

Anguilla

(dependent territory of the UK)

Geography

Location: Caribbean, island in the Caribbean Sea, east of Puerto Rico.

Map references: Central America and the Caribbean.

Area:

total area: 91 sq km.

land area: 91 sq km.

Land boundaries: 0 km.

Coastline: 61 km.

Maritime claims:

exclusive fishing zone: 200 nm.

territorial sea: 3 nm.

Climate: tropical; moderated by northeast trade winds.

Terrain: flat and low-lying island of coral and limestone.

Natural resources: negligible; salt, fish, lobster.

Environment:

current issues: supplies of potable water sometimes cannot meet increasing demand largely because of poor distribution system.

natural hazards: frequent hurricanes and other tropical storms (July to October).

People

Population: 7,099 (July 1995 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 32% (female 1,129; male 1,115).

15-64 years: 60% (female 2,101; male 2,126).

65 years and over: 8% (female 362; male 266) (July 1995 est.)

Population growth rate: 0.66% (1995 est.)

Birth rate: 24.09 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Death rate: 8.03 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Net migration rate: -9.44 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Infant mortality rate: 17.3 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 74.1 years.

male: 71.32 years.

female: 76.91 years (1995 est.)

Total fertility rate: 3.05 children born/woman (1995 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Anguillan(s).

adjective: Anguillan.

Ethnic divisions: black African.

Religions: Anglican 40%, Methodist 33%, Seventh-Day Adventist 7%, Baptist 5%, Roman Catholic 3%, other 12%.

Languages: English (official).

Literacy: age 12 and over can read and write (1984)
total population: 95%.
male: 95%.
female: 95%.

Labour force: 4,400 (1992).
by occupation: commerce 36%, services 29%, construction 18%,
transportation and utilities 10%, manufacturing 3%,
agriculture/fishing/forestry/mining 4%.

Government

Names:
conventional long form: none.
conventional short form: Anguilla.

Type: dependent territory of the UK

Capital: The Valley.

Administrative divisions: none (dependent territory of the UK)

Independence: none (dependent territory of the UK)

National holiday: Anguilla Day, 30 May

Constitution: Anguilla Constitutional Orders 1 April 1982; amended 1990.

Legal system: based on English common law.

Suffrage: 18 years of age; universal.

Flag: two horizontal bands of white (top, almost triple width) and light blue with three orange dolphins in an interlocking circular design centered in the white band; a new flag may have been in use since 30 May 1990.

Economy

Overview: Anguilla has few natural resources, and the economy depends heavily on lobster fishing, offshore banking, tourism, and remittances from emigrants. In recent years the economy has benefited from a boom in tourism and construction. Development plans center around the improvement of the infrastructure, particularly transport and tourist facilities, and also light industry.

Transportation

Railroads: 0 km

Highways:
total: 105 km (1992 est.)

Ports: Blowing Point, Road Bay.

Airports:
total: 3.