



# Antigua and Barbuda



<b>Background</b>	The Siboney were the first people to inhabit the islands in 2400 B.C., but the Arawaks populated the islands when COLUMBUS landed on his second voyage in 1493. The islands became an independent state within the British Commonwealth of Nations in 1981.
<b>Capital</b>	name: Saint John's
<b>Government type</b>	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm
<b>Area</b>	total : 443 sq km land: 443 sq km water: 0 sq km
<b>Climate</b>	tropical maritime; little seasonal temperature variation
<b>Natural resources</b>	NEGL; pleasant climate fosters tourism
<b>Population</b>	total: 102,634 (2024 est.)
<b>Population growth rate</b>	1.11% (2024 est.)
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	African descent 87.3%, mixed 4.7%, Hispanic 2.7%, White 1.6%, other 2.7%, unspecified 0.9% (2011 est.)
<b>Religions</b>	Protestant 68.3% (Anglican 17.6%, Seventh Day Adventist 12.4%, Pentecostal 12.2%, Moravian 8.3%, Methodist 5.6%, Wesleyan Holiness 4.5%, Church of God 4.1%, Baptist 3.6%), Roman Catholic 8.2%, other 12.2%, unspecified 5.5%, none 5.9% (2011 est.)
<b>Languages</b>	English (official), Antiguan Creole (an English-based creole)
<b>Executive branch</b>	chief of state: King CHARLES III (since 8 September 2022); represented by Governor General Rodney WILLIAMS (since 14 August 2014) head of government: Prime Minister Gaston BROWNE (since 13 June 2014)
<b>Diplomatic representation in the US</b>	chief of mission: Ambassador Sir Ronald SANDERS (since 17 September 2015)
<b>Economic overview</b>	dual island-tourism and construction-driven economy; emerging "blue economy"; limited water supply and susceptibility to hurricanes limit activity; improving road infrastructure; friendly to foreign direct investment; looking at financial innovation in cryptocurrency and blockchain technologies
<b>Real GDP (purchasing power parity)</b>	\$2.703 billion (2023 est.) \$2.603 billion (2022 est.) \$2.376 billion (2021 est.)

Real GDP per capita	\$29,000 (2023 est.) \$28,000 (2022 est.) \$25,700 (2021 est.)
Exports	\$1.185 billion (2023 est.) \$1.111 billion (2022 est.) \$705.697 million (2021 est.)
Exports - partners	Suriname 29%, Poland 21%, USA 8%, Dominican Republic 7%, Australia 5% (2023)
Exports - commodities	refined petroleum, ships, soybean meal, shellfish, paintings (2023)
Imports	\$1.273 billion (2023 est.) \$1.227 billion (2022 est.) \$867.846 million (2021 est.)
Imports - partners	USA 43%, Poland 6%, China 5%, UK 4%, Germany 4% (2023)
Imports - commodities	ships, refined petroleum, cars, plastic products, furniture (2023)

Population Pyramid

