



PRESS RELEASE

To: The Press

From: Chief Statistician – Mrs. Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin

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CC: PS EDICITNR – Mrs. Chanelle Petty-Barrett

Subject: Press Release Census #13 – Census Launch

THE VALLEY – Anguilla is expected to undertake the enumeration phase of the Anguilla Population and Housing (AP&H) Census 2022 in June 2022. **Census Day in Anguilla is Wednesday, June 15, 2022.**

On June 09, 2022, the Anguilla Statistics Department/Census Office launch the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 on the car park of the Ronald Webster Park with a Walk, Run, Roll and Street Fair.

The events for the launch were deliberate; all-inclusive attempting to provide an activity for everyone. This is how the census should be viewed. All persons are included and should participate in providing data for the census when called upon to do so.

The launch ceremony commenced with prayer by field officer – enumerator Ms. Jennyville Smith, followed by the National Song played by the 'veteran' pannist Mr. Michael 'Dumpa' Martin.

Welcome remarks followed, by the Permanent Secretary responsible for the Anguilla Statistics Department Mrs. Chanelle Petty-Barrett who emphasized the fact that the census concerns everyone. Mrs. Petty-Barrett also informed the general public that Anguilla has progress to the stage where the census data will be collected using tablets, as opposed to using pencil and paper.

The Honourable Minister Kyle Hodge commended all persons involved in the preparations over the years, to deliver census enumeration. Minister Hodge stressed the importance of having reliable data to make guided data driven decisions.

The Chief Statistician Mrs. Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin provided brief remarks reminding persons of the six to eight weeks from June 15, 2022 set aside for the data collection phase, when enumerators will be knocking on your door. Mrs. Alleyne-Franklin encouraged Anguilla to show the world and the region that it is possible to collect quality census data within eight (8) weeks. The Chief Statistician continued by requesting that householder members be courteous and polite and also provided some information on various areas, which will be published separately in the coming week.

Dr. Aidan Harrigan, Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs provided the Census Message. Dr. Harrigan encourage all residents of Anguilla to participate in providing the data when asked to do so, as the aggregate data will be used to make decisions for many important areas under his portfolio.

Fieldworkers – enumerators and supervisors took the oath, affirming to conduct their duties in a professional and courteous manner as well as in accordance with the law; ensuring that individuals' data are kept confidential. This was done in the presence of Notary Public Mrs. Kristy Richardson, while Mr. and Mrs. Bibby made a statement on behalf of householders.

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Those present were intermittently entertained by selections from Mr. Darrel (Mr. Decent) Connor, Mystic Vybz and DJ Bless.

A recording of the event can be found on the Government of Anguilla's and What We Do In Anguilla's facebook pages. The Anguilla Statistics Department wishes to thank all vendors and businesses responsible for provided equipment, the stage, tents, the bouncy castle as well as those who sponsored prizes. We look forward to your continued support as householders when enumerators knock on your doors.

Closing remarks were made by Ms. Carencia Rouse, in her capacity as member of the Census Advisory Committee. Ms. Rouse in her remarks once again encouraged the cooperation and participation of all residents of Anguilla.

More information on the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 can be obtained by contacting the Anguilla Statistics Department on 497-5731 or e-mail the Anguilla Statistics Department statistics@gov.ai

“The Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 – It All Adds Up”

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