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Chapter 1

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1.1 8.guide

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Antigua and Barbuda

1.2 8.guide/Antigua and Barbuda

Antigua and Barbuda

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1.3 8.guide/Geography (Antigua and Barbuda)

Geography (Antigua and Barbuda)

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Location:

in the eastern Caribbean Sea, about 420 km east-southeast of Puerto Rico

Map references:

Central America and the Caribbean, Standard Time Zones of the World

Area:

total area:

440 km²

land area:

440 km²

comparative area:

slightly less than 2.5 times the size of Washington, DC

note:

includes Redonda

Land boundaries:

0 km

Coastline:

153 km

Maritime claims:

contiguous zone:

24 nm

exclusive economic zone:

200 nm

territorial sea:

12 nm

International disputes:

none

Climate:

tropical marine; little seasonal temperature variation

Terrain:

mostly low-lying limestone and coral islands with some higher volcanic areas ←

Natural resources:

negligible; pleasant climate fosters tourism

Land use:

arable land:

18% permanent crops:

0%

meadows and pastures:

7%
 forest and woodland:
 16%
 other:
 59%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 subject to hurricanes and tropical storms (July to October); insufficient
 freshwater resources; deeply indented coastline provides many natural
 harbors

1.4 8.guide/People (Antigua and Barbuda)

People (Antigua and Barbuda)

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Population:
 64,406 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 0.51% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 17.51 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 5.5 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 -6.96 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 19.2 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 72.83 years
 male:
 70.81 years
 female:
 74.95 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 1.67 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Antiguan(s), Barbudan(s)
 adjective:
 Antiguan, Barbudan
 Ethnic divisions:
 black African, British, Portuguese, Lebanese, Syrian
 Religions:
 Anglican (predominant), other Protestant sects, some Roman Catholic
 Languages:
 English (official), local dialects
 Literacy:
 age 15 and over having completed 5 or more years of schooling (1960)
 total population:
 89%

male: 90%
 female:
 88%
 Labor force:
 30,000
 by occupation:
 commerce and services 82%, agriculture 11%, industry 7% (1983)

1.5 8.guide/Government (Antigua and Barbuda)

Government (Antigua and Barbuda)

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Names:
 conventional long form:
 none
 conventional short form:
 Antigua and Barbuda
 Digraph:
 AC
 Type:
 parliamentary democracy
 Capital:
 Saint John's
 Administrative divisions:
 6 parishes and 2 dependencies*; Barbuda*, Redonda*, Saint George, Saint, ←
 John, Saint Mary, Saint
 Paul, Saint Peter, Saint Philip
 Independence:
 1 November 1981 (from UK)
 Constitution:
 1 November 1981
 Legal system:
 based on English common law
 National holiday:
 Independence Day, 1 November (1981)
 Political parties and leaders:
 Antigua Labor Party (ALP), Vere Cornwall BIRD, Sr., Lester BIRD; United
 Progressive Party (UPP), Baldwin SPENCER
 Other political or pressure groups:
 United Progressive Party (UPP), headed by Baldwin SPENCER, a coalition of
 three opposition political parties - the United National Democratic Party
 (UNDP); the Antigua Caribbean Liberation Movement (ACLM); and the
 Progressive Labor Movement (PLM); Antigua Trades and Labor Union (ATLU),
 headed by Noel THOMAS
 Suffrage:
 18 years of age; universal
 Elections:
 House of Representatives:
 last held 9 March 1989 (next to be held NA 1994); results - percent of vote
 by party NA; seats - (17 total) ALP 15, UPP 1, independent 1
 Executive branch:
 British monarch, governor general, prime minister, Cabinet

Legislative branch:

bicameral Parliament consists of an upper house or Senate and a lower house or House of Representatives

Judicial branch:

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

Leaders:

Chief of State:

Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952), represented by Governor General Sir Wilfred Ebenezer JACOBS (since 1 November 1981, previously Governor since 1976)

Head of Government:

Prime Minister Vere Cornwall BIRD, Sr. (since NA 1976); Deputy Prime Minister Lester BIRD (since NA)

Member of:

ACP, C, CARICOM, CDB, ECLAC, FAO, G-77, GATT, IBRD, ICAO, ICFTU, IFAD, IFC, ILO, IMF, IMO, INTERPOL, IOC, ITU, NAM (observer), OAS, OECS, OPANAL, UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, WCL, WHO, WMO

Diplomatic representation in US:

chief of mission:

Ambassador Patrick Albert LEWIS

1.6 8.guide/Government (Antigua and Barbuda 2. usage)

Government (Antigua and Barbuda 2. usage)

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chancery:

Suite 2H, 3400 International Drive NW, Washington, DC 20008

telephone:

(202) 362-5211 or 5166, 5122, 5225

consulate:

Miami

US diplomatic representation:

chief of mission:

the US Ambassador to Barbados is accredited to Antigua and Barbuda, and, in his absence, the Embassy is headed by Charge d'Affaires Bryant J. SALTER

embassy:

Queen Elizabeth Highway, Saint John's

mailing address:

FPO AA 34054-0001

telephone:

(809) 462-3505 or 3506

FAX:

(809) 462-3516

Flag:

red with an inverted isosceles triangle based on the top edge of the flag; the triangle contains three horizontal bands of black (top), light blue, ↔ and white with a yellow rising sun in the black band

1.7 8.guide/Economy (Antigua and Barbuda)

Economy (Antigua and Barbuda)

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Overview:

The economy is primarily service oriented, with tourism the most important determinant of economic performance. During the period 1987-90, real GDP expanded at an annual average rate of about 6%. Tourism makes a direct contribution to GDP of about 13% and also affects growth in other sectors - particularly in construction, communications, and public utilities. ←

Although

Antigua and Barbuda is one of the few areas in the Caribbean experiencing a labor shortage in some sectors of the economy, it has been hurt in 1991-92 by a downturn in tourism caused by the Persian Gulf war and the US recession.

National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$424 million (1991 est.)

National product real growth rate:

1.4% (1991 est.)

National product per capita:

\$6,600 (1991 est.)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

6.5% (1991 est.)

Unemployment rate:

5% (1988 est.)

Budget:

revenues \$105 million; expenditures \$161 million, including capital expenditures of \$56 million (1992)

Exports:

\$32 million (f.o.b., 1991)

commodities:

petroleum products 48%, manufactures 23%, food and live animals 4%, machinery and transport equipment 17%

partners:

OECS 26%, Barbados 15%, Guyana 4%, Trinidad and Tobago 2%, US 0.3%

Imports:

\$317.5 million (c.i.f., 1991)

commodities:

food and live animals, machinery and transport equipment, manufactures, chemicals, oil

partners:

US 27%, UK 16%, Canada 4%, OECS 3%, other 50%

External debt:

\$250 million (1990 est.)

Industrial production:

growth rate 3% (1989 est.); accounts for 5% of GDP

Electricity:

52,100 kW capacity; 95 million kWh produced, 1,482 kWh per capita (1992)

Industries:

tourism, construction, light manufacturing (clothing, alcohol, household appliances)

Agriculture:

accounts for 4% of GDP; expanding output of cotton, fruits, vegetables, and livestock; other crops - bananas, coconuts, cucumbers, mangoes, sugarcane;

not self-sufficient in food
 Economic aid:
 US commitments, \$10 million (1985-88); Western (non-US) countries, ODA and
 OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), \$50 million
 Currency:
 1 EC dollar (EC\$) = 100 cents
 Exchange rates:
 East Caribbean dollars (EC\$) per US\$1 - 2.70 (fixed rate since 1976)
 Fiscal year:
 1 April - 31 March

1.8 8.guide/Communications (Antigua and Barbuda)

Communications (Antigua and Barbuda)
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Railroads: 64 km 0.760-meter narrow gauge and 13 km 0.610-meter gauge used ←
 almost
 exclusively for handling sugarcane
 Highways:
 240 km
 Ports:
 Saint John's
 Merchant marine:
 149 ships (1,000 GRT or over) totaling 529,202 GRT/778,506 DWT; includes 96
 cargo, 3 refrigerated cargo, 21 container, 5 roll-on/roll-off cargo, 1
 multifunction large-load carrier, 2 oil tanker, 19 chemical tanker, 2 bulk;
 note - a flag of convenience registry
 Airports:
 total:
 3
 usable:
 3
 with permanent-surface runways:
 2
 with runways 3,659 m:
 0
 with runways 2,440-3,659 m:
 1
 with runways 1,220-2,439 m:
 0
 Telecommunications:
 good automatic telephone system; 6,700 telephones; tropospheric scatter
 links with Saba and Guadeloupe; broadcast stations - 4 AM, 2 FM, 2 TV, 2
 shortwave; 1 coaxial submarine cable; 1 Atlantic Ocean INTELSAT earth
 station

1.9 8.guide/Defense Forces (Antigua and Barbuda)

Defense Forces (Antigua and Barbuda)

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Branches:

Royal Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force, Royal Antigua and Barbuda Police Force (including the Coast Guard)

Manpower availability:

NA

Defense expenditures:

exchange rate conversion - \$1.4 million, 1% of GDP (FY90/91)