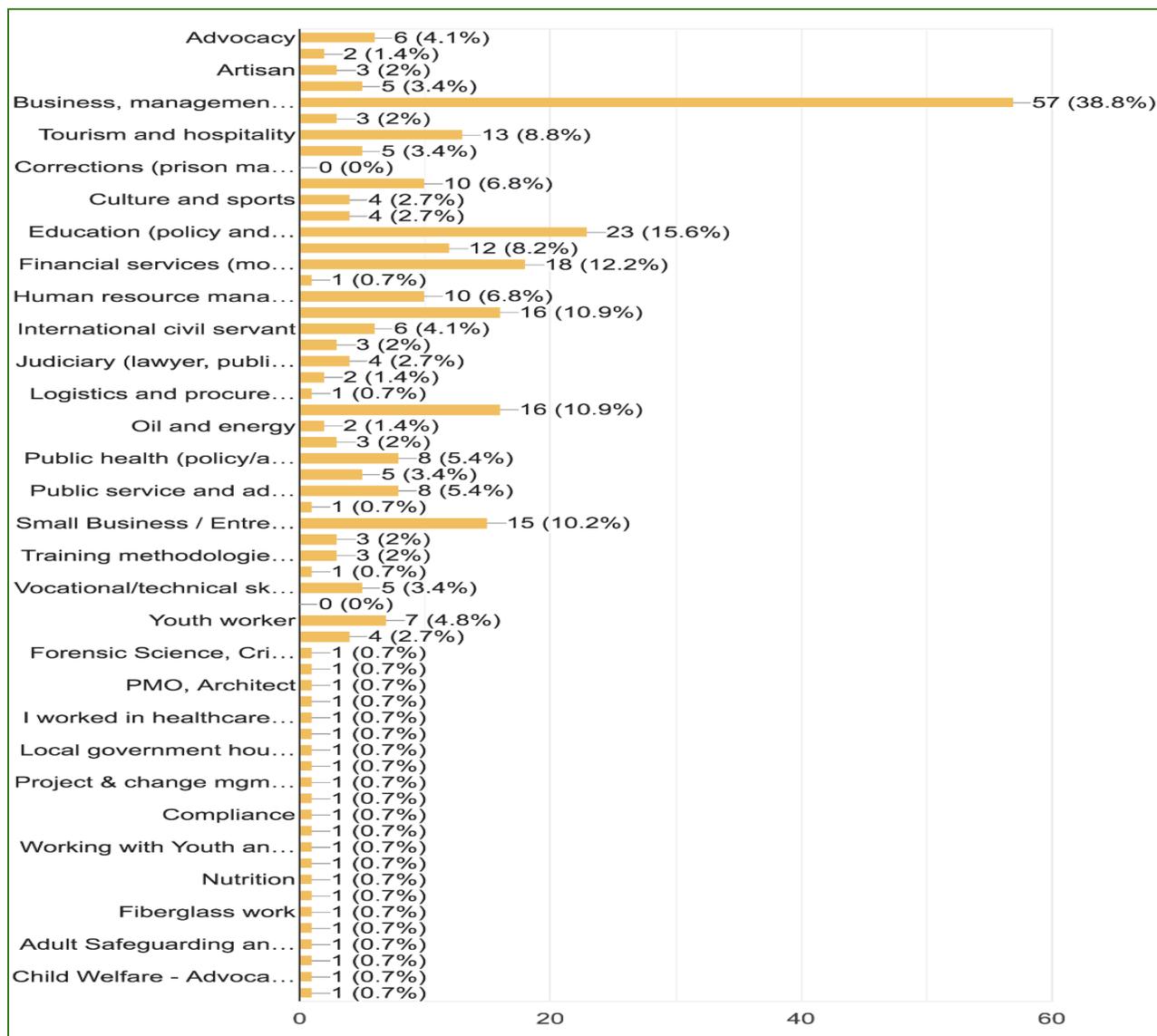


- **No respondents** reported having no formal education.
- **2 respondents** completed primary or elementary education, representing a small fraction.
- **14 respondents** finished secondary or high school.
- **16 respondents** received education at the college level.
- **11 respondents** acquired trade, technical, or vocational education.
- **16 respondents** attended college or university without completing a degree.
- **5 respondents** attained an associate's degree.
- **43 respondents** completed a bachelor's degree, the largest segment.
- **20 respondents** obtained a master's degree.
- **12 respondents** achieved a doctorate or Ph.D.
- **9 respondents** reported other unspecified forms of education or qualifications.

The data shows a varied educational landscape. While bachelor's degrees were the most common, a substantial number of respondents obtained postgraduate degrees, indicating a notable presence of higher academic achievement. There's also diversity in vocational and other educational paths, showcasing a range of educational experiences within the surveyed diaspora.

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12. Please select the main areas of specialisation in which you have received education/training. (147 respondents)



- **Business, Management, and Leadership:** This emerged as the most common specialisation area, with **57 respondents** having expertise in various facets of business, administration, and leadership. It covers a wide range of roles and skills critical for business operations.
- **Medical Profession (Medical Doctor, Nursing):** **48 respondents** possess expertise in the medical field, representing a substantial number of healthcare professionals. This includes doctors and nurses, highlighting a significant presence in the healthcare sector.

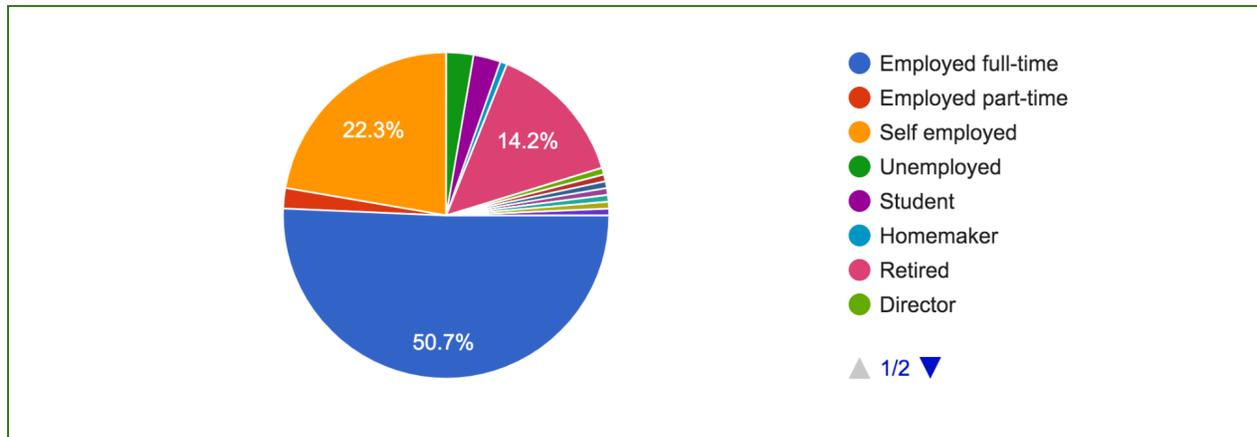
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- **Education (Policy and Administration, Teaching, Adult Education, etc.): 44 respondents** have received training or education related to various aspects of education, including policy development, teaching methodologies, and adult education.
- **Information and Communication Technology (ICT): 35 respondents** specialise in ICT, covering roles related to technology, software development, networking, and digital communication, indicating proficiency in technological fields.
- **Financial Services (Money Transfer, Banking, Planning Investment, etc.): 31 respondents** have expertise in financial services, encompassing roles related to banking, investment planning, and money management, highlighting a significant presence in financial sectors.
- **Engineering (Civil, Chemical, Mechanical, Electrical, Water, Environment, etc.): 26 respondents** have education or training in diverse fields of engineering, reflecting expertise in various engineering domains.
- **Tourism and Hospitality: 22 respondents** specialise in tourism and hospitality, including hotel management, tourism operations, and related services, indicating expertise in the hospitality industry.
- **Counselling/Psychology: 21 respondents** have expertise in counselling and psychology, emphasising a focus on mental health support and therapeutic services.
- **Youth Worker: 17 respondents** specialise in roles related to working with young people, providing support and guidance tailored to youth, highlighting a focus on youth services.
- **Advocacy: 16 respondents** have expertise in advocacy, indicating involvement in promoting social causes, policies, or supporting individuals, showcasing a dedication to social causes.
- **Other Specialisations:** Various specialised areas, including Social Work, Conflict Resolution, Energy, Biology, Forensic Science, Criminology, Aviation, Culture, Vocational Skills, Research Science, and many more, each with one or a few respondents, illustrate the diverse expertise among the respondents, covering a wide spectrum of fields.

These specialisations underscore the diverse backgrounds and expertise among the Montserrat diaspora respondents, showcasing a rich tapestry of skills and knowledge across various sectors and industries.

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13. What is your current employment status? (148 responses)

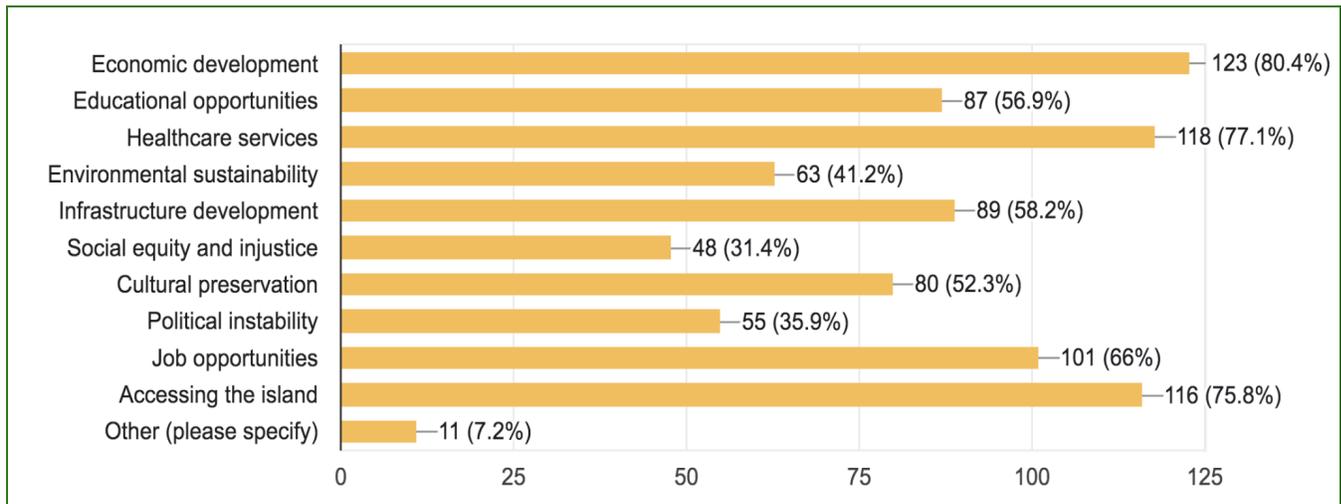


- **Employed Full-Time:** The most prevalent status among the respondents, with **75 individuals** currently engaged in full-time employment. This suggests a substantial portion of the surveyed diaspora is actively working in a full-time capacity.
- **Self-Employed:** **33 respondents** indicated they are self-employed, demonstrating that a notable subset of the surveyed diaspora works independently or operates their own businesses, showcasing entrepreneurship and independence.
- **Retired:** **21 respondents** mentioned being retired and not actively engaged in full-time employment. This indicates a group that has concluded their formal career and is no longer working on a full-time basis.
- **Employed Part-Time:** A small number of respondents (**3**) are engaged in part-time employment, suggesting a minority working on a reduced-hour basis.
- **Unemployed:** **4 respondents** stated they are currently unemployed, indicating a small group actively seeking employment or not currently working.
- **Student:** **4 respondents** identified themselves as students, suggesting individuals pursuing education or training.
- **Other Statuses - 7 respondents:** There are unique statuses mentioned by a few respondents such as "Director," "Juris Doctor," "Consultant," "Self-employed Contractor," "Disability," "Maternity Leave," and "Homemaker," with one or two respondents falling into these categories.

The range of employment statuses illustrates the diverse occupational circumstances within the surveyed Montserrat diaspora. From those actively employed full-time or self-employed to retirees, students, and individuals in unique or specific roles, the data highlights a varied spectrum of occupational situations and life stages among the respondents.

14. What issues or problems do you care about in Montserrat? (153 respondents)

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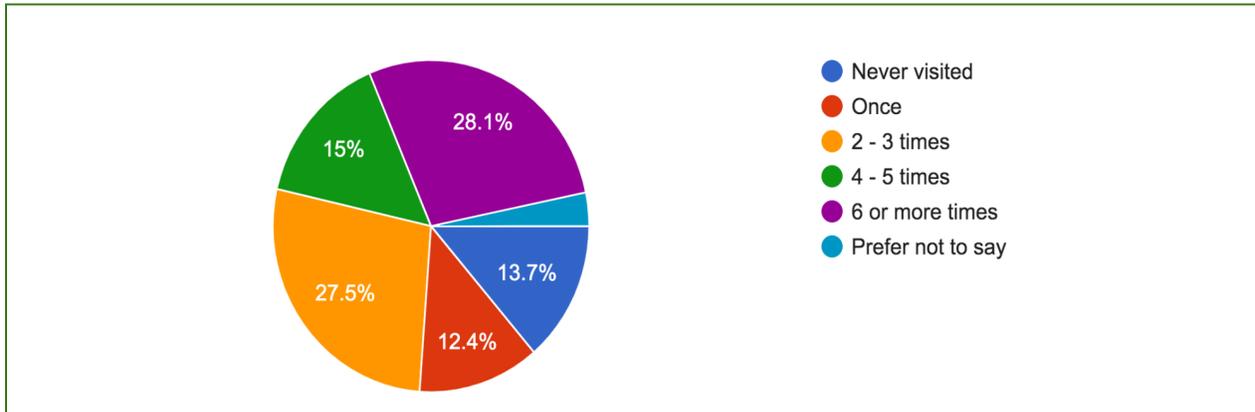


- **Economic development:** This was the most commonly cited concern, with **123 respondents** expressing their interest or concern in this area. It suggests a significant focus on improving the island's economic prospects.
- **Educational Opportunities:** **87 respondents** highlighted concerns regarding educational opportunities, emphasising the importance of fostering education for the island's development.
- **Healthcare Services:** Health-related concerns were significant, with **118 respondents** indicating the importance of improving or maintaining healthcare services on the island.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** While a critical issue, it was noted by **63 respondents**, indicating a moderate yet notable level of concern for environmental sustainability.
- **Infrastructure Development:** The need for infrastructure development garnered attention from **89 respondents**, highlighting the importance of enhancing the island's basic infrastructure.
- **Social Equity and Injustice:** **48 respondents** expressed concern about social equity and injustice issues, signifying a segment of the diaspora focused on addressing social disparities.
- **Cultural Preservation:** **80 respondents** indicated an interest in preserving Montserrat's culture, reflecting the importance of heritage and traditions to the diaspora.
- **Political Instability:** **55 respondents** showed concern regarding political stability, suggesting a segment of the diaspora worried about political dynamics on the island.
- **Job Opportunities:** **101 respondents** highlighted the need for job creation and opportunities, emphasising employment as a significant concern.
- **Accessing the Island:** **116 respondents** expressed concerns about accessibility to and from the island, highlighting transportation and connectivity as critical issues.
- **Other:** **11 respondents** mentioned issues beyond the listed categories, showcasing additional concerns or problems specific to their perspectives.

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The data indicates a broad range of concerns, with a notable emphasis on economic development, healthcare, educational opportunities, job creation, and accessibility to the island. This diverse array of concerns highlights the multifaceted nature of the issues that respondents find significant in Montserrat.

15. In the last 10 years, how often have you visited Montserrat? (153 responses)

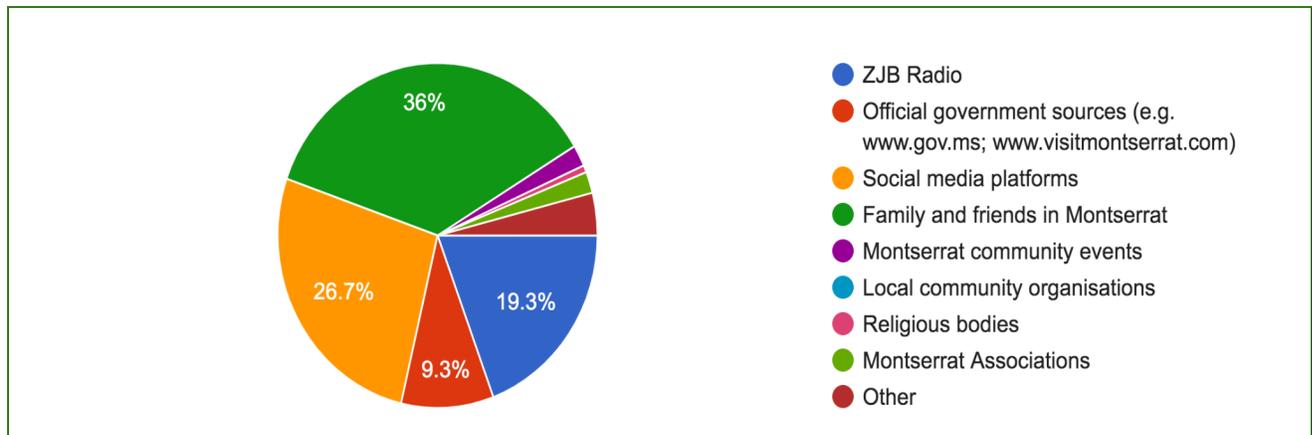


- 21 respondents **never visited**
- 19 **visited once**
- 42 **visited 2 to 3 times**
- 23 **visited 4 to 5 times**
- 43 **visited 6 or more times**
- 5 respondents **preferred not to disclose** how often they visited

This data showcases varied visitation patterns. A substantial portion visited multiple times, with a significant group having made six or more trips in the past decade. A smaller but notable segment visited fewer times, while some respondents chose not to share their visitation frequency. Overall, it reflects diverse levels of engagement or connection to Montserrat within the surveyed diaspora.

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16. How do you find out information about Montserrat? (150 respondents)

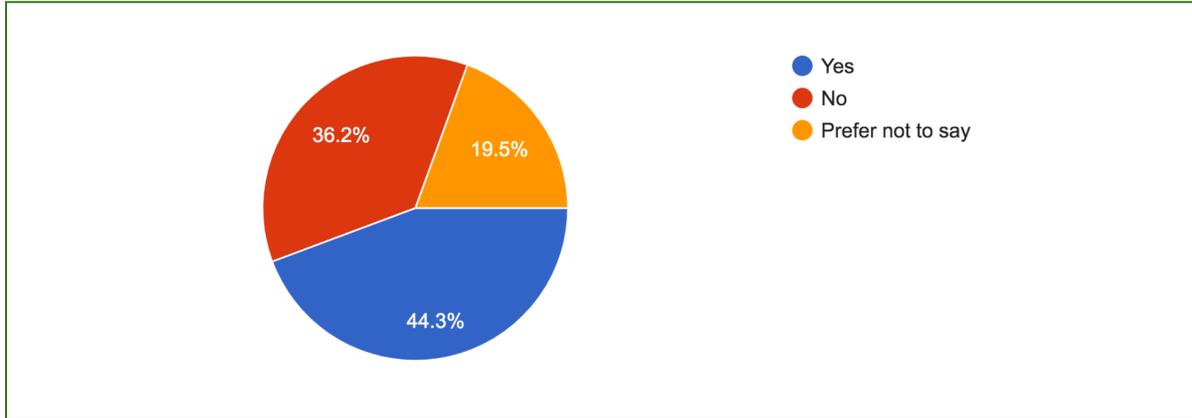


- **ZJB Radio** is a significant source for **29 respondents**.
- **Official Government sources** were relied upon by **14 respondents**.
- **Social Media Platforms** were a primary source for **40 respondents**.
- **Family and Friends in Montserrat** served as an information source for **54 respondents**, signifying a strong reliance on personal connections.
- **Montserrat Community Events, Religious Bodies, and Montserrat Associations** had smaller contributions, with **3 respondents** each.
- Additionally, **6 respondents** relied on other unspecified sources.

The data indicates a varied approach to gathering information about Montserrat, showcasing a reliance on personal connections through family and friends, while also utilising media channels like social media and radio. While some respondents turned to official or community-specific sources, a few mentioned other unspecified means of information acquisition.

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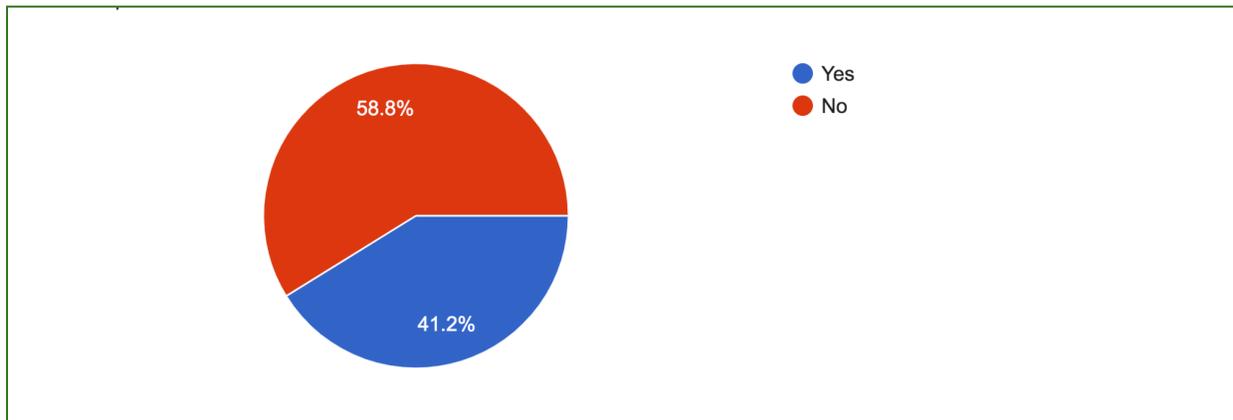
17. Do you contribute materially, financially to any person(s) and/or organisation(s) in Montserrat? (149 responses)



- 66 respondents **contribute materially or financially**
- 54 respondents **do not contribute**
- 29 respondents **chose not to disclose whether they contribute or not**

This data illustrates that a significant portion of respondents do contribute materially or financially to individuals or organisations in Montserrat. However, a notable group preferred not to reveal their involvement in such contributions.

18. Are you aware of any Montserrat diaspora organisations in your city or country? (153 respondents)



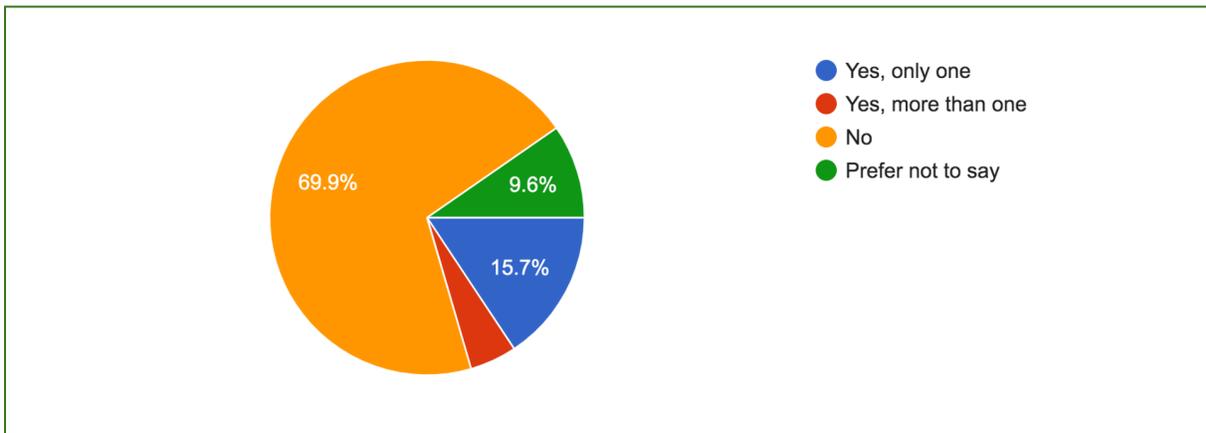
- 63 respondents are **aware of Montserrat diaspora organisations** in their city or country

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- 90 respondents indicated they are **not aware of any such organisations**

This data indicates that while a portion of respondents are knowledgeable about Montserrat diaspora organisations in their location, a larger group is unaware of their presence or existence.

19. If you answered 'Yes' to Question 18, are you a member of a Montserrat diaspora organisation? (83 respondents)

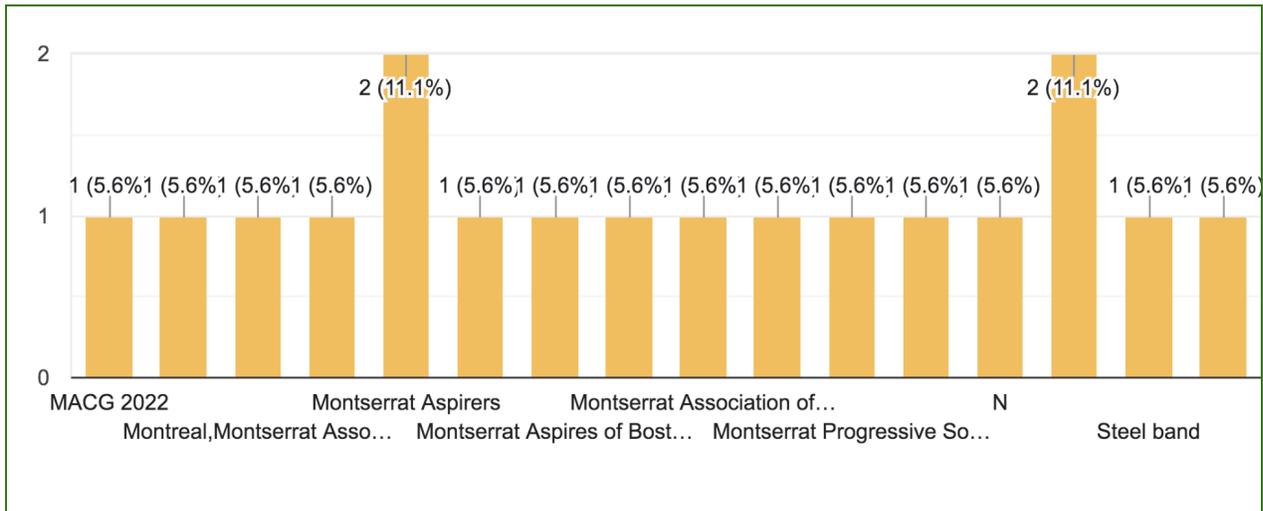


- 13 respondents are **members of one organisation**
- 4 respondents are **members of more than one organisation**
- 58 respondents are **not members of any organisation**
- 8 respondents **chose not to disclose their membership status**

This data suggests that while a small portion of those aware of Montserrat diaspora organisations are members (either of one or more than one), a significant majority among this subset are not part of these organisations.

20. If you answered 'Yes' to question 19, what is the name of the main diaspora organisation that you are a member of? (18 responses)

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Below is a summary of the main diaspora organisations that respondents are members of:

- Montserrat Association
- Montserrat Progressive Society-New York
- Steel band
- Montserrat Aspirers Inc.
- Montreal, Montserrat Association
- Montserrat Aspires
- MOPPA
- Montserrat Aspires of Boston, Massachusetts
- MACG 2022
- Montserrat Association of Barbados
- Montserrat CFL Community
- Montserrat Association of South Florida
- Village 664
- Montserrat Progressive Society

21. List the names of any other diaspora organisations that you are a part of? (14 responses)

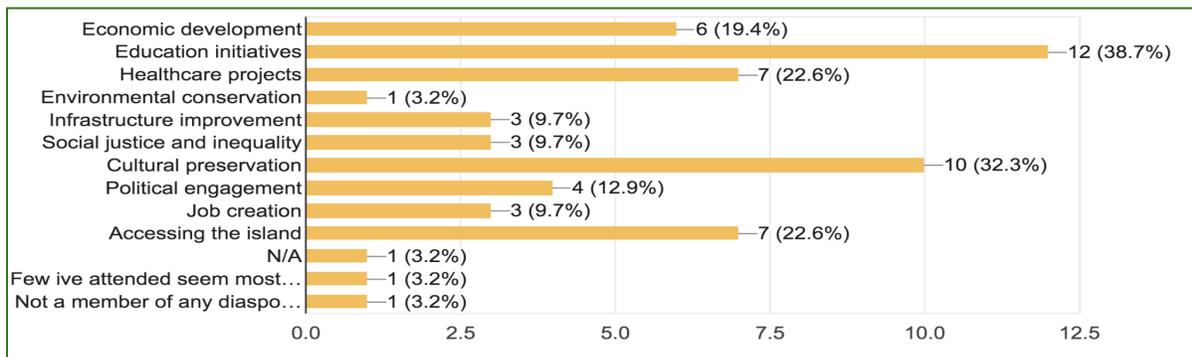
Below is a list of the other diaspora organisations respondents are part of:

- Irish African diaspora group
- Choir

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- Project Aid Alliouagana
- Not sure but most large cities have a Montserrat Association of some kind
- Churches based in London, Birmingham, and Nottingham that have a large membership from within the Montserrat community

22. What issue(s) is your main diaspora organisation working on? (31 responses)

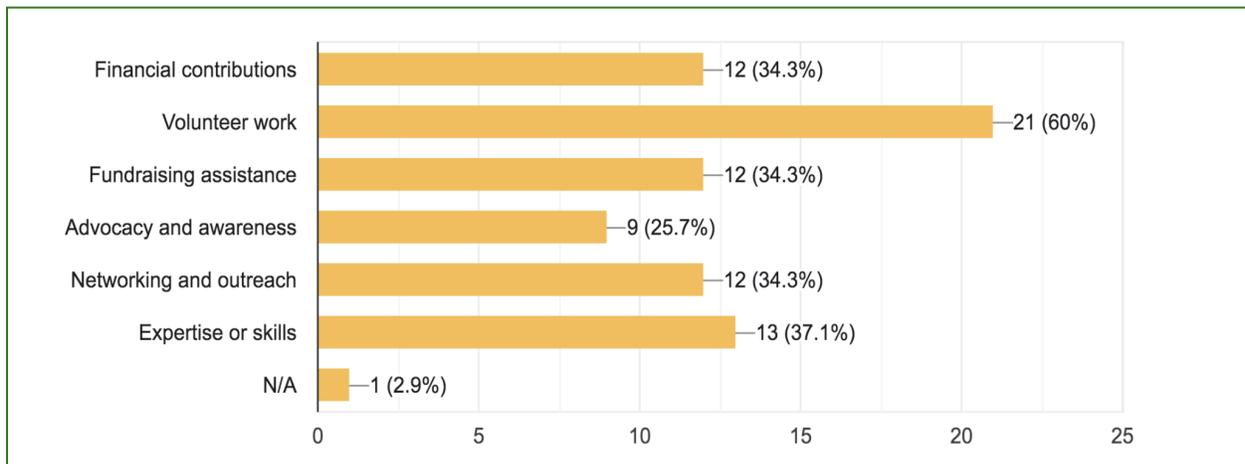


- **Education Initiatives:** Highlighted by **12 respondents**, indicating a substantial emphasis on educational programs and initiatives.
- **Cultural Preservation:** **10 respondents** identified this as a primary focus, signifying a strong interest in preserving Montserrat's cultural heritage.
- **Healthcare Projects:** **7 respondents** reported involvement in healthcare-related endeavours, addressing health issues within the diaspora or on the island.
- **Economic Development:** **6 respondents** indicated a focus on initiatives aimed at economic growth and development.
- **Accessing the Island:** **7 respondents** cited efforts related to facilitating access to the island, possibly involving travel, connections, or support for visiting or relocating.
- **Political Engagement:** **4 respondents** mentioned engagement in political matters, potentially advocating for political involvement or representation.
- **Job Creation and Infrastructure Improvement:** Each reported by **3 respondents**, indicating some focus on creating jobs and improving infrastructure.
- **Social Justice, Inequality, and Environmental Conservation:** Each reported by **3 respondents**, suggesting some engagement in social justice issues, addressing inequalities, and environmental conservation efforts.
- **Not Specified or N/A:** **3 respondents** didn't specify the focus area or found the question not applicable.
- **Not a Member or Social/Nostalgia Focus:** **2 respondents** either weren't members of any diaspora organisation or indicated their involvement was more social or nostalgic in nature.

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Overall, the data reflects a diverse range of focus areas within Montserrat diaspora organisations, spanning education, culture, healthcare, economics, political engagement, and various social and environmental issues.

23. What form of support do you provide to the organisation? (35 respondents)

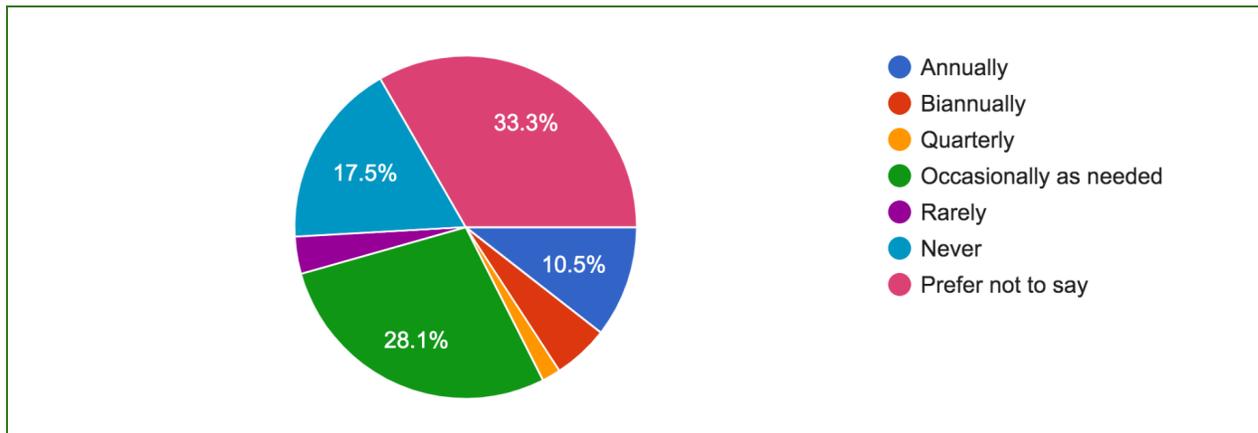


- **Volunteer Work: 21 respondents** contribute through volunteer efforts, indicating a significant willingness to offer time and effort
- **Financial Contributions: 12 respondents** support the organisation through monetary donations or financial assistance
- **Advocacy and Awareness: 9 respondents** focus on raising awareness and advocating for the organisation's causes or initiatives
- **Expertise or Skills: 13 respondents** contribute their expertise or specific skills to aid the organisation's objectives
- **Fundraising Assistance:** Another **12 respondents** assist in fundraising efforts, contributing to the financial stability of the organisation
- **Networking and Outreach: 12 respondents** engage in networking and outreach activities, potentially expanding the organisation's connections and support base

The data shows that Montserrat diaspora organisations receive support in many ways, like volunteering, donating money, advocating, sharing expertise, fundraising, networking, and outreach.

24. How often does your organisation carry out development projects or donate to projects in Montserrat? (57 responses)

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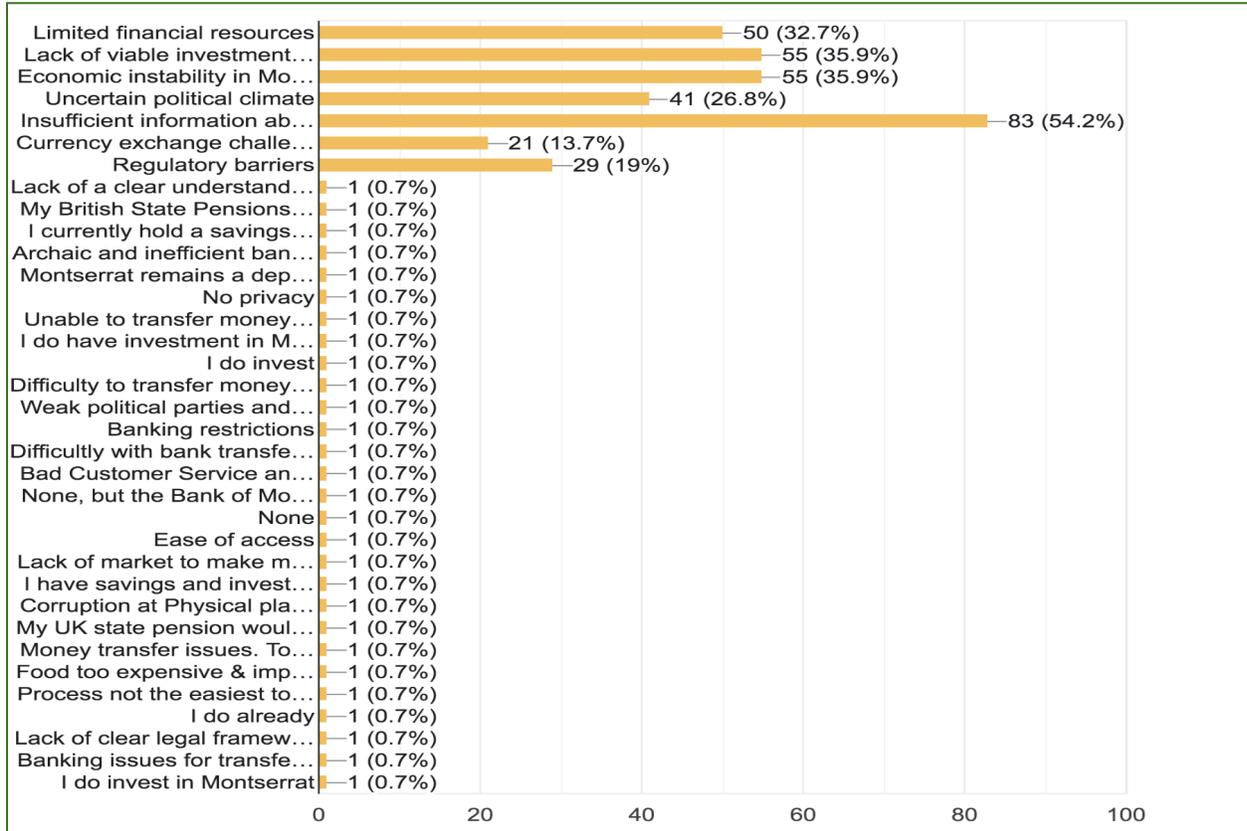


- **Annually: 6 respondents** indicated that their organisation engages in these activities on a yearly basis.
- **Biannually: 3 respondents** reported involvement every two years.
- **Quarterly: 1 respondent** mentioned a quarterly involvement frequency.
- **Occasionally as Needed: 16 respondents** contribute as required or when specific needs arise.
- **Rarely: 2 respondents** reported rare involvement in such projects.
- **Never: 10 respondents** stated their organisations never engage in these projects.
- **Prefer Not to Say: 19 respondents** chose not to disclose the frequency of their organisation's involvement.

The data indicates a variety in the frequency of engagement in development projects or donations to Montserrat. While some organisations contribute regularly on an annual or biannual basis, others participate occasionally or as per specific needs. However, a substantial number preferred not to share this information.

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25. What governance issues prevent you from saving or investing in Montserrat? (153 responses)



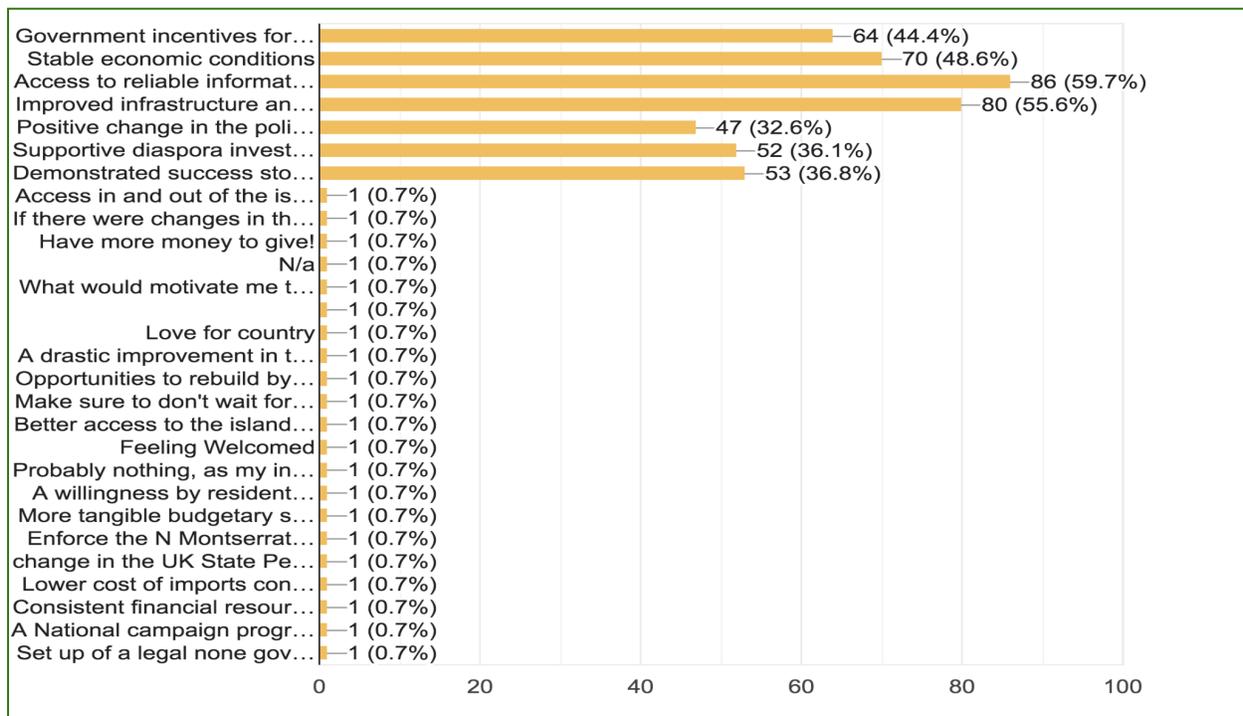
- **Limited Financial Resources:** 50 respondents cited this as a barrier, indicating constraints due to inadequate funds.
- **Lack of Viable Investments:** 55 respondents face challenges in finding suitable investment opportunities.
- **Economic Instability in Montserrat:** Similarly, 55 respondents highlighted concerns about economic instability within Montserrat impacting investment decisions.
- **Uncertain Political Climate:** 41 respondents expressed concerns about the political environment's uncertainty affecting investment decisions.
- **Insufficient Information about Investment Opportunities:** This was a major issue, with 83 respondents indicating a lack of information about viable investment options.
- **Currency Exchange Challenges:** 21 respondents face obstacles related to currency exchange, impacting investment decisions.
- **Regulatory Barriers:** 29 respondents mentioned obstacles related to regulations affecting investment or savings.

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- **Difficulty with Banking or Money Transfers: 14 respondents** face challenges in banking services or money transfers, hindering financial transactions for investment or support.
- **British State Pension Issues: 3 respondents** highlighted concerns specifically related to British State Pension issues, affecting personal financial decisions.
- **Issues with Specific Banks or Banking Systems: 6 respondents** face challenges with particular banks or banking systems affecting their investment choices.
- **Personal Financial Constraints: 5 respondents** have personal financial limitations that impede investment or support for development projects in Montserrat.

The data highlights various complex governance issues affecting the ability to save or invest in Montserrat, encompassing financial constraints, lack of viable investment options, economic instability, political uncertainty, inadequate information, currency challenges, regulatory barriers, banking difficulties, and personal financial constraints. These factors collectively hinder individuals' or organisations' abilities to save or invest in Montserrat.

26. Which of the following will motivate you to invest in Montserrat? (144 responses)



- **Government incentives for investors: 64 respondents**

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- **Stable economic conditions:** 70 respondents
- **Access to reliable information about investment opportunities:** 86 respondents
- **Improved infrastructure and services:** 80 respondents
- **Positive change in the political climate:** 47 respondents
- **Supportive diaspora investment programs:** 52 respondents
- **Demonstrated success story of diaspora investments:** 53 respondents

The following motivations were mentioned by only one or a few respondents:

- Enforcement of the North Montserrat development plan for building permits
- Access in and out of the island to become familiar with investment opportunities
- Availability of more money to invest
- Change in the UK State Pension
- Willingness by resident Montserradians to support returning Montserradians and their businesses
- Set up of a legal non-governmental body to manage investments
- Drastic improvement in customer service and professionalism in government and financial service offices
- Tangible budgetary support from the UK
- Better access to the island and financial/banking systems
- Clear and viable proposal for Montserrat's move towards independence
- Freedom of speech and feedback
- National campaign program for Montserrat's self-identity and sense of civil community ownership

These motivations collectively depict a range of factors influencing the investment decisions of respondents, highlighting the importance of various incentives, information availability, economic stability, improved political climate, success stories, and tailored programs for diaspora investors in influencing their investment considerations for Montserrat.

27. Is there anything else you would like to share regarding your experiences, concerns, or suggestions related to the Montserrat diaspora? (68 responses)

- **Access and Infrastructure:** Accessibility to the island, encompassing transportation, banking, and reliable information, emerges as a significant challenge. Concerns about air and sea travel, banking access, communication channels, and infrastructure development, particularly regarding power supply and technology, are highlighted.
- **Investment and Economic Development:** Many respondents express interest in investing in Montserrat but stress the need for clear government incentives, reliable

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information about investment opportunities, and support for business ventures.

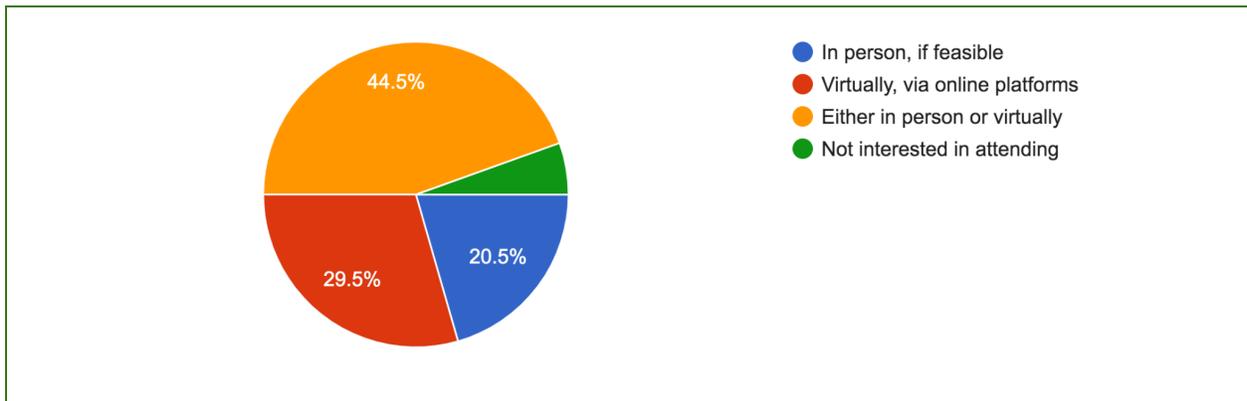
Challenges related to the cost of living, property purchasing processes, and difficulties in obtaining citizenship or property ownership also feature prominently.

- **Political and Social Concerns:** Concerns about the political climate, governance transparency, censorship, and the necessity of political stability for continuous development despite leadership changes are noted. There's a call for diaspora involvement in the political process, advocating for voting rights and fair employment opportunities.
- **Cultural Preservation and Tourism:** The importance of preserving Montserrat's culture and traditions while enhancing tourism opportunities through historical sites and natural attractions is highlighted. Respondents express a desire for improved marketing strategies to attract more visitors.
- **Healthcare and Education:** Concerns about healthcare infrastructure and access to qualified healthcare professionals are significant. Educational opportunities, job availability, and career prospects, especially for young people, are emphasised as areas needing attention.
- **Professional Development and Employment:** Concerns about fair employment practices, transparency in hiring, and the need for recognised professional certifications or courses, especially in property management, are mentioned.
- **Community Engagement and Communication:** Respondents express a strong desire for better communication channels, a centralised platform to connect with the diaspora, and community engagement to address concerns and involve the Montserrat Diaspora in decision-making processes.
- **Financial Accessibility and Banking:** Issues related to international banking access, challenges in opening bank accounts from abroad, and high fees for money transfers are cited as significant obstacles for the diaspora community.

These responses collectively depict a comprehensive range of challenges, suggestions, and areas for improvement within the Montserrat diaspora. Addressing these concerns would require concerted efforts in infrastructure development, investment facilitation, political stability, cultural preservation, healthcare, education, employment practices, community engagement, and financial accessibility to enhance the diaspora's connection and support for Montserrat's development.

28. If the Government of Montserrat hosted a diaspora event, how would you prefer to attend? (146 responses)

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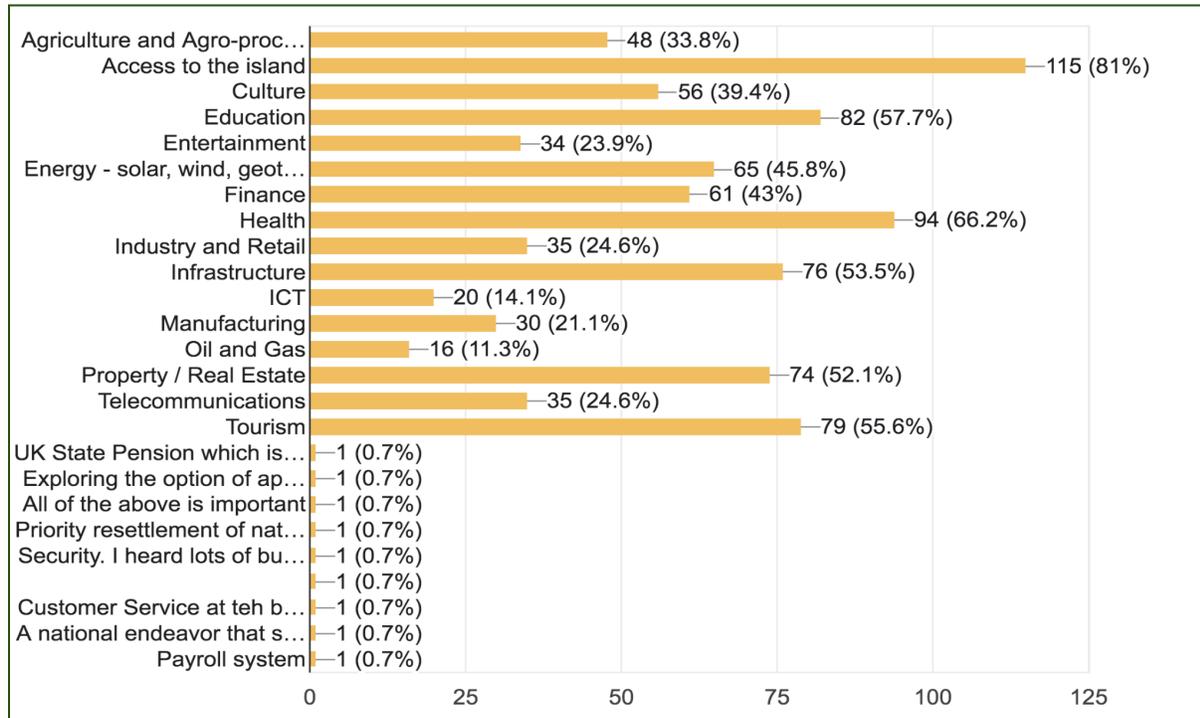


- **In Person, if feasible:** 37 respondents would prefer attending physically if it's possible.
- **Virtually, via Online Platforms:** 43 respondents preferred attending exclusively through online platforms.
- **Either In Person or Virtually:** 65 respondents expressed flexibility, willing to attend either physically or virtually.
- **Not Interested in Attending:** 8 respondents indicated a lack of interest in attending the event.

This data reflects varied preferences regarding attendance at a government-hosted Montserrat diaspora event. While some prefer physical attendance if feasible, a significant number are open to either physical or virtual attendance. A considerable portion favoured virtual attendance exclusively, indicating a preference for online participation. Conversely, a small percentage expressed disinterest in attending the event.

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29. What topics would you like to be covered at a Montserrat Diaspora Event? (142 responses)



- **Agriculture and Agro-processing:** 48 respondents are interested in discussions related to agriculture and agro-processing.
- **Access to the Island:** This garnered significant interest with 115 respondents, indicating a strong desire to discuss matters concerning access to Montserrat.
- **Culture:** 56 respondents want topics related to Montserrat's culture to be covered.
- **Education:** 82 respondents express interest in discussions about education.
- **Entertainment:** 34 respondents are interested in entertainment-related topics.
- **Energy (Solar, Wind, Geothermal):** 65 respondents want conversations about energy sources and sustainability.
- **Finance:** 61 respondents are interested in finance-related discussions.
- **Health:** 94 respondents express a desire for discussions around health-related matters.
- **Industry and Retail:** 35 respondents are interested in topics related to industry and retail.
- **ICT / Telecommunications:** 20 respondents want conversations related to information and communication technologies.
- **Infrastructure:** 76 respondents want discussions concerning infrastructure.
- **Manufacturing:** 21 respondents express interest in discussions about manufacturing.
- **Oil and Gas:** 16 respondents are interested in topics related to oil and gas.

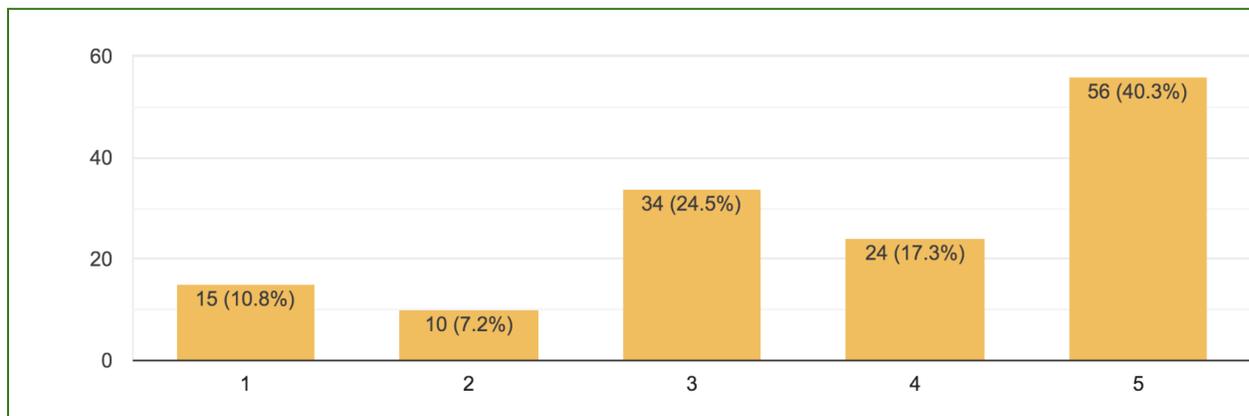
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- **Property / Real Estate: 74 respondents** want discussions concerning property or real estate.
- **Telecommunications: 35 respondents** express an interest in telecommunications.
- **Tourism:** This generated high interest with **79 respondents**, highlighting a desire to discuss promoting tourism and enhancing Montserrat's tourism industry.

Additionally, there were various singular responses addressing specific concerns or initiatives that weren't categorised among the broader topics listed.

This data indicates a wide range of interests among respondents, emphasising the significance of diverse topics such as access to the island, health, education, infrastructure, culture, and tourism for discussion at Montserrat Diaspora Events.

30. On a scale of 1-5, how important is networking to you at this event? (139 responses)

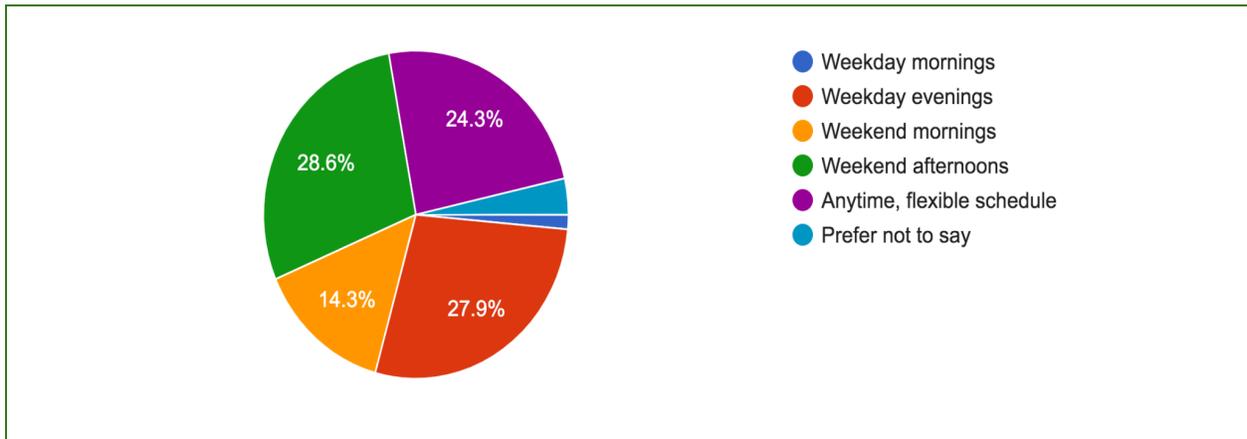


- **1 (Low Importance): 15 respondents** rated networking at the event as less important
- **2: 10 respondents** assigned a relatively low importance to networking
- **3: 34 respondents** considered networking moderately important
- **4: 24 respondents** perceived networking as quite important
- **5 (High Importance):** A significant majority of **56 respondents** rated networking as highly important at the event

This data illustrates a broad spectrum of perspectives on the importance of networking at the Montserrat Diaspora Event. While a notable portion rated it highly important, a smaller but significant group considered it less crucial or moderately important.

31. What is your preferred time for the event to take place? (140 responses)

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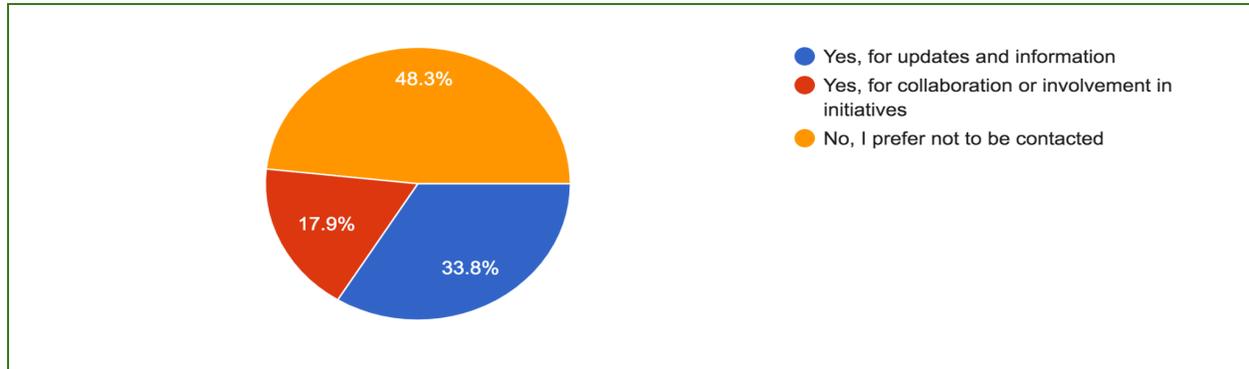


- **Weekday Mornings:** Only **2 respondents** preferred events during weekday mornings
- **Weekday Evenings:** **39 respondents** favour events during weekday evenings
- **Weekend Mornings:** **20 respondents** prefer events during weekend mornings
- **Weekend Afternoons:** This time frame garnered the most preference, with **40 respondents** opting for events during weekend afternoons
- **Anytime, Flexible Schedule:** **34 respondents** expressed flexibility, indicating they're available at various times for the event
- **Prefer Not to Say:** **5 respondents** chose not to disclose their preferred timing.

This data suggests a split in preferences, with a notable preference for events during weekend afternoons, followed by weekday evenings. A considerable portion also expressed flexibility regarding timing, while smaller groups preferred weekday mornings, weekend mornings, or chose not to disclose their preferences.

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32. Would you like the Government of Montserrat to contact you? (145 responses)



- **Yes, for Collaboration or Involvement in Initiatives:** 26 respondents are open to being contacted for collaboration or participation in initiatives.
- **Yes, for Updates and Information:** 49 respondents would like to be contacted specifically for receiving updates and information.
- **No, I Prefer Not to be Contacted:** The majority, consisting of 70 respondents, expressed a preference to not be contacted by the government.

This data indicates that while a notable portion is open to contact for collaboration or information updates, a larger group prefers not to be contacted by the Government of Montserrat.