ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Population

74,000 (1999 est.)

0.73% (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

Capital: St. John's

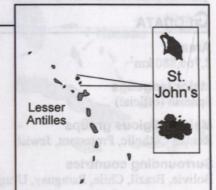
GEODATA

Area 440 km²

Major language English (official)

Major religious groups Anglican, other Protestant, Roman Catholic

Surrounding countries Guadeloupe (France), Montserrat (U.K.), St. Kitts-Nevis



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government Constitutional monarchy

National legislature Upper chamber: Senate Lower chamber: House of Representatives; multiparty

LeadersGovernor General James Beethoven Carlisle
Prime Minister Lester Bryant Bird

Minister of Foreign Affairs Lester Bryant Bird

Minister of Commerce and Industry Hilroy Humphreys

UN Human Development Index (2000)
Antigua and Barbuda ranks 37th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance \$470,000 (1998–1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP \$692.5 million US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate 2.5% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita \$7,020 US (1998)

Inflation rate 2.5% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate 7% (1999 est.)

Main exports

Petroleum products, bedding, handicrafts, electronic components, machinery and transport equipment, food, live animals

Main imports

Food, live animals, machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, chemicals, oil

Main exports to Canada

\$200,000 (2000), including ore, slag and ash; machinery; hides and skins; fruit and nuts; food waste and animal feed; preserved food; electrical machinery; furniture and bedding; paper and paperboard

Main imports from Canada

\$10.7 million (2000), including machinery; electrical machinery; ships and boats; dairy; eggs; honey; fish and seafood; wood; preserved food; miscellaneous food; beverages

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