

## PRESS RELEASE

To: The Press

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Subject: Press Release Census #15 – Requesting the Cooperation of All Residents Anguilla

THE VALLEY – The Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) of the Government of Anguilla is sincerely requesting the cooperation of all residents of Anguilla. Some 40 enumerators and 8 supervisors have been employed by the Department to assist in the enumeration phase of the AP&H Census 2022.

By means of the Anguilla Population and Housing (AP&H) Census 2022, Anguilla is 'taking stock' of its population; size, structure and characteristics along with housing characteristics; the first time since the last AP&H Census held in 2011.

While some persons may have reservations about being interviewed and providing data, it is essential and mandated by law that this exercise is carried out. The census data will have a direct impact not only on programme and policy design, it is also extremely important for use by private sector developers in making economic decisions.

It is important that everyone takes note of the Census Night - June 15, 6:00PM – 11:59PM and where you spent that night to answer the questions accurately.

The visitation record listing exercise; the initial component of the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 is currently underway in the field. Enumerators are out and around the island in their assigned Enumeration Districts (ED) for the purpose of identify the buildings based on the building points and collecting those not on the map; in addition to collecting data on the building type, dwelling type and status. Contact information is also being collected for all residential dwellings along with the person count for each dwelling. This information is the only way to provide Anguilla with an **actual** population count at a point in time.

Since the start of this component of the enumeration on July 4, 2022, up to August 9, 2022, approximately 65.5% of the Visitation Record Listing has been completed.

Once the visitation listing exercise has been completed, enumerators will return to households to conduct the enumeration exercise through the administration of a household questionnaire and individual questionnaires to all members of the household. It should be noted that individual questionnaires for persons under the age of sixteen (16) can be completed by the household reference person. Household reference persons are encouraged to involve all members of the household under sixteen (16) in the completion of the questionnaire assigned to them. This experience will provide them with practical knowledge of a population and housing census which is part of their primary school curriculum.

This visitation listing and the collection of the household and individual data is being done using tablets and ESRI technology with the programming of the technology done by Spatial Innovision Limited and the staff of the Anguilla Statistics Department.

The Anguilla Statistics Department wishes to thank all householders and business owners for providing the enumerators with the necessary data or called to indicate that they have yet to see an enumerator during this phase.

We request the cooperation of those who have yet to provide information, this will aid in wrapping up this section so that we can move onto the collection phase of the household and individual questionnaires. If you have not seen an enumerator in your area, please call the Anguilla Statistics Department on 497-5731 or 497-2451 Ext. 1861 and let us know.

More information on the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 can be obtained by contacting the Anguilla Statistics Department on 497-5731 or e-mail the Anguilla Statistics Department at <u>statistics@gov.ai</u>

## "The Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 - It All Adds Up"

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