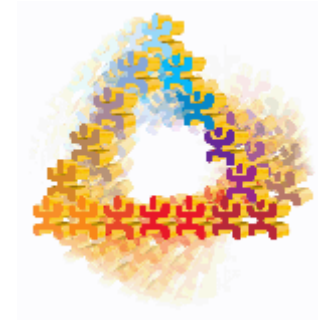




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In 1999, the estimated population on the island country of Anguilla was 12,871, yielding a density of 141 persons per km². The population growth rate was 2.9% in 2000. During 1997–2000, there were 247 deaths (116 males and 131 females), 70% of those were in the 70 years and older age group, 11 % were 60–69 years old, 9% were 40–59 years and 3 % were under 1 year old. Diseases of the circulatory system accounted for an Age Standardized Mortality Rate (ASMR) of 48%, malignant neoplasm for an ASMR of 14%, external causes for an ASMR of 6%, and conditions originating in the perinatal period for an ASMR of 2%. Obesity, particularly among women and children, is one of the major health problems facing Anguilla, but no data is available. Anemia was found in an estimated ASM of 7% of 5- and 6-year-olds and in 5% of 12-year-olds in 2000. In 1997, an estimated 20% of prenatal women were anemic.¹

In 1996, the Ministry of Health adopted the Primary Health Care (PHC) approach and in 1997 the PHC Department was instituted to ensure that appropriate affordable and accessible services are delivered to the people of Anguilla in a timely manner. A Health Authority Project Board was formed in 2000.²

¹ Pan American Health Organization. *Regional Core Health Data Initiative. Country Health Profiles*. 2002.

² Pan American Health Organization. *Regional Core Health Data Initiative. Country Health Profiles*. 2002.