**Early Childhood Development**

Antigua and Barbuda

### Demographics

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<td>Population</td>
<td>97,928</td>
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<td>Annual births</td>
<td>1,457</td>
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<td>Children under 5</td>
<td>7,355 (8%)</td>
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<td>Under-five mortality</td>
<td>7 / 1,000</td>
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### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 42 / 100,000
- Low birthweight: 9%
- Child poverty: No data
- Violent discipline: No data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): No data
- Preterm births: 6%
- Under-five stunting: No data
- Inadequate supervision: No data

### Young children at risk of poor development

At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty.

### Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

### Facilitating environments

- Health
  - Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: No data
  - Careseeking for child pneumonia: No data
  - Antenatal care (4 or more visits): No data
  - Postnatal visits: No data
  - Exclusive breastfeeding: No data
  - Minimum acceptable diet: No data

- Nutrition
  - Early initiation of breastfeeding: No data
  - Exclusive breastfeeding: No data
  - Minimum acceptable diet: No data
  - Early initiation of breastfeeding: No data

- Early learning
  - Early stimulation at home: No data
  - Playthings at home: No data
  - Attendance in early childhood education: No data

- Security and safety
  - Birth registration: No data
  - Positive discipline: No data
  - Basic drinking water: 97%
  - Basic sanitation: 88%

- Responsive caregiving
  - Public information about ECD: No data
  - Parental mental health: No data
  - Parent support (groups, home visits): No data
  - Quality child day care: No data

- International conventions
  - Convention on the Rights of the Child
  - Conventions on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
  - Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

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**Countdown to 2030**

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

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