

# Births, Deaths & Marriages

Newborn babies, are a tremendous source of joy. It is therefore important that the family which have the responsibility of the care of them ensure that they have an identity.

Having an identity is essential for gaining access to education, healthcare and other services; traveling; and legal protection by government



## Statistical Information 1995- 2003

### Birth Rate\*

It was estimated in 1995 that for every 1,000 persons in the population there were 17 births in Anguilla. This rate was not achieved again until 2000 when the rate was the same.

### Death Rate\*

The highest death rate occurred in 1996 when it was estimated that for every 1,000 persons in the population there were 8 deaths . The second highest death rate occurred in 2000 when it was estimated that for every 1,000 persons in the population there were approximately 7 deaths

### Marriage Rate\*

The estimated marriage rate in 1995 , that for every 1,000 persons in the population there were 8 marriages, did not occur again throughout the period under review. This rate was especially low in 2000 and 2001

### Live Births

During the first half of the decade under review mothers aged 25 to 29 accounted for the largest proportion of live births in Anguilla as illustrated in the graph below. However in the second decade mothers aged 20 to 24 accounted for the largest proportion of live births.

Percentage Distribution of Live Births by Age of Mother 1995 - 2004

Year	Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 & Over	Unknown	TOTAL %
1995	1.2%	9.6%	29.9%	30.5%	19.8%	7.2%	1.8%	0.0%	100.0%
1996	0.6%	13.7%	24.8%	27.3%	20.5%	8.7%	4.3%	0.0%	100.0%
1997	1.2%	13.0%	29.0%	32.0%	16.6%	7.1%	1.2%	0.0%	100.0%
1998	0.0%	17.4%	18.7%	24.5%	21.9%	12.9%	4.5%	0.0%	100.0%
1999	0.6%	15.9%	23.9%	24.4%	19.9%	12.5%	2.3%	0.6%	100.0%
2000	1.0%	18.1%	24.9%	21.8%	22.3%	8.8%	3.1%	0.0%	100.0%
2001	0.5%	15.8%	30.6%	24.0%	13.7%	10.9%	3.8%	0.5%	100.0%
2002	0.6%	13.0%	24.9%	24.3%	23.7%	9.5%	4.1%	0.0%	100.0%
2003	0.0%	18.0%	29.5%	23.0%	20.1%	6.5%	2.9%	0.0%	100.0%
2004	0.6%	15.2%	28.7%	21.3%	15.9%	15.2%	3.0%	0.0%	100.0%

\* Birth rate is number of live births divided by the population \* 1,000  
 \*Death rate is number of deaths divided by the population \* 1,000  
 \* marriage rate is number of marriages divided by the population \* 1,000

### Birth Registration is it Necessary?

It is a requirement by law that every child in Anguilla be registered by the person or person (s) responsible for their welfare. This is usually considered to be the :

- ◆ Father—if the mother is married
- ◆ Mother— if unmarried
- ◆ Household member— if parents are unable to do it.

### What Information is need for the registration?

#### Regarding the child:

- ◆ Date of birth
- ◆ Sex
- ◆ Forename (s)
- ◆ Surname
- ◆ Parent name (if parent married)
- ◆ Mother name only (if unmarried)
- ◆ Parent age at time of birth (mother only if unmarried)
- ◆ Placement of child— whether first born , second born etc.

### Does it matter when a child is registered?

All newborns must be registered within 30 days of their birth. However if registration takes place after 30 days has expired but within six months of birth the register must be signed by the Registrar. Usually registration after six months has expired is not possible unless the registrar give written authority if it to be done.

### What if my baby is stillborn?

The procedure for stillbirths is the same as that of a live birth.

### What happens if a birth is not registered?

The person responsible for the registration of the birth will be summoned by the Registrar the supply the information. Note, a penalty of \$960.00 if charged for non— compliance of the charge

### Where does Registration take Place?

At the Court House Building in the Judicial Department