



PRESS RELEASE

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THE VALLEY – Anguilla is expected to undertake the enumeration phase of the Anguilla Population and Housing (AP&H) Census 2022 in June 2022. **Census Day in Anguilla is Wednesday, June 15, 2022.** As we prepare to enter the field, we have attempted to provide some response to questions we think may be unclear.

Census data

Ideally should be collected from every individual in the household via an interviewed, but this is not always possible. It is therefore permitted for any responsible adult to give the information about all the persons in that household, provided that he/she knows all the required answers.

The kinds of questions requested on a Census

Are usually fairly innocuous (that is not harmful or injurious) but if you are worried about confidentiality, then be assured that the Statistics Act guarantees the confidentiality of your answers to the Census questions. Neither the field officers – enumerators or supervisors nor any employee of the Census Office can reveal information about you or your household without incurring severe penalties including fines and or imprisonment. Data is only released in aggregate form which does not allow for any individual to be identified.

Census data is confidential

The law requires that all data collected during the enumeration phase must be kept confidential. All field officers – enumerators or supervisors, as well as employees of the Census Office, will be required to take an oath of secrecy, to not reveal any Census information to anyone who is not a sworn employee of the Census organization. This means that they will not divulge any Census information, under any circumstances, even to members of their families. Field officers – enumerators or supervisors and other persons working with the collected information are instructed and cautioned not to leave the tablet open/unlocked and or lying around unprotected.

Census information is used only for preparing tabulations about the population as a whole. Some households may hesitate to answer some of the questions asked. This is understandable since they will be asked to provide information which they do not usually make available to strangers. However, persons who are reluctant to answer questions will be put at ease by informing them of the conditions under which information will be collected. These are:

- All persons engaged with the AP&H Census 2022 have taken an oath of secrecy, whether they are working in the field or in the Census Office.
- Information collected through the AP&H Census 2022 is kept strictly confidential. It is against the law for any Census worker to divulge information to any unauthorized individual or organization. No information about any individual can be made available to any agency, including another government department or ministry.

The information collected will be used solely in the preparation of tables showing the size and structure of the population as a whole by means of **TOTALS**.

More information on the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 can be obtained by contacting the Anguilla Statistics Department on 497-5731.

“The Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 – It All Adds Up”

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