ANGUILLA

INTRODUCTION
Colonized by English settlers from Saint Kitts in 1650, Anguilla was administered by Great Britain until the early 19th century, when it was incorporated into a single British dependency along with Saint Kitts and Nevis. In 1980, Anguilla became a separate British dependency.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II
represented by Governor Dileeni DANIEL-SELVARATNAM

Head of Government
Premier Dr. Ellis WEBSTER

Government Type
Overseas Territory of the UK with limited self-government; parliamentary democracy

Capital
The Valley

Legislature
unicameral House of Assembly (11 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 91 sq km
Land: 91 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate
tropical; moderated by northeast trade winds

Natural Resources
salt, fish, lobster

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
small, tourism-dependent, territorial-island economy; very high public debt; COVID-19 crippled economic activity; partial recovery underway via tourism, benefitting from its high amount of timeshare residences; considering reopening oil refinery

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $175.4 million (2009 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $12,200 (2008 est.)

Industries - tourism, boat building, offshore financial services

Agricultural products - small quantities of tobacco, vegetables, cattle raising

Exports $7.9 million (2017 est.)
  lobster, fish, livestock, salt, concrete blocks, rum

partners: NA

Imports $186.2 million (2017 est.)
  fuels, foodstuffs, manufactures, chemicals, trucks, textiles

partners: NA

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
18,400 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth
1.84% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity
African/black 85.3%, hispanic 4.9%, mixed 3.8%, white 3.2%, East Indian/Indian 1%, other 1.6%, unspecified 0.3% (2011 est.)

Language
English (official)

Religion
Protestant 73.2%, Roman Catholic 6.8%, Jehovah's Witness 1.1%, other Christian 10.9%, other 3.2%, unspecified 0.3%, none 4.5% (2011 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 100% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: .47% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

as of October 2021