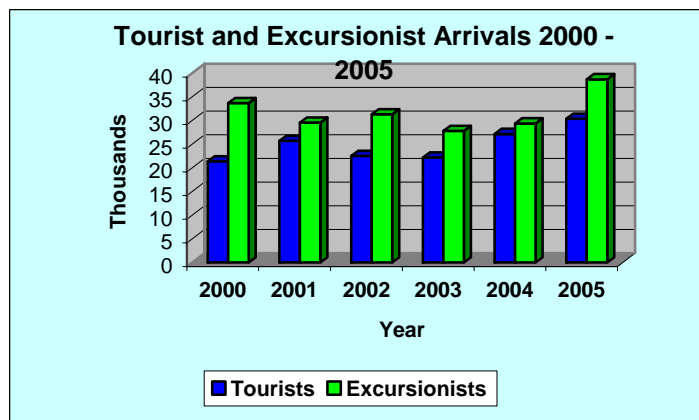




Anguilla: Tourism Summary Data May 2005

Visitor arrivals to the island continue to show a steady increase even though the official tourist season (November – April) has ended. Arrivals during May 2005 were 10,861 compared to 9,683 in May of 2004 resulting in an overall 12.0 percent increase. This is the largest monthly total in arrivals over the last decade to the island.

To date 69,041 persons have visited Anguilla, a 22.1 percent increase over the same period last year.



Tourists (Stay-Over Visitors)

5,588 tourists made Anguilla their vacation destination during May 2005. When compared to May 2004, there was a 9.0 percent increase. 30,340 tourists have visited Anguilla for the period January to May, a 12.0 percent increase over 2004.

Tourists stayed on Anguilla longer during this month than for the corresponding period in 2004. 7.2 days was the average length of stay, compared to 6.8 days in May last year, with the majority staying for a period of 2 weeks.

Just over half of the tourists that visited Anguilla in May this year entered through the port at Blowing Point. 2,959 persons came through this port, a 30.1 percent increase over the same period last year. The Wallblake Airport recorded a 4.0 percent decline in tourists passing through for this reporting period over last May. It was the port of entry to Anguilla for 2,605 persons compared to 2,704 persons during May 2004. ... **Caribbean Star** the other major air carrier to Anguilla along with **American Eagle** and **LIAT** is yet to recommence services at the airport after discontinuing services in September last year to facilitate the airport facilities

expansion. The carrier has announced however, that it will recommence services to Anguilla July 1 ... Wallblake Airport accounted for 47.0 percent of all tourist arrivals to Anguilla during May while, Sandy Ground made up 1.0 percent of tourists entering the island.

During this period, most of the tourists, 70.0 percent, originated out of the United States of America, with the Caribbean being the second largest market with 13.7 percent; of the total tourist arrivals, 3,906 were from the U.S.A; a market share increase of 11.6 percent for this month over May 2004.

Although the Canadian market experienced the largest increase in arrivals over the period May 2005/2004 recording a 49.0 percent jump in arrivals it represented less than 1.0 percent of the market share.

Italy, Germany, and Other Continental European countries also experienced increases in arrivals of 29.3 percent, 16.5 percent and 6.0 percent respectively, while arrivals from the United Kingdom, and the Caribbean saw declines of 2.4 percent and 19.4 percent respectively.



Excursionists (Day-Trippers)

Excursionist arrivals also continue to increase in number. During May 2005, 5,273 day-trippers visited the island up 16.0 percent over last year's May when 4,553 day-trippers visited. To date 38,701 excursionists have made Anguilla a one-day destination stop compared to 29,383 in May 2004.

The majority of the day-trippers entered through the port of Blowing Point as this port is the main entryway for this type of visitor. During May 4,936 day-trippers passed through this port compared to 4,192 of May last year, resulting in an 18.0 percent increase. 109 day-trippers entered through the airport during this period while Sandy Ground's port of entry saw 228 persons using this port as their main port of entry to Anguilla..

As with the tourist arrivals, the U.S.A was the country of origin from which most of the excursionists came representing 42.0 percent of the market share. Over the corresponding period of 2004, a 32.4 percent increase was registered. Additionally, Germany registered the highest increase in excursionists of 44.0 percent over its corresponding 2004 figures.

This report along with other Tourism Data, are available at the Government of Anguilla's website: <http://gov.ai/statistics/tourism.htm>

