



Motto

Strength and Endurance

Brief History

Anguilla is believed to have been first settled by Amerindians from South America: artifacts were found

The name Anguilla derives from the French word for "eel": Anguille.

The island was colonized Britain in 1650 and enjoyed self rule until the early nineteenth century when -

General Information

Geographic Coordinates

18 15 N, 63 10 W

Area

91 sq km / 35.14 sq. miles

Population

14,436 [0-14 years 24.5%; 15-64 years : 67.8%; 65 years and over: 7.7%]

Language

English

Religions

Anglican, Methodist, other, Protestant, Roman Catholic.

Capital

The Valley

Government Type

Overseas Territory of the UK

Last Elections

February 2010. Next in 2015.

Opposition

Victor Banks, Anguilla United Front.

Independence

N/A. Anguilla Day : 30 May

Constitution

1 April 1982. Amended 1990.

Legal System

Based on English common law

Governor

H.E. William A. Harrison

Airport(s)

Wall Blake (AXA)

Currency

Eastern Caribbean dollar. Exchange rate of EC\$2.70 – US\$1.00

Literacy

95% of population

Suffrage

18 years of age

National Flower

The White Cedar

National Bird

Dove

National Dish

Rice and Peas and Fish

National Holidays

New Year's Day – 1/01

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Labour Day – 1/05

Anguilla Day – 30/05

Whit Monday

Queen's Official Birthday

August Monday – 1st Mon. in Aug.

Constitution Day – 6/08

National Heroes & Heroines Day – 9/12

Christmas Day – 25/12

Boxing Day – 26/12

National Anthem

God Save the Queen

Working Hours

Business : Mon-Fri : 0800 – 1700 Sat : 0800 – 1200

Govt: Mon-Fri : 0800 - 1630

Economy

GDP (2009) [\[1\]](#)

XCD 355.48 M

GDP per capita (2009)

XCD 22,591

Industry

Arts and Craft

Services

Tourism – upscale destination. Off-shore banking

External Debt (Dec.2008)

XCD 47.57 M

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[\[1\]](#) Constant Market Prices