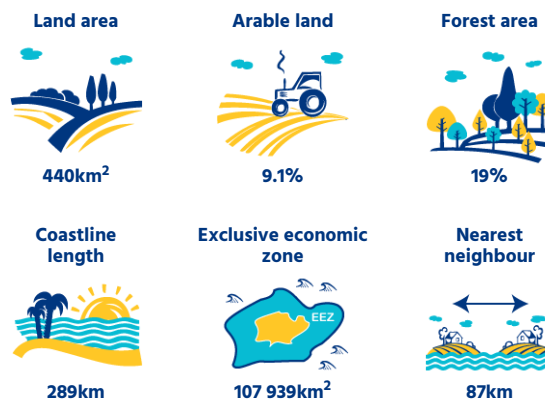




## Antigua and Barbuda

- > **Capital:** Saint John's (Antigua) (1707' N, 61051' W)
- > **International airport(s):** St. Johns, Antigua
- > **Official language(s):** English
- > **Currency:** Eastern Caribbean Dollar
- > **Time:** UTC -4
- > **Region:** Caribbean



### GEOGRAPHY

Known as the 'Land of 365 Beaches', Antigua (pronounced An-tee'ga) and Barbuda is a twin-island country, located in the eastern Caribbean, at the southern end of the Leeward Islands chain. Antigua is about 23 km long and 18 km wide, encompassing 280 km<sup>2</sup>, including the capital city, Saint John's. The highest point on Antigua is Mount Obama (402 m), known as Boggy Peak until 2009. Barbuda is a flat coral island with an area of only 161 km<sup>2</sup>. The nation also includes the small (1.6 km<sup>2</sup>) uninhabited island of Redonda, which is now a nature preserve.

### CLIMATE

With a tropical maritime climate, there is little variation in seasonal temperatures, and steady south-easterly breezes. The hurricane season is from June to September. The islands receive a mean annual rainfall of some 2 500 mm, with October and November being the wettest months. With no rivers or springs, droughts are not uncommon. There is generally low humidity year around. Average monthly temperatures range between 25 to 27 °C. (World Bank, 2020) The country is fourth on the list of most at-risk countries according to the United Nations University (2020) World Risk Index.

### ECONOMY

Agriculture, once the mainstay of the economy, has been largely supplanted by tourism. Sugarcane was once the dominant crop on Antigua but is now insignificant. Today, fruit and vegetables, including citrus fruits, mangoes and eggplants are cultivated on the islands. Manufacturing plays a small role in the economy; most activity involves processing agricultural products and making clothing and textiles and concrete blocks. Manufactured exports mainly consist of iron, steel and shipping equipment. Shipping trade has also become important, and the country possesses one of the most important freight hubs in the Caribbean. Services account for almost three quarters of GDP. (UNCTAD, 2021) Tourism and financial services have turned the country into one of the more prosperous in the Caribbean. The contribution of travel and tourism to the economy is significant with over 1 million annual tourist arrivals each year from 2017 to 2019, and the inbound tourism expenditure reaching almost 45 per cent over GDP in 2019 (UNWTO, 2021).

### CULTURE

The national dish is fungus (pronounced 'foon-jee') made from cornmeal and pepper pot.

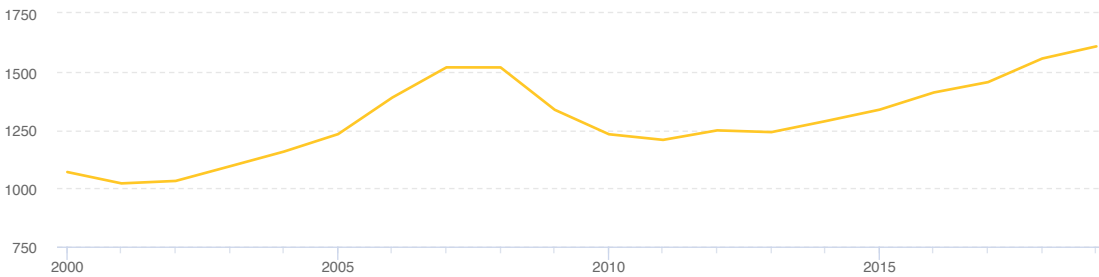
The nation's abundant coral reefs attract many snorkelers and scuba divers. Cricket is the favourite sport in Antigua and Barbuda, which has produced some of the greatest names in cricket, like Sir Vivian Richards, Andy Roberts and Riche Richardson. Other popular sports on the island include sport fishing, windsurfing and kite-surfing. While English is the official language, many people speak Antiguan Creole.

The Antigua and Barbuda Carnival is often organised as a ten-day festival featuring colourful costumes, beauty pageants, talent shows, and music. Steel drum music is an important part of the Carnival, and Antigua and Barbuda is home to many Caribbean steel bands. Soca is another typical type of music featured that grafts the slower beat of soul music onto the fast tempo of calypso. Reggae is also very popular and has been part of the Antigua and Barbudan music scene for a long time.

**ECONOMIC TRENDS**

**Gross domestic product**

US dollars at constant prices (2015) in millions



**GDP per capita**  
**2019**



**US\$17 113**

**Productive Capacity Index**  
**2018**



**0.0**

**Economic and environmental vulnerability index**  
**2019**



**32**

**Consumer Price Index growth**  
**2019**



**1.1%**

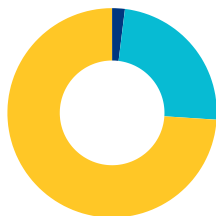
**Unemployment rate**  
**2001**



**Total 8.4%**  
**Female 8.8%, Male 8%**

**Main economic sectors, 2019**

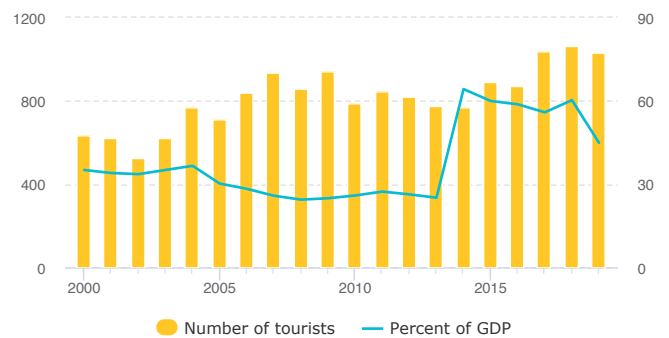
Percentage of GDP



- Services
- Industry
- Agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing

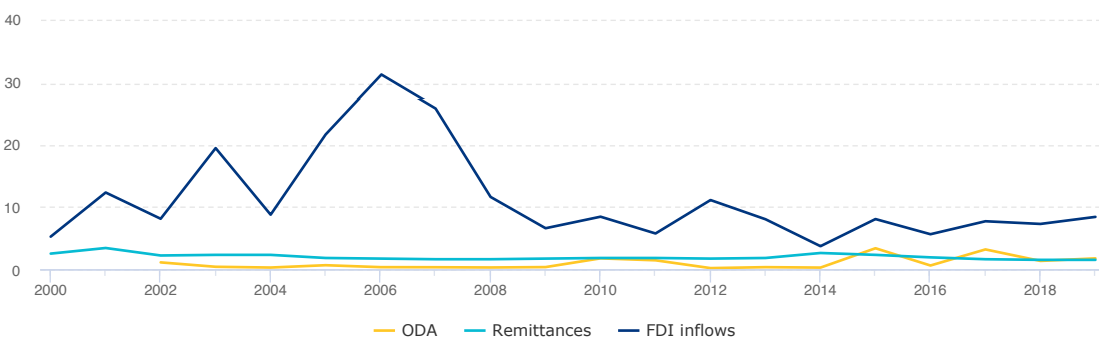
**Tourist arrivals**

Thousands of tourists, percentage of GDP



**External financial resources**

Percentage of GDP



**Public debt as % of GDP**

**2018**



**89.5%**

**MARITIME TRANSPORT**

**Fleet size**

Number of ships

Ship type	2011	2019
Total fleet	1 193	777
Oil tankers	3	2
Bulk carriers	35	32
General cargo	691	534
Container ships	391	150
Other types of ships	73	59

**Port performance**

Ranked by 2019 data within SIDS group

Indicators	2019	SIDS Ranking
Number of port calls	839	1
Median time in port (days)	0.5	1
Average age of vessels	17	1
Average size (GT) of vessels	39 734	1

**Container port throughput**

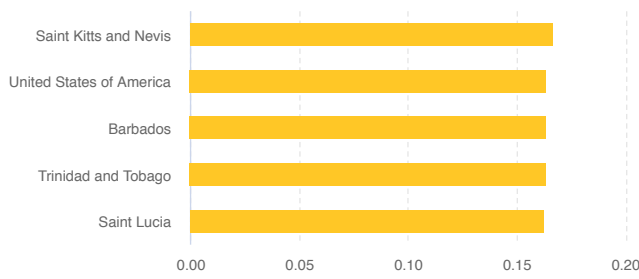
2019



**27 657 TEU**

**Bilateral connectivity index, 2019**

Top 5 partners



**Liner shipping connectivity index**

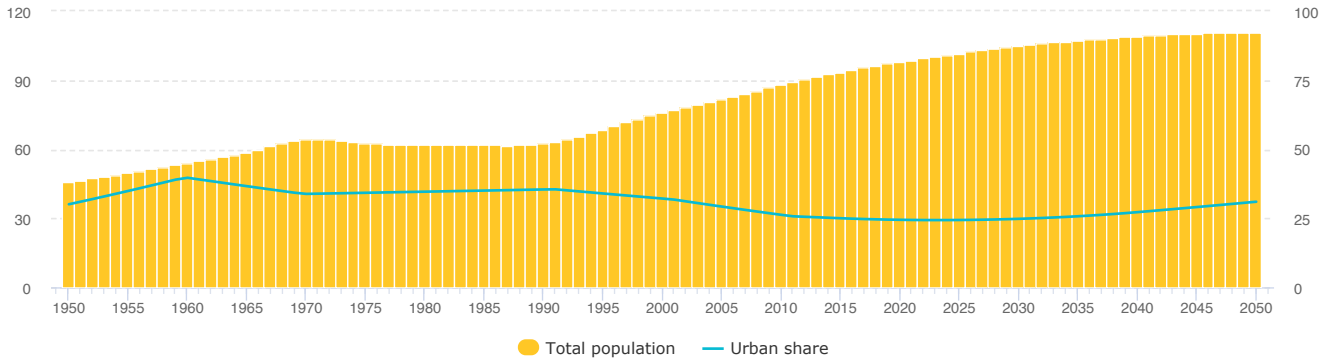
Maximum China Q1 2006=100



**POPULATION**

**Total population**

Thousands of people, share of urban population



**Population development indicators**

Indicators	Period	Value
Poverty headcount (% of population)	..	..
Human development index	2018	0.8
Human assets index	2020	96
Adult literacy rate (15+ years, both sexes %)	..	..
Gender inequality index	..	..

**Life expectancy at birth**

2019



77 years

**Population density**

2019



221 persons per km<sup>2</sup>

**Dependency ratio**

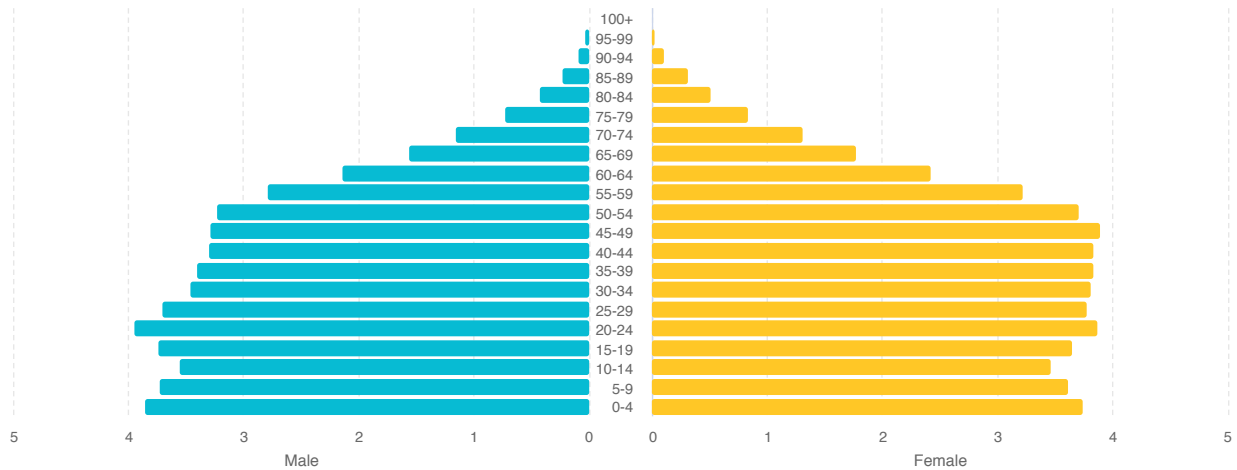
2019



Child: 31.8  
Old-age: 13.1

**Age structure by gender, 2019**

Percentage of total population



**INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

**Merchandise and services trade**

US dollars in millions

Indicators	2005	2010	2015	2019	2019 (% of GDP)
Merchandise exports	83	46	66	38	2.3
Merchandise imports	506	501	449	701	42.2
Services exports	463	478	949	1157	69.6
Services imports	227	225	426	529	31.8

**Trade openness  
Goods and services**

2019



66% of GDP

**Export concentration index**

2019



0.47

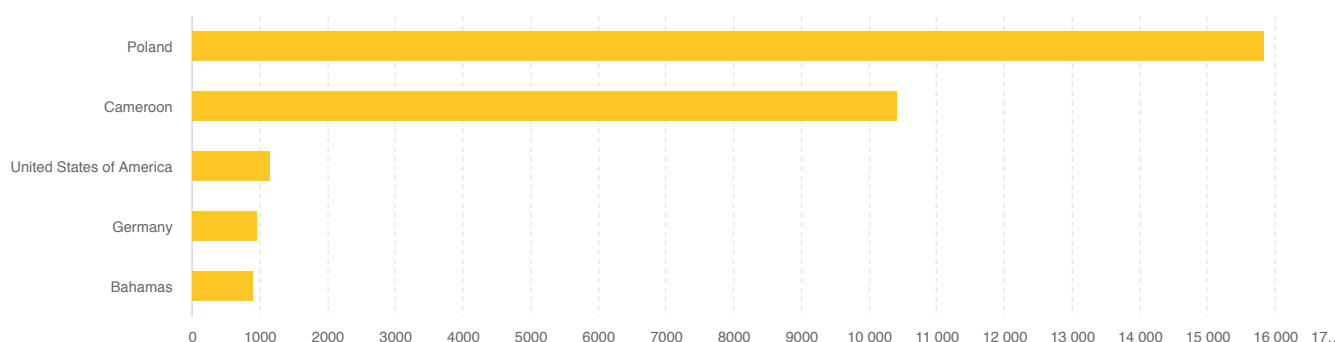
**Food import dependency  
Average 2015-2019**



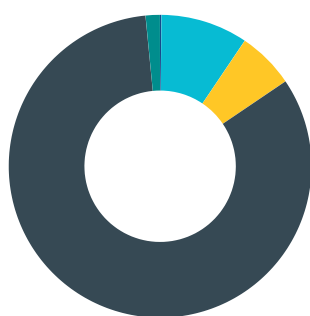
10.40

**Top 5 partners in merchandise trade, 2019**

Exports in millions US dollars

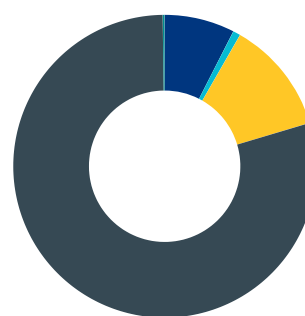


**Merchandise exports by product group, 2019**



- Agricultural raw materials
- All food items
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Ores, metals, precious stones and non-monetary gold

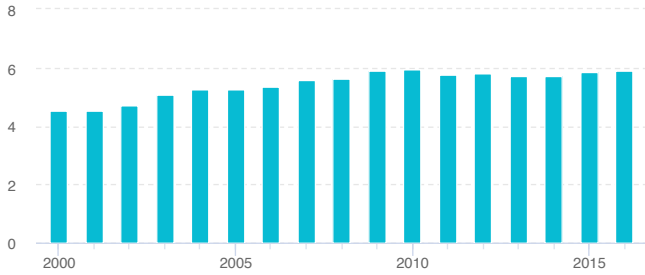
**Services exports by category, 2019**



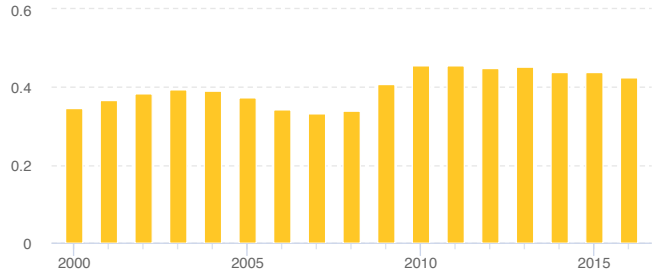
- Financial, insurance, business, intellectual property
- Telecommunications, computer, and information services
- Transport
- Travel
- Other

**ENVIRONMENT**

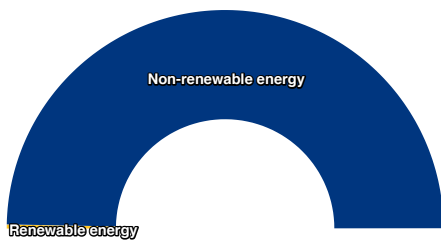
**CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per capita**  
Kg per capita



**CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per GDP**  
Kg per 2010 US\$ of GDP



**Renewable energy share in total energy consumption, 2017**  
Percentage of total energy consumption



**Material footprint per capita**  
2016



**Terrestrial protected area**  
2018



**Marine protected area**  
2018



**Disasters indicators**

Data not available

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**

**Trade in ICT goods**  
2019



Exports: 0.7%  
Imports: 3.6%

**Trade in ICT services**  
..



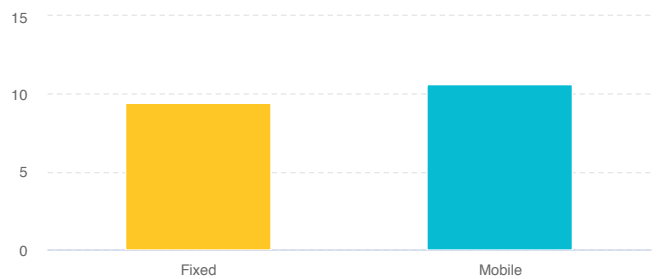
Exports: ..%  
Imports: ..%

**Share of internet users**  
2017



76%

**Fixed broadband vs Mobile broadband subscriptions**  
Number of subscriptions per 100 people



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