



Anguilla: Tourism Summary Report May 2006

May 2006 saw 13,835 visitors to Anguilla, an increase of 27% over May 2005. This increase can be attributed to the Anguilla Day and the celebrations around that day, when a number of activities were planned, as well as the Annual Yacht Regatta which was held during May and also brought a number of persons to the island.

For the year to date, 81,203 persons have visited Anguilla, an 18% percent increase over the same period last year.

Of the 13,835 visitors to the island this month, the majority 13,321 (96%) came for leisurely purposes while 514 (4%) came on business.



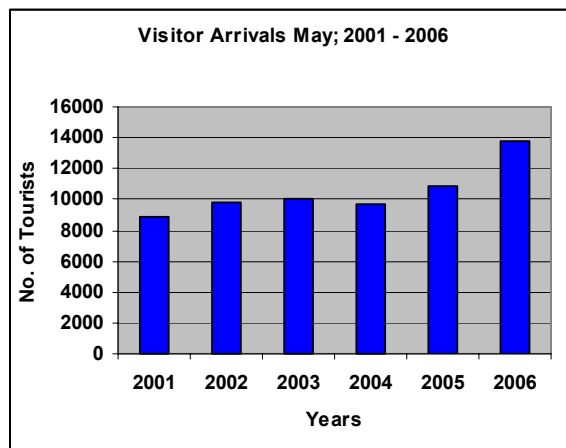
Passenger Movements

Arrivals

Passenger movements - arrivals, which include Anguillians as well as visitors through the Wallblake Airport for this reporting period were 4,285 compared to 3,716 during May 2005. Arrivals through the Blowing Point port were 16,781 compared to 15,895 in May last year, while arrivals through Sandy Ground were 2,175 in comparison to 252 during May of 2005.

Departures

Passenger movements – departures; through the Wallblake Airport during May 2006 were 4,305 compared to 2,628 while departures through Blowing Point port were 16,220 compared to 15,259 in May 2005. The port of Sandy Ground saw 2,098 departures during this month compared to 613 during May 2005.



Tourists (Stay-Over Visitors)

During May 2006, tourist arrivals, which accounted for 47% of overall visitors to the island, were up 16% over May last year.

6,466 tourists made Anguilla their vacation destination during May 2006. 35,299 tourists have visited Anguilla for the period January to May, a 16% increase over the same period in 2005.



The length of stay for tourists on Anguilla during this month when compared to the corresponding period in 2005, showed the same 7.2 days.

26% of tourists visiting Anguilla during the month under review stayed for a period of 1 - 3 days. 46% stayed for between (4 - 7) days and 28% stayed for a week or more.

Just over half (57%) of the tourists that visited Anguilla in May this year entered through the port at Blowing Point. 3,671 persons came through this port, a 24% increase over the same period last year. The Wallblake Airport recorded a 6.6% increase in tourists passing through for this reporting period over last May. It was the port of entry to Anguilla for 2,778 tourists compared to 2,604 tourists during May 2005. Wallblake Airport accounted for 43% of all tourist arrivals to Anguilla during May while, Sandy Ground made up 0.2% of tourists entering the island.

During this period, most of the tourists, 66%, originated out of the United States of America, of the total tourist arrivals, 4,266 were from this country; representing a market share increase of 9% for this month over May 2005. The Caribbean was the second largest market with 21%;

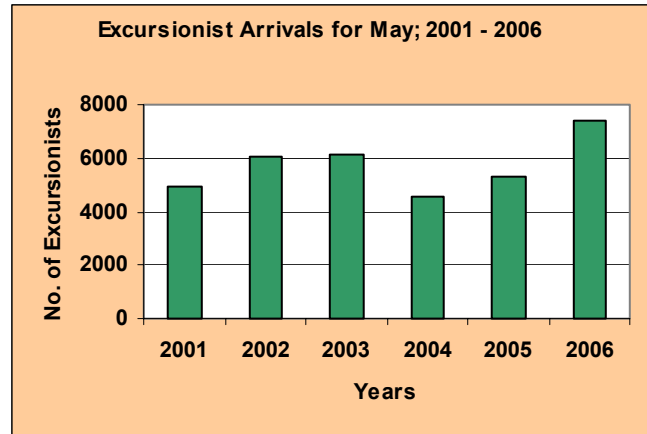
During this time more visitors to the island are from around the region, when they come to Anguilla for the Anguilla Day Holiday weekend and the yacht regatta.

Other markets with increases in tourist arrivals over the year (May 06/05) were the United Kingdom (6%), the Caribbean (5%) and French and Dutch West Indies with 1215%. During May 2006, 231 tourists visited from the F.W.I. compared to 42 in May 2005 and 308 tourists visited from the D.W.I. in May 2006 compared to 10 during May 2005.

The Canadian market experienced a 43% decline in tourist arrivals during May 2006 followed by Italy, Other Continental European countries (*to include France, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria and Luxemburg*) and Germany with 3% and 2% respectively.

Excursionists (Day-Trippers)

Excursionist arrivals also continue to increase in number. During May 2006, 7,369 day-trippers visited the island up 40% over last year's May when 5,273 day-trippers visited. To date 45,904 excursionists have made Anguilla a one-day destination stop compared to 38,701 in May 2005.



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 2005, 5,103 day-trippers passed through this port compared to 4,936 of May last year, resulting in 3% increase. 108 day-trippers entered through the airport during this period while Sandy Ground's port of entry saw 2,158 day-trippers 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 52% of the market share. Over the corresponding period of 2005, a 76% increase was registered. Additionally, Canada registered the highest increase in excursionists of 86% over its corresponding 2005 figures. 394 day-trippers originated from this country during this period (May 2006) compared to 214 during May 2005.

Cruise Passengers

2 small cruise vessels visited Anguilla during the month of May 2006 with an overall passenger total of 255 persons and each vessel carrying on average a total of 128 passengers. There was no cruise activity for the corresponding period in 2005.