

CIA World Factbook–Style Country Report

Territory of Anguilla

Official Name: Anguilla

Status: British Overseas Territory

Capital: The Valley

Population: ~16,500 (2025 est.)

Area: 91 km² (35 sq mi)

Official Language: English

Currency: East Caribbean Dollar (XCD)

Time Zone: UTC−4 (Atlantic Standard Time)

Internet Country Code: .ai

Flag

Description: Blue Ensign featuring the Union Jack in the canton and Anguilla's coat of arms—a white shield displaying three orange dolphins in a circular formation above turquoise waves, symbolizing endurance, unity, and strength.

Map

Location: Eastern Caribbean, part of the Leeward Islands.

- Approximately 240 km east of Puerto Rico
 - Immediately north of Saint Martin/Sint Maarten
 - Surrounded by numerous small cays and reefs
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Geography

Anguilla is one of the northernmost islands in the Lesser Antilles and consists primarily of low-lying limestone and coral terrain. The island lacks permanent rivers and freshwater lakes, relying heavily on groundwater, desalination, and rainfall collection.

Terrain

- Flat limestone plateau
- Highest point: Crocus Hill (73 m)

- Extensive coral reefs
- Numerous white-sand beaches

Climate

- Tropical marine
 - Warm year-round
 - Hurricane season: June–November
 - Periodic drought conditions
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Natural Resources

- Fisheries
 - Marine biodiversity
 - Tourism assets
 - Salt ponds
 - Offshore financial services
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Population

Category	Estimate
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Population	~16,500
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Urban Population	~100%
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Median Age	~39 years
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Life Expectancy	~82 years
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Most residents are of African descent with smaller European and mixed-heritage communities.

Government

Political Status

British Overseas Territory with substantial internal self-government.

Head of State

His Majesty King Charles III

Representative

Governor appointed by the British Crown.

Head of Government

Premier.

Legislature

House of Assembly.

Legal System

Based on English common law.

Administrative Divisions

Anguilla has no formal provinces or states.

Principal communities include:

- The Valley
 - Sandy Ground
 - East End
 - West End
 - Island Harbour
 - South Hill
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Economy

Anguilla possesses one of the Caribbean's highest per-capita incomes despite its small size.

Primary Industries

- Luxury tourism
- Financial services
- Real estate
- Construction
- Government services
- Fishing

Economic Characteristics

Tourism is the principal economic driver, centered on high-end resorts, villas, and yachting. The territory has also developed a respected offshore financial services sector. Revenue from the globally recognized **.ai** internet domain has become an increasingly important source of government income due to worldwide demand from artificial intelligence companies.

Infrastructure

Airports

- Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport

Ports

- Blowing Point Ferry Terminal
- Road Bay Port

Regular ferry service connects Anguilla with nearby Saint Martin.

Communications

Telecommunications are modern and reliable.

High-speed internet supports:

- Tourism
- Financial services
- Remote work

- Digital business

The **.ai** country-code domain has become internationally valuable because of the rapid expansion of the artificial intelligence industry.

Energy

Electricity is almost entirely generated from imported petroleum products.

Renewable energy initiatives include:

- Solar generation
 - Energy efficiency projects
 - Battery storage planning
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Defense & Security

Defense and external affairs remain the responsibility of the United Kingdom.

Local security includes:

- Royal Anguilla Police Force
- Customs and Immigration
- Maritime enforcement units

No standing military exists.

Foreign Relations

The United Kingdom manages:

- Defense
- International treaties
- Diplomatic representation

Anguilla maintains strong regional cooperation with:

- Caribbean neighbors

- The United Kingdom
 - The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (through associate arrangements)
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Strategic Assessment

Although geographically small, Anguilla occupies an important location within the northeastern Caribbean maritime network. Its economy is highly dependent on tourism and international confidence, making resilience against hurricanes and external economic shocks a continuing priority.

The rapidly increasing commercial value of the **.ai** internet domain has significantly strengthened government revenues and enhanced Anguilla's international economic profile. Combined with political stability, high living standards, and close ties to the United Kingdom, the territory remains one of the more prosperous and well-governed jurisdictions in the Eastern Caribbean.

Overall Strategic Outlook: Low Risk / Stable