



Anguilla: Tourism Summary Data December 2005

The Anguilla tourist season is in its second month and this period is usually considered as one of the busiest months of the season. Visitor arrival totals during December 2005 were 16,187, representing an increase of 23% over December 2004. To date 143,186 visitors have graced our shores either for leisure or business purposes representing a 19% increase over 2004 when 120,788 visitors arrived.

During this month, out of the 16,187 visitors that came to Anguilla, 415 persons came for business purposes compared to 272 in December of last year and 15,772 came for pleasure compared to 12,886 during December 2004.

Passenger Movements

Arrivals

Passenger movements - arrivals, which includes Anguillians as well as tourists, through the Wallblake Airport for this reporting period were 4,848 compared to 2,206 during December 2004, *(during December 2004, the WallBlake Airport was undergoing construction limiting air traffic through that port)*. Arrivals through the Blowing Point port were 20,050 compared to 22,835 in December last year. Arrivals through Sandy Ground were 3,316 this December as opposed to 1,246 during last year's December.

Departures

Passenger movements – departures; through the Wallblake Airport during December 2005 were 4,452 compared to 1,990, while departures through Blowing Point port were 18,216 compared to 20,449. The port of Sandy Ground saw 3,985 departures during this month compared to 1,885 during December 2004.

Tourists (Stay-Over Visitors)

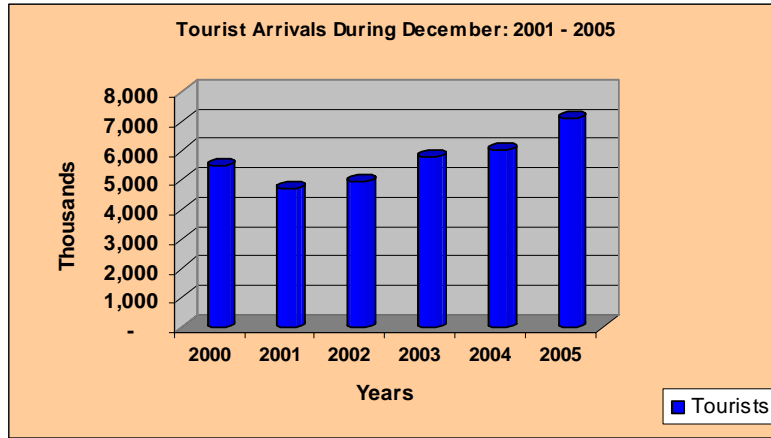
7,099 tourists made Anguilla their vacation destination during December 2005, resulting in a 17% increase over December 2004. For the year 2005, 62,084 tourists have visited the island, resulting in a 15% overall increase over 2004.

Tourists arriving in December tend to stay longer than those who arrive at other times during the year. The average length of stay for this month was 9.0 days. 73% of the 7,099 tourists spent 4 to 15 days on the island, 15% stayed for 1 to 3 days and 12% stayed for 16 or more days.

49% of the tourists that visited Anguilla during December 2005 entered through the Wallblake Airport. 3,469 persons came through this Port compared to 1,421 persons during the same period last year *(during the latter part of 2004, the runway at the Wallblake Airport was under construction; therefore flights into Anguilla were restricted)*. The port of Blowing Point recorded a 21% decline in tourist arrivals passing through for this period from December 2004*(with the closure of the airport during the latter part of 2004, Blowing Point became the main port of entry for visitors to the island. The Wallblake Airport is now fully operational and visitors once again have a choice of port of entry to the island. This also means that arrivals through Blowing Point are returning to normal levels.)* It was the port of entry to Anguilla for 3,606 persons compared to 4,605 persons during November 2004. Tourists

passing through the port of Sandy Ground made up just under, 1% of overall tourists entering the island.

Fig.1



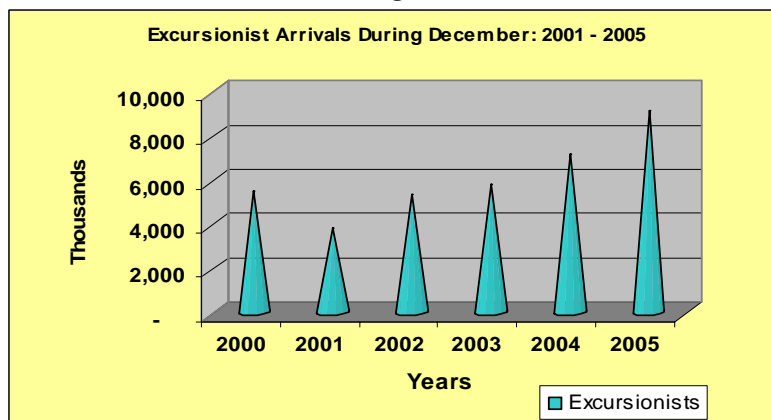
All tourist markets showed increases in arrivals over their corresponding December 2004 figures except, Canada, which declined by 10%. The market showing the largest increase in arrivals was the Italian market with a 44% increase, followed by Germany, the U.K., and Other European Countries by 26%, 16% and 14% respectively.

The United States was the main country of residence from which most of Anguilla’s tourists came during the month of December 2005. Of the total tourist arrivals, 4,960 were from this country, accounting for 70% of the market share, an increase of 18% over the same period in 2004. The Caribbean was the second largest market, representing 11% of the tourist arrivals followed by the United Kingdom with 6.1%. Canada, Other European Countries Italy and Germany represented 3.3%, 4.0%, 2.1% and 1% respectively of the tourism market.

Excursionists (Day-Trippers)

Excursionists accounted for the greater portion of visitor arrivals during December 2005. 9,088 excursionists visited the island in December compared to 7,109 in the corresponding 2004 period, resulting in a 28% increase. The cumulative total for the period January to December at 81,102 excursionists is up 21% over the same period last year.

Fig.2



As is the norm, the port of Blowing Point is the main entryway to Anguilla for this type of visitor. The majority of the day-trippers to Anguilla originate out of St.Martin where they are vacationing

and decide to take a day and explore a near-by island. Albeit, during December this port accounted for 62% of this traveler activity to Anguilla, there was a 3% decline in the numbers of persons using this port. Wallblake airport accounted for 2% of excursionist arrivals during December while the port of Sandy Ground accounted for 36% of arrivals.

The majority of the tourist markets experienced increases in excursionist travels during this period. Day-trippers from Germany however, recorded a decline of 22%.

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<http://gov.ai/statistics/tourism.htm>