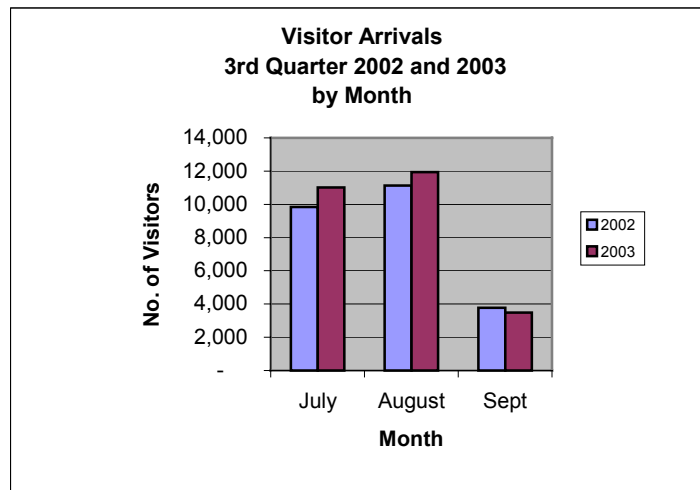


Tourism Summary Data
3rd Quarter 2003
July – September

The third quarter of this year showed continued strengthening of the tourism sector. Visitor arrivals to Anguilla for the 3rd quarter of 2003 saw an annual increase of 6.9% compared to declines of 8.7% and 4.4% in the first and second quarters respectively.

Individual monthly percentage changes in visitors for the third quarter were 12.0% in July, 7.3% in August and a decline of 7.6% in September in comparison to last year's corresponding totals. Over the past three years' 3rd quarter, visitor arrivals have been on the upturn with 21,870 in 2001, 24,734 in 2002 and 26,449 in 2003.

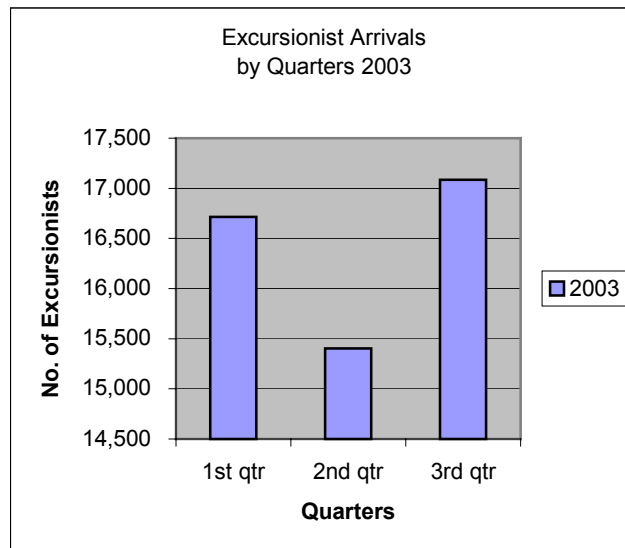
In 2003, January to September visitor arrivals totaled 84,091 compared to 86,527 in 2002 still an overall decline of 2.8% from last year due to the weaknesses in the first half of the year when Anguilla received most of her visitors.



Tourist arrivals have shown an earlier pattern of strengthening than excursionist arrivals. There was a 15.7% increase in tourist arrivals during the third quarter. This increase was larger than the second quarter, which was 7.3% and the first when tourist arrivals declined by 5.5%. The greatest monthly increase in tourist arrivals over the 2002-quarter was in the month of September with 22.9% even though it had the least absolute number of arrivals. The increase for the year to date in tourist arrivals is 3.9%.

Arrivals of excursionists for the third quarter were the main contributor to visitor arrivals to the island, recording a total of 17,084. The third quarter was the first this year to show an increase over 2002 at 2.7%. This has been the highest registered number of excursionists during this quarter July to September since 1994, however excursionists contribute less to the economy than tourists, as they do not stay over. To date this year, 49,202 excursionists came to Anguilla, a 7.1 % decline over the 2002 corresponding period.

The largest contribution to the year-to-date total number of excursionists was the third quarter, accounting for 34.7% followed by the first quarter then the second with 34.0% and 31.3% respectively, in contrast to the 2002 figure where the first quarter was the largest contributor with 35.5% followed by the second and third quarters, with 33.1% and 31.4% respectively. The change in the seasonal pattern of excursionists is likely explained by the success of the summer festival this year and the High School anniversary celebrations.



Port of Arrivals

Overall visitor arrivals (Day and Stay over) through Blowing Point port for this period were 17,126 an increase of 13% over 2002, at the same time visitor arrivals through the Wallblake Airport registered 5,803 a 5.5% increase from last year's corresponding period. The majority of excursionists' arrivals disembarked at the Blowing Point port, while most of the stay-overs arrived through the airport.

Length of Stay

3,775 (40.3%) of the 9,365 tourists who visited during the quarter July to September 2003 spent between 4-7 days. 2,696 (28.7%) stayed 8-15 days, while 1,800 (19.2%) stayed 1-3 days and the remaining 1,056 stayed between 16 to 23⁺ days. On average the length of stay was 8.6 days when compared to 8.2 of last year third quarter 2002. This was the same as the second quarter and slightly less than in the first quarter of the year

Market Sources of Visitors

Of the 26, 449 visitor arrivals to Anguilla during the 3rd quarter of 2003, just under 50% came from the USA. The Caribbean followed by the French West Indies (St Martin) and Dutch West Indies (St Maarten) with 13.1%, 10.9% and 10.6% respectively were the other main contributors.

The Canadian market proved to be the country of residence with the greatest percentage increase of 26.8% arrivals in the 3rd quarter of 2003 over the corresponding 2002 period. Other countries showing increases were the United Kingdom with (22.8%), and Italy and Europe (13.5%).

Countries showing declines in arrivals over the 2002 period were Germany and the Dutch West Indies. However, in total there was a 6.9% overall increase in visitor arrivals in the period under examination as compared to its 2002 corresponding period.