



Anguilla Government Statistics Department

Tourism Statistics Summary- January 2009

OVERVIEW

Anguilla's winter visitor arrival figures continued its downward movement during the month of January 2009. This month records indicated that 10,062 persons visited Anguilla during this period, experiencing a decline of 18.4% from January 2008 figure.

Over the past five years, for the month under review, 2009 recorded the least number of visitor arrivals to the shores of Anguilla, with January 2006 being the best over the past five years.

YEAR	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	13,486	15,456	16,695	12,336	10,062



Of the 10,062 visitors to the island, 9,701 (96.4%) were on vacation, while 361 (3.6%) came on business.

PASSENGER MOVEMENT

Arrivals include Anguillians as well as visitors, arriving at the three official ports of entry; Wallblake Airport, Blowing Point and Sandy Ground Port.

January's passenger arrivals totaled 19,293 resulting in a 17.2% decline when compared to 23,303 in January 2008. 14,856 (77.0%) passengers entered through the Blowing Point port, while the Wallblake Airport and Sandy Ground recorded 2,745 (14.2%) and 1,692 (8.8%), respectively.

Passenger departures totaled 19,521 during January 2009 resulting in a decline of 15.3% over the 23,053 in January 2008. The majority of the passengers 14,435 (73.9%) departed through the Blowing Point port, compared to the 16,005 passengers in 2008. Wallblake Airport accounted for 3,299 (16.9%) departures during January 2009, compared to the 5,154 in 2008. The port of Sandy Ground facilitated 1,787 (9.2%) departures during this month compared to 1,894 during January 2008.

TOURISTS (Stay-Over Visitors)

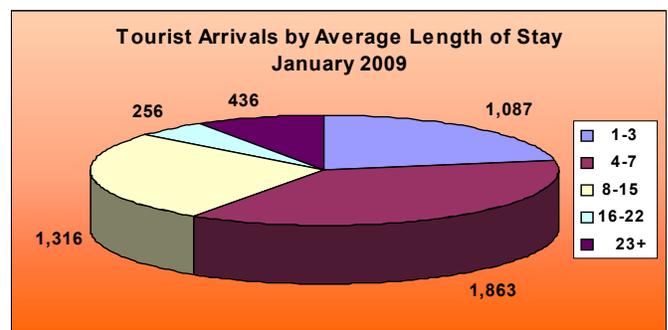
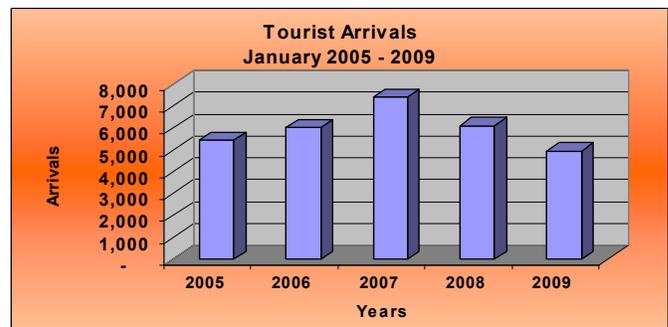
Tourist arrivals accounted for 49.3% of the total number of visitors to Anguilla during January 2009.

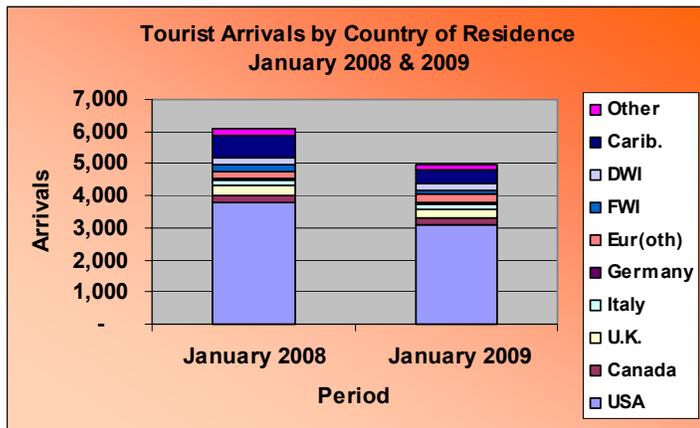
During this month under review, 4,957 of this type of visitor came to Anguilla; a decline of 18.8% over its corresponding January 2008 figure. Over the past five years, this was the smallest quantity of tourist arrivals to the island.

YEAR	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	5,430	6,042	7,411	6,108	4,957

The average intended length of stay for tourists during this period was 8.6 compared to the 8.7 for January 2008.

The majority of the tourist, 37.6%, intended to stay in Anguilla between 4-7 nights. 26.5% spent between 8-15 days, 21.9% between 1-3 days while 5.2% and 8.8% spent 16-22 days and 23 days or more respectively on the island.





During January 2009, the main source of the tourists; 62.1% originated out of the U.S.A, registering a decrease of 18.2% over January 2008 corresponding figure. The “Caribbean” was the market from which the second largest number of tourists originated with 9.0% of tourists to Anguilla.

Tourist arrivals from “Italy” and “Canada” were the two categories registering the largest increases for tourist arrivals with 21.5% and 4.9% respectively over their corresponding January 2008 figure.

EXCURSIONISTS (Day Trippers)

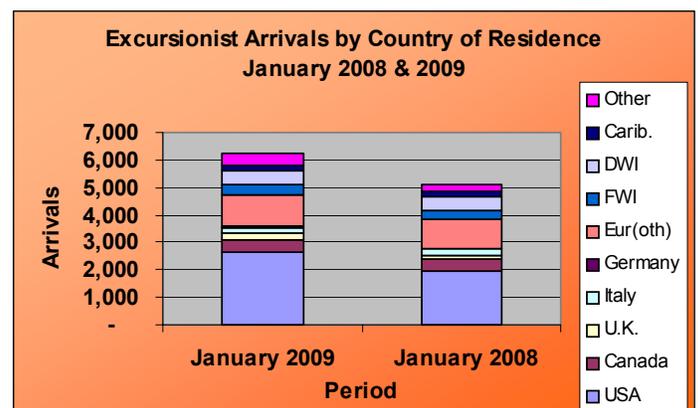
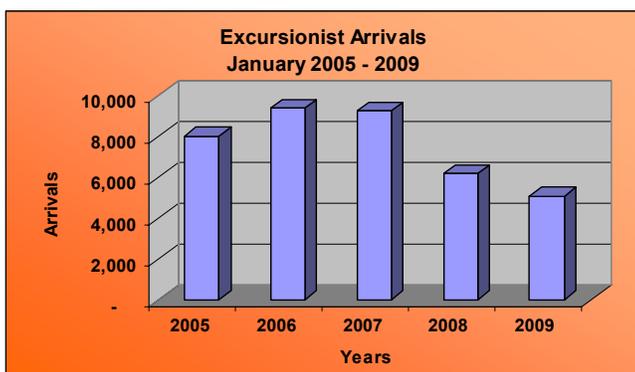
Excursionist arrivals for the month of January 2009 totaled 5,105, a decrease of 18.0% over the January 2008 figure of 6,228. This figure was reported as the smallest figure for Excursionist arrivals to Anguilla for the past decade.

For the month of review, the port of Blowing Point was the main port of entry, with 3,417 (66.9%) excursionists using this port as the gateway to Anguilla. This represents a decrease of 14.0% in this type of traveler through this port when compared to January 2008.

The Wallblake Airport facilitated entry of (67) 1.3% excursionists while Sandy Ground facilitated (1,621) 31.8%. Excursionist arrivals through the Sandy Ground port registered a decrease of 23.7% and Wallblake Airport showed an decrease of 48.9% when compared to January 2008 respective figures.

The 10 categories in which the country of residence is grouped, the United States of America ranked as the main source market from which excursionists originated. During the period under review, 1,965 of this type of visitors were from USA; experiencing a 25.7% decline, when compared with January 2008. The “Other Europe” category was the second highest ranking source of excursionists where 1,067 of the 5,105 usually reside.

There were decreases in 8 of the 10 source markets, for excursionists, with the “Italy” and “Caribbean” markets experiencing the only increase of 24.6% and 1.5% over their corresponding January 2008 figure. The “Germany” and “Other” Market registered the largest declines of 40.6% and 36.3% respectively over their corresponding January 2008 figure.



This report along with other Tourism Data, are available at the Government of Anguilla Statistics Department's website:
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