ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II represented by Governor General Rodney WILLIAMS

Head of Government
Prime Minister Gaston BROWNE

Government Type
parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

Capital
Saint John’s

Legislature
bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (17 seats) and the House of Representatives (18 seats)

Judiciary
the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC), headquartered on St. Lucia, is the superior court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Sir Ronald SANDERS

US Ambassador
the US does not have an embassy in Antigua and Barbuda, US Ambassador to Barbados Linda S. TAGLIALATELA is accredited to Antigua and Barbuda

GEOGRAPHY

Area
Total: 442.6 sq km
Land: 442.6 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate
tropical maritime; little seasonal temperature variation

Natural Resources
negligible; pleasant climate fosters tourism

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
tourism accounts for 60% of this island’s GDP, but the sector was hit by the global economic recession in 2009 and Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$2.398 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$26,400 (2017 est.)

Exports
$86.7 million (2017 est.)
partners: Poland 62.2%, Cameroon 9.5%, US 5.1%, UK 4.5% (2017)

Imports
$560 million (2017 est.)
partners: US 48%, Spain 4.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
98,180 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
1.2% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
black 87.3%, mixed 4.7%, hispanic 2.7%, white 1.6%, other 2.7%, unspecified 0.9% (2011 est.)

Language
English (official), Antiguan creole

Religion
Protestant 68.3%, Roman Catholic 8.2%, other 12.2%, unspecified 5.5%, none 5.9% (2011 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 24.4% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 0.55% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
99% (2015 est.)

as of April 2020