



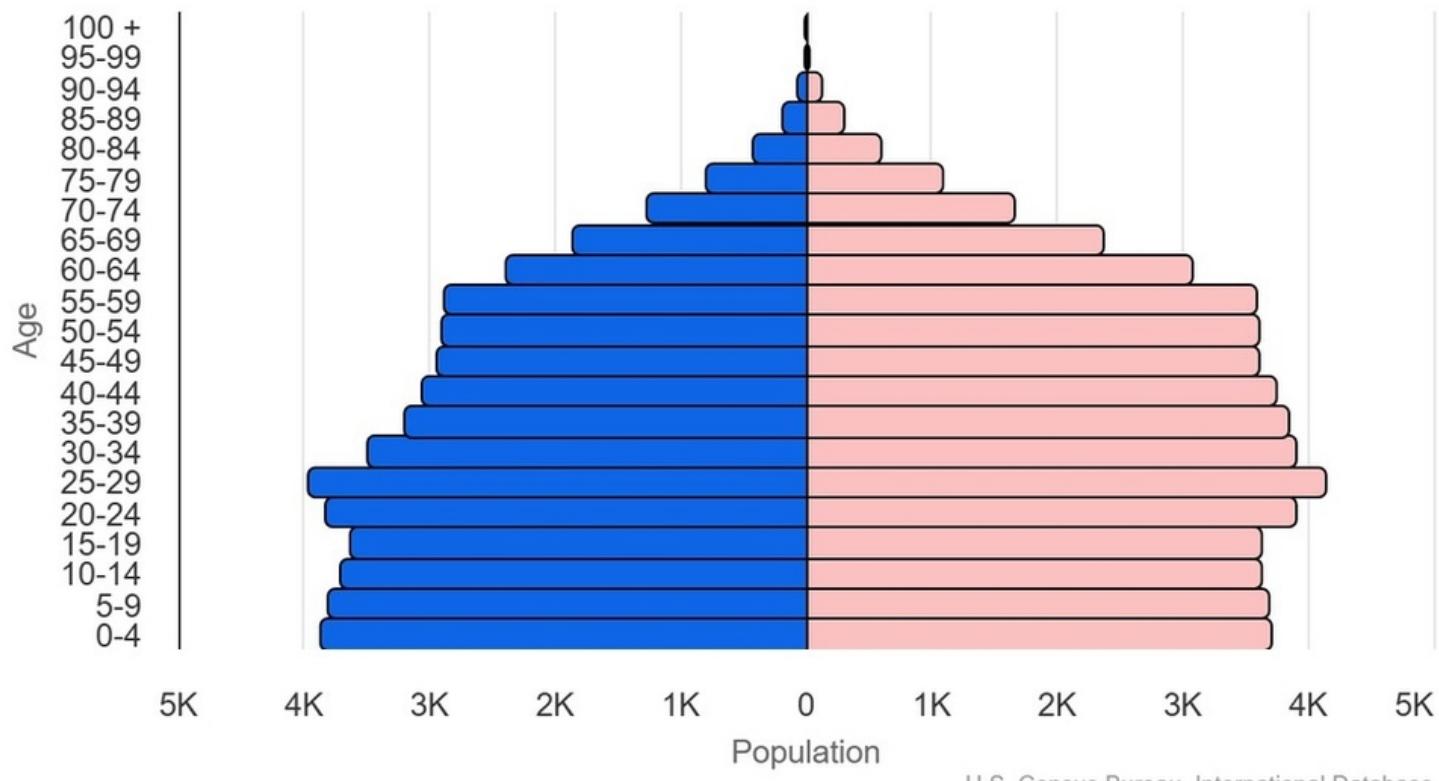
Antigua and Barbuda



Background	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.
Capital	name: Saint John's
Government type	parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm
Area	total : 443 sq km land: 443 sq km water: 0 sq km
Climate	tropical maritime; little seasonal temperature variation
Natural resources	NEGL; pleasant climate fosters tourism
Population	total: 102,634 (2024 est.)
Population growth rate	1.11% (2024 est.)
Ethnic groups	African descent 87.3%, mixed 4.7%, Hispanic 2.7%, White 1.6%, other 2.7%, unspecified 0.9% (2011 est.)
Religions	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.)
Languages	English (official), Antiguan Creole (an English-based creole)
Executive branch	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)
Diplomatic representation in the US	chief of mission: Ambassador Sir Ronald SANDERS (since 17 September 2015)
Economic overview	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
Real GDP (purchasing power parity)	\$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

Antigua and Barbuda (2024)

U.S. Census Bureau, International Database