

Antigua and Barbuda

General

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Total population under 15	11,107	10,754	2017
Total population over 15	33,160	38,560	2017

** ALL DATA FROM CIA, 2017*

Health

Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live birth	No Data	2015 est.	CIA, 2017
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	12.5	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Under-five mortality rate for males per 1,000 live births	8.8	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Under-five mortality rate for females per 1,000 live births	7.3	2012	UN Statistics, 2015
Births attended by a skilled health professional	100	2014	WHO, 2016
Prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15–49	No Data	2015	WHO, 2017
Life expectancy for men	74.4	2016 est.	CIA, 2017
Life expectancy for women	78.8	2016 est.	CIA, 2017

Education

	MALES	FEMALES	YEAR
Youth literacy rate, ages 15-24	No Data	No Data	2015
Adult literacy rate, ages 15+	98.4%	99.4%	2015
Net enrolment rate in primary education	88.28%	85.81%	2013
Gross enrolment ratio in secondary education	101.64%	103.79%	2015
Gross enrolment ratio in tertiary education	15.07%	31.15%	2012

** ALL DATA FROM UNESCO INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS, 2015 AND 2017*

- Female graduates from tertiary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 87.8%
- Female students enrolled in engineering, manufacturing and construction programmes in tertiary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 42.9%
- Female teachers in primary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 92.2%
- Female teachers in secondary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 68.2%
- Female teachers in tertiary education (2012) (UNESCO Institute of Statistics, 2015): 54.3%

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Economic Activity

- Males over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): Insufficient data
- Females over 15 who are active in the labour force (2016) (World Bank, 2017): Insufficient data
- Proportion of adults (15 years and older) with an account at a bank or other financial institution, or with a money mobile service provider (2011) (UN Statistics, 2017): Insufficient data

Decision-Making

- Proportion of seats held by women in National Parliament (2016) (World Bank, 2017): 11

Human Rights

- Girls married before 15 (UNICEF, 2016): Insufficient data
- Females married between 15 and 19 (World Economic Forum, 2013): Insufficient data
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime (UN Women, 2016): Insufficient data
- Women subjected to physical/sexual violence by an intimate partner or a non-partner during the last 12 months (UN Women, 2016): Insufficient data

Gender and Development Trends in Antigua & Barbuda

Health

Under the Offences Against the Person Act of 1873 (cap. 58, part IX, sections 53-54), abortion is considered an offence in Antigua and Barbuda, in all cases. Criminal law principles of necessity, however, allow an abortion to be performed to save the life of the pregnant woman (United Nations, n.d.).

Adult female obesity rates in Antigua and Barbuda have reached 34.5% (UN ECLAC, 2016).

Education

Antigua and Barbuda have achieved near gender parity in the attendance of males and females in schools at primary and secondary levels. A 2014 Caribbean Development Bank report notes that social barriers “adversely impact the access of young women to education, and a higher dropout rate is found among males at the primary, junior secondary and secondary levels” (p. 3).

Economy

48.4 percent of households in Antigua and Barbuda are headed by women (UN, 2012:22).

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The Caribbean Development Bank (2014) described women in Antigua and Barbuda, as predominantly occupying lower paying and/or less secure positions of domesticity and the provision of care” (p. 1).

Women have higher unemployment rates than men, and remain unemployed for longer periods, once they become ‘economically inactive’ (Caribbean Development Bank, 2014).

Governance

Women hold less than 15 percent of the nation’s political positions, from the local level up to Parliament. This is despite a high level of participation by women in the electoral process (Statement by the Second Secretary: Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda, 2014).

Women hold approximately 75 percent of the most senior civil servant roles in the country (Statement by the Second Secretary: Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda, 2014:3).

Human Rights

Rape is illegal and carries maximum sentences ranging from 10 years to life imprisonment. Data on the number of persons prosecuted for unlawful sexual intercourse is unavailable, but anecdotal evidence suggested it is a pervasive problem (U.S. Department of State, 2016). Studies indicate that up to 40% of adult women in Antigua experience physical abuse in intimate relationships (OHCHR, 2016).

Antigua & Barbuda SDG Progress Profile

- Antigua & Barbuda were not included in the 2016 SDG Index and Dashboards due to insufficient data. According to a 2016 report (Bertelsmann Stiftung, 2016), the data from Antigua & Barbuda was missing 44% of the values needed to be ranked, and therefore was not included in any indicator data (Annex 2, p. 39)

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