



**Guatemala  
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**ANGUILLA EXPERIENCE FURNISHING DATA  
FOR  
THE DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK**

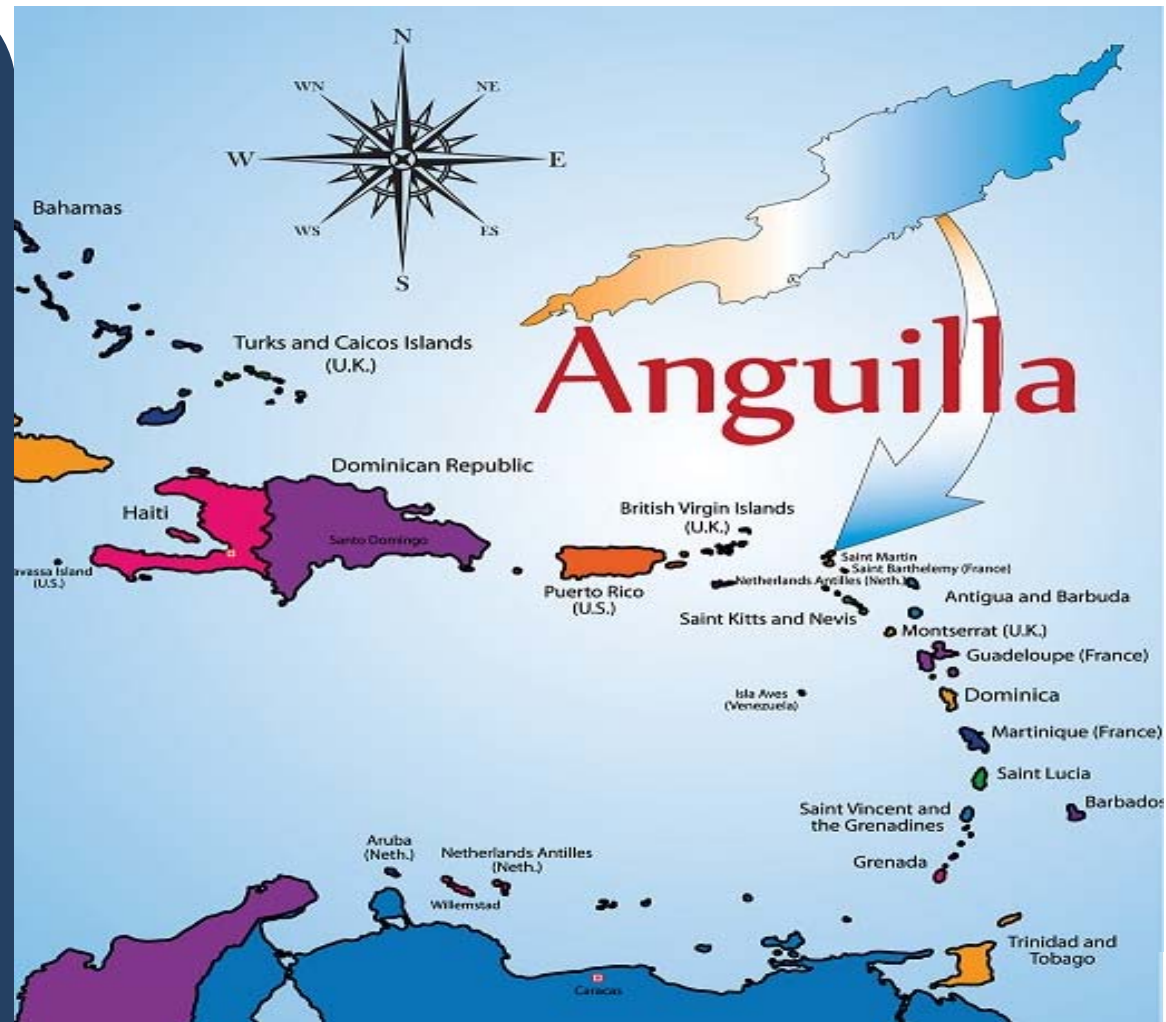
**'Sound Statistics for Sustainable Development'**

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## Overview of Anguilla

Anguilla is a British overseas territory in the Caribbean. It is one of the most northerly of the Leeward Islands in the Lesser Antilles, lying east of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and directly north of Saint Martin.



## Overview of Anguilla

<b>Location</b>	The island of Anguilla is about 16 miles long and 3.5 miles at its widest. The island is located at 18° 15' N, 63° 10' W.
<b>Area</b>	35 square miles (91km <sup>2</sup> ) or approximately 22,400 sq acres
<b>Number of smaller islands and cays (8)</b>	The main island of Anguilla also has several off-shore cays and uninhabited islets, the largest of which are Prickly Pear East, Prickly Pear West, Dog Island, Scrub Island, Little Scrub Island, Sandy Island, Seal Island, Anguillita and Sombrero Island
<b>Population</b>	Anguilla had an estimated population of 13,548 persons (2011)
<b>Capital</b>	The Valley
<b>Official Language</b>	English
<b>GDP Per capita</b>	US\$21, 813.11 (2015) prel.
<b>Currency</b>	East Caribbean Dollar
<b>Government:</b>	British Overseas Territory
<b>Constitutional monarchy</b>	Parliamentary System



## ASD Mandate

The Anguilla Statistics Department is tasked with the mandate, as set out in R.S.A 2001 Statistics Act, Section 2:

**A**

- to collect, compile, analyse, abstract and publish statistical information relative to the commercial, industrial, social, economic and general activities and conditions of the people who are the inhabitants of Anguilla;

**B**

- to collaborate with all other departments of Government and with local authorities in the collection, computation and publication of statistical records of administration;

**C**

- to take any census in Anguilla; and

**D**

- generally to organize a coordinated scheme of social and economic statistics and intelligence pertaining to Anguilla.



## Our Mission

- To produce relevant and quality statistics for use by both the private and public sectors of Anguilla and other interested parties in their decision-making.

## Our Vision

- To provide statistical services that maximize the appropriate use of statistics about Anguilla at home and overseas.
- By being the authoritative source in Anguilla on all statistics and statistical methods, and producing the best quality official statistics for improved decision-making in all sectors of the economy, through sustained partnerships with business, government and society at large, while at the same time preserving and enhancing our integrity and professionalism.



## Data collected

- Live Births
- Deaths
- Foetal deaths
- Marriages
- Divorces (2006)

## Data not collected

- Annulments
- Separations
- Adoptions
- Legitimations
- Recognition



# Live Births

- **Judicial Department - Registrar**
  - Sex of child
  - Month of occurrence
- **Health Authority**
  - Age of mother

# Death

- **Judicial Department - Registrar**
  - Date of death
  - Sex
  - Month of occurrence
- **Health Authority**
  - Cause of death





# Marriages

- **Judicial Department - Registrar**
- Resident status
- Age of bride and groom
- Marital status of bride and groom
- Nationalities of bride and groom

# Divorces

- **Judicial Department - Registrar**
- Divorces in process
- Divorces completed



### **Challenges still exists getting statistical data**

- Adherence to international classifications
- Collaboration
- Inconsistent
- Silo behaviour
- Mainly focusing on separate agendas
- Fear of what will be revealed
- Reluctance/slow pace of change
- Non correlation of laws and requirements (statistics)
- Appreciation for quality data
- Adequate ASD staff



Anguilla  
National  
Statistics  
Advisory  
Committee  
(ANSAC)

- Promote the effectiveness of the Anguilla Statistics Department by advising and working with the Department to produce relevant and accurate statistics about Anguilla's society and economy.”



**ANSAC**  
**tasked**  
**with:**

- **Assisting in fostering closer collaboration and coordination among data producers and users.**
- **Encouraging the use of international statistical standards, classification systems, procedures and methods.**
- **Building capacity, planning and prioritizing statistical activities within the NSS.**
- **Facilitating and assisting in statistical dissemination, promotion and advocacy.**



### **Best Practice:** Significant work underway with Education and Health.

- Frameworks for thematic statistics.
- Documentation of Statistics Metadata in each thematic area.
- Promoting an integrated approach for statistics was designed.



### Theory:

- Involvement of wide cross section of populace – building a rapport.
- Education and awareness of scientific and transparent methodologies used and the impartiality of their production.
- Emphasizing publicly and practicing the code of ethics and what is required by Statisticians (increasing the professionalism, impartiality and independence of Statisticians)
- Highlighting best practices
- Improving efficiencies



## The Way Forward

- Continued collaboration with members of the ANSAC to expose them to the ASDs work programme and operating and technical standards in the science of statistics.
- Strengthening ties and mutual relations at national, regional and international levels.
- Harmonising and coordinating the collection and production of statistical data and data series.
- Supporting efforts to ensure compliance (improving the execution of the laws).
- Continued promotion of the use of data and scientific methods in policy and programme design as well as decision making.
- Continued planning and promotion of annual awareness programmes to broaden the understanding and usefulness of statistics in the community.



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# Thank You



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