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Introduction of an Anguilla Labour Force Survey (ALFS)

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The Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) announces the introduction of a Labour Force Survey (LFS). The last Anguilla Labour Force Survey (ALFS) was held in 1999. Since 1999, all of Anguilla's labour force indicators were produced from the Anguilla Population and Housing AP&H Censuses. As the censuses only allow for the production of limited data, it is necessary that Anguilla introduces this household survey specifically targeted at capturing a broader range of data about its labour force.

For many years the Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) outlined the importance of introducing a continuous ALFS, given the need for data to plan and design policies. In 2016, the Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) grasped the opportunity to collaborate with the Education Planning Unit to undertake the consultancy for a Labour Force and Labour Market Survey. This project was to be funded by the European Union.

The lapse in time from approval in 2016 to 2025 was as a result of a number of factors. Nature intervened and in 2017 Hurricane Irma put a halt to all the plans of the Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) and minimized the work of the ASD, as the building in which the office was previously housed was severely damaged, rendering the building uninhabitable. Following discussions, the European Union agreed to split the project into two components. Work on the Anguilla Labour Market Survey 2021 commenced in 2020.

In 2024, preparatory work on the plans required to introduction the ALFS commenced. The ALFS is a survey of households members living in private accommodation in Anguilla. The Anguilla Labour Force Survey (ALFS) will produce estimates of employment and unemployment. In addition, other standard labour market indicators such as employment and unemployment rates along with participation rate will be produced. The ALFS will produce estimates by industry, occupation, public and private sector as well as demographic characteristics. Estimates will also be produced by geographic locations.

While the Anguilla Labour Market Survey was focused on the needs of the employers – the demand side of the labour market equation, the Anguilla Labour Force Survey will focus on the characteristics of the employees and potential employees – the supply side of the labour market equation.

In an effort to sensitize and further develop the labour force questionnaire, the ASD will embark on sensitization user consultation with various interest groups.

For further information on the Anguilla Labour Force Survey, please contact the Chief Statistician, Mrs. Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin at 497-5731 or email statistics@gov.ai

We look forward to your engagement and cooperation, as we endeavor to provide "Sound Statistics for Sustainable Development".

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