Monthly Bulletin

May 2013 in Review







CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS ARUBA

MAY 2013 IN REVIEW

Highlights May 2013 in Review

Consumer Prices:

- Year over year inflation down by 3.8 percent
- Period average inflation at -2.5 percent in May 2013
- Price of gasoline down by Afl. 0.08 per liter in May 2013
- Average price of diesel fell with Afl. 0.07 in May 2013
- WTI crude oil price reached \$94.51 per barrel
- Brent (Europe) crude oil price at \$102.56 per barrel

Utilities:

- Total average water distribution up by 2.5 percent
- Average electricity distribution down by 2.1 percent

Foreign Trade:

- Import of goods up by 8.7 percent in May 2013
- Value of export down by 8.9 percent in May 2013

Tourism:

- Total stayover visitors rose by 10.6 percent in May 2013
- U.S. visitors up by 5.8 percent in May 2013
- Visitors from Venezuela up by 37.2 percent
- Cruise passengers up by 226.9 percent in May 2013

Airport and Passenger Traffic:

- Commercial landings rose by 10.9 percent in May 2013
- Airport visitor arrivals up by 8.3 percent in May 2013

Monthly Economic Indicators

	% Ch	ange	
May 2013	Last	Last	
	Month	Year	
Consumer prices			
Total index	-0.4	-3.8	
Utilities			
Water consumption	-1.3	2.5	
Electricity distribution	6.0	-2.1	
Foreign trade			
Import	11.4	8.7	
Export	-1.2	-8.9	
Government			
Total tax revenue	n.a.	n.a.	
Tourism			
Total stayover visitors	-4.3	10.6	
USA	-5.4	5.8	
Venezuela	-9.5	37.2	
Colombia	99.3	82.1	
Netherlands	-1.9	9.6	
Cruise passenger arrivals	-62.3	226.9	
Airport & passenger traffic			
Commercial landings	-3.8	10.9	
Arrival visitors	-6.1	8.3	

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba







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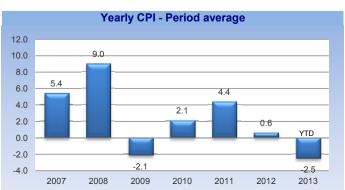
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1.1 Consumer Price Index





Key points

In May 2013, the total consumer price index decreased by 0.4 percent compared to the previous month. With the exception of Recreation & culture (+0.3%), Restaurants & hotels (+0.3%), Alcoholic beverages & tobacco (+0.2%) and Household operation (+0.1%), price decreases were recorded for the sectors Health (-2.4%), Transport (-1.5%), Clothing & footwear (-0.5%), Miscellaneous goods & services (-0.3%) and Food & non-alcoholic beverages (-0.3%). At the end of May 2013, the twelve-month average rate of inflation was at -2.5 percent, down from 5.2 percent recorded at the end of May 2012.

On a yearly basis, consumer prices declined by 3.8 percent in May 2013. Major price decreases were recorded in the following sectors:

1. <u>Housing</u>; In May 2013, average prices in the Housing sector decreased by 10.4 percent compared to May 2012, particularly as a result of decreases in the prices of Electricity, gas & other fuels (-15.3%) and Water supply & misc. services related to dwellings (-27.0%).

2. <u>Clothing</u> <u>&</u> <u>footwear</u>; Compared to May 2012, prices of Clothing & footwear fell with 9.0 percent in May 2013, mainly as a result of decreases in the average prices of Clothing (-9.5%) and Footwear (-4.7%).

3. *Transport*; In May 2013, prices in the Transport sector declined by 2.0 percent compared to May 2012. Lower prices were recorded for Operation of personal transport equipment (-6.6%) and Transport services (-3.4%).

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1.2 International aspects



Month	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13				
Consumer price index monthly %-change								
United States	0.8	0.3	-0.1	0.2				
Netherlands	0.8	1.1	0.1	0.0				
Curacao	0.9	0.7	0.6	-0.5				
Aruba	0.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.4				
Gasoline, diesel and wo	orld crude c	oil prices						
United States								
Gasoline (\$/gal)	3.67	3.71	3.57	3.62				
Diesel (\$/gal)	4.11	4.07	3.93	3.87				
Crude oil (\$/barrel)								
WTI - Cushing, Okl	95.31	92.94	92.02	94.51				
Brent, Europe	116.05	108.47	102.25	102.56				

Export price monthly %-change

USA 0.7



* Non-Resident Air Arrivals

** Non-Resident Hotel registrations only

Key points

During the month of May 2013, the average WTI crude oil price increased by \$2.49 per barrel compared to the previous month, reaching \$94.51 per barrel. The Brent (Europe) crude oil reached \$102.56 per barrel in May 2013, up from \$102.25 per barrel recorded in April 2013.

Month	Period	Tourists	%-Ch
Latest tourist arrivals	2013		
Anguilla	Jan-Jun	39,408	6.0
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Jul	149,464	-5.4
Aruba	Jan-Jun	465,375	5.4
Bahamas	Jan-May	581,528	-8.6
Belize	Jan-Jun	166,304	8.9
Barbados	Jan-Jul	312,228	-6.7
Cayman Islands	Jan-Jun	192,411	6.2
Cuba	Jan-Jun	1,595,566	-1.9
Curacao	Jan-Jun	215,088	6.4
Dominican Republic*	Jan-Jul	2,931,103	0.8
Jamaica	Jan-Jun	1,059,285	-1.2
Martinique	Jan-May	238,124	1.7
U.S. Virgin Islands	Jan-Jun	411,677	-3.9
St. Maarten	Jan-Jun	258,464	1.4
British Virgin Islands	Jan-Apr	155,317	2.2

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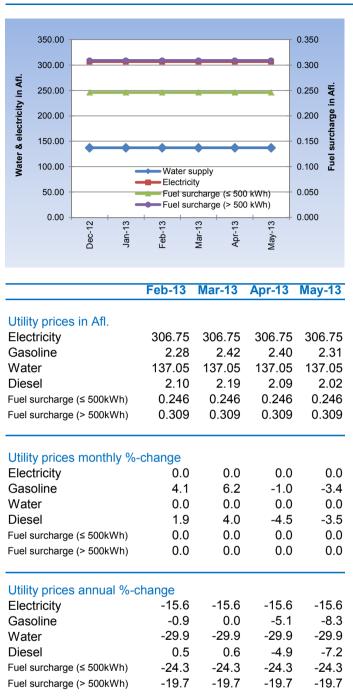
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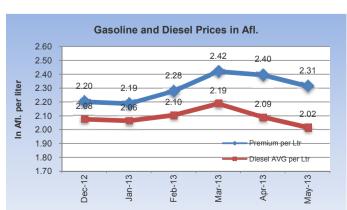
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Source: Energy Information Administration, Bureau of labor statistics, Caribbean Tourism Organization

2.1 Utilities







CPI USA: seasonally unadjusted

² Based on an average per household

Key points

In May 2013, the price of gasoline decreased by Afl. 0.08 per liter compared to the previous month, reaching Afl. 2.31 per liter. The average price of diesel fell with Afl. 0.07 per liter, reaching Afl. 2.02 per liter in May 2013. The average prices per household of water and electricity remained unchanged when compared to the previous month.

Prices of utilities in Aruba during June 2013

	Price	Impact
	change	on CPI
Electricity ¹	0.0%	0.00
Gasoline (premium)	0.4%	0.03
Water ²	0.0%	0.00
Diesel	-0.7%	0.00
Total impact		0.03
Source: Central Bureau of Stati	stics Aruba	

Disregarding any other important fluctuations in prices over the month of June 2013, price movement of gasoline and diesel during the month of June 2013 affects the consumer price index of June 2013 by 0.03.

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¹ Based on an average electricity consumption of 725.5 kWh per month.

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Houses

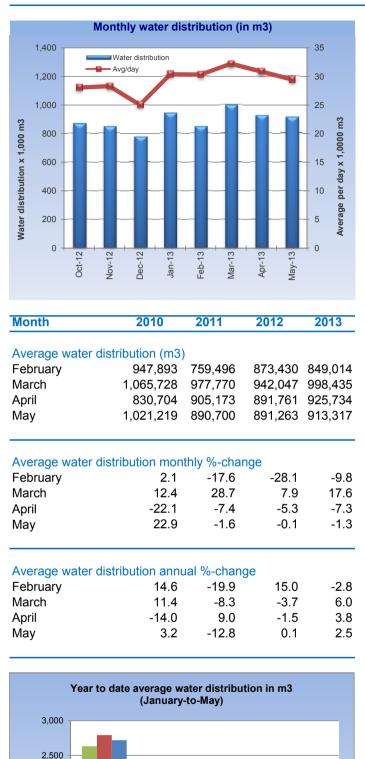
Companies

Hotels

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2.2 Water distribution



Key points

In May 2013, the average water distribution in Aruba (houses, companies, hotels, government) increased by 2.5 percent compared to May 2012. With the exception of Government (-1.8%), water usage increases were recorded for all sectors, particularly, Houses (+2.3%), Companies (+0.8%) and Hotels (+4.2%).

In the January-to-May period of 2013, the average water distribution fell with 3.9 percent compared to the similar period of 2012.

Average water distribution (in m³)*

May 2013		% Change since			
		last	last	YTD	
		month	year	% change	
Houses	540,885	-0.1	2.3	-2.7	
Companies	116,531	0.9	0.8	-3.7	
Hotels	236,341	-5.5	4.2	-6.2	
Government	19,560	3.0	-1.8	-8.0	
Total	913,317	-1.3	2.5	-3.9	

Source: WEB Aruba N.V., Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

* Calculation of drink water distribution in Aruba (in m3) is based on an average water distribution per month, excluding the distribution to Valero and vessels.

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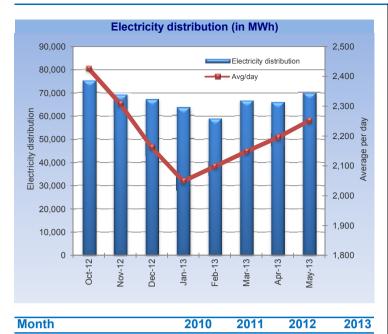
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2.3 Electricity distribution



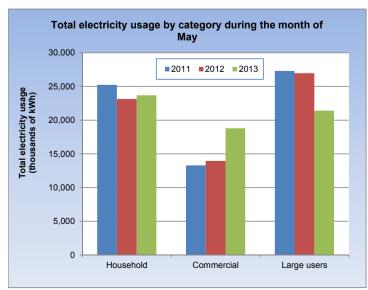
Average electricity distribution (MWh)

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February	61,106	58,966	61,725	58,737
March	71,051	64,484	60,329	66,587
April	69,741	64,463	64,812	65,850
Мау	73,399	71,077	71,265	69,799

Average electricity distribution monthly %-change

February	-10.1	-10.2	-2.3	-7.5
March	16.3	9.4	-2.3	13.4
April	-1.8	0.0	7.4	-1.1
Мау	5.2	10.3	10.0	6.0

Average electricity distribution annual %-change February 7.1 -3.5 4.7 -4.8 March 12.7 -9.2 -6.4 10.4 April 6.9 -7.6 0.5 1.6 -3.2 -2.1 6.5 0.3 May



Key points

In May 2013, electricity in MWh supplied to Elmar decreased by 2.1 percent compared to May 2012, in contrast to a 0.3 percent growth recorded during the similar period one year earlier.

The electricity consumption, as reported by the Elmar, increased by 0.8 percent in May 2013, when compared to May 2012. During the January-to-May period of 2013, the total electricity usage rose by 1.8 percent compared to the similar period of 2012.

Electricity Consumption (MWh)

	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13
Household	24,781	22,652	23,674
Usage per connection	626.7	572.7	597.0
Commercial	16,948	17,665	18,801
Large users	20,972	20,566	21,409
Streetlights	348	349	348
Signage	109	111	109
Churches, schools, etc.	1,024	1,015	1,156
Total	64,181	62,357	65,497

Electricity Generation (MWh)

Year	Valero	Windpark
2011	1,550	53,173
2012	1,239	62,756
2013	1,287	66,639

January-to-May period

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3 Foreign trade





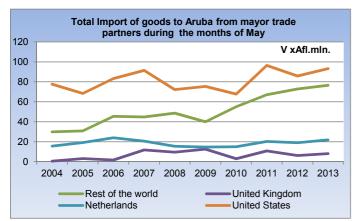
	Vx1,000	Monthly	Yearly	YTD
May 2013	Afl.	% Ch	% Ch	% Ch

Total import of goods to Aruba by commodity group

1. Agriculture products	67,164	4.7	12.3	10.4
2. Mineral chemical and				
related products	37,117	5.7	-4.2	-8.6
3. Textiles, pearls and				
precious stones	18,204	16.4	9.7	9.2
4. Metal products, machinery				
and equipment	42,102	18.6	-3.9	-4.6
5. Other transportable goods	35,084	21.5	42.0	18.7
Total Import	199,670	11.4	8.7	3.9

Total export of goods from Aruba by commodity group

1. Agriculture products	15,669	-9.0	-18.3	-3.6
2. Mineral chemical and				
related products	839	184.2	303.0	166.0
3. Textiles, pearls and				
precious stones	4,461	-2.0	23.3	79.2
4. Metal products, machinery				
and equipment	2,029	10.3	2.0	-0.6
5. Other transportable goods	1,129	119.4	-23.1	9.4
Total Export	24,127	-1.2	-8.9	7.8



Key points

In May 2013, the total import of merchandise to Aruba expanded by 8.7 percent compared to May 2012. With the exception of Mineral, chemical & related products (-4.2%) and Metal products, machinery & equipment (-3.9%), import decreases were recorded for Agriculture products (+12.3%), Textiles, pearls & precious stones (+9.7%) and Other transportable goods (+42.0%).

In the January-to-May period of 2013, the total import of goods to Aruba is running 3.9 percent higher than the level recorded during the similar period of 2012.

Compared to May 2012, the total exports of goods from Aruba declined by 8.9 percent in May 2013. With the exception of Mineral, chemical & related products (+303.0%), Textiles, pearls & precious stones (+23.3%) and Metal products, machinery & equipment (+2.0%), export decreases have been recorded for Agriculture products (+18.3%) and Other transportable goods (-23.1%).

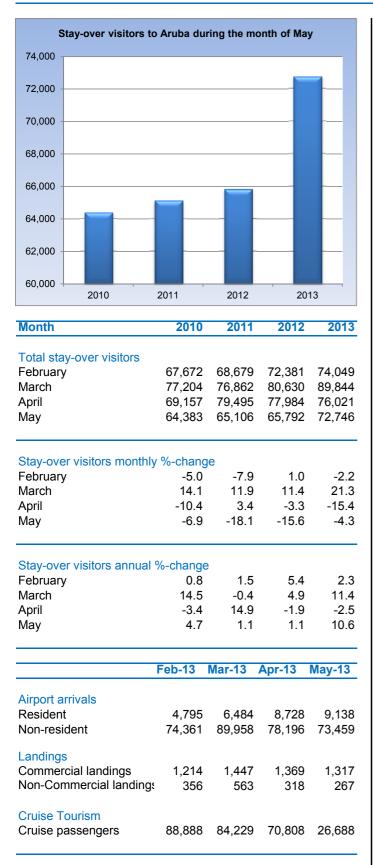
In the January-to-May period of 2013, total export of goods from Aruba increased by 7.8 percent compared to the similar period of 2012.

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4 Tourism





-3.7

-1.9

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25.8

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9.6

-19.1

16.9

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Source: Aruba Tourism Authority

Key points

Tourism

USA

Canada

Brazil

Argentina

Curacao

Other

Netherlands

In May 2013, the total number of stay-over visitors to Aruba increased by 10.6 percent compared to May 2012, following a 1.1 percent growth recorded during the similar period one year earlier. The main increases were recorded for the visitors from USA (+5.8%), Venezuela (+37.2%), Colombia (+82.1%), Brazil (+34.9%) and the Netherlands (+9.6%).

1,049

3,271

1,936

6,047

Year to date

In the January-to-May period of 2013, the total number of visitors to Aruba is running 5.4 percent higher than the level recorded during the similar period of 2012. On a year to date basis, the number of cruise passengers rose by 10.6 percent in May 2013, when compared to the similar period of 2012.

The share of the US market, which is the largest market, fell from 64.2 percent in May 2012 to 62.3 percent in May 2013. The Venezuelan market, the second largest market, recorded a market share of 13.2 percent in May 2013, up from 11.4 percent recorded in May 2012.

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Consumer Price Index					YTD ¹	YTD	Monthly	Yearly
(Dec 2006=100)	Apr '12	May '12	Apr '13	May '13	2012	2013	% change	% change
Sector					in %		-	-
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	141.4	141.1	141.8	141.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.3
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	126.3	126.5	138.3	138.6	1.6	8.4	0.2	9.6
Clothing & footwear	104.0	104.3	95.5	95.0	-4.2	-3.6	-0.5	-9.0
Housing	145.6	145.5	130.4	130.3	-0.1	0.3	0.0	-10.4
Household operation	102.4	101.7	99.3	99.4	-1.6	-0.3	0.1	-2.3
Health	92.3	93.2	96.2	93.9	2.2	-0.5	-2.4	0.8
Transport	121.8	121.9	121.4	119.6	5.2	1.6	-1.5	-2.0
Communications	87.1	87.0	86.9	86.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Recreation & culture	111.8	111.6	112.9	113.3	-3.2	0.3	0.3	1.5
Education	116.4	116.5	116.6	116.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Restaurants & hotels	124.1	124.4	125.5	125.8	3.3	0.9	0.3	1.1
Miscellaneous goods & services	99.7	99.7	100.9	100.6	-0.5	0.3	-0.3	0.9
Total Index	121.9	121.8	117.6	117.2	0.4	0.3	-0.4	-3.8
Fuel Surcharge per kWh in Afl. (≤ 500 kWh)	0.32	0.32	0.25	0.25	0.0	0.0	0.0	-24.3
Fuel Surcharge per kWh in Afl. (> 500 kWh)	0.38	0.38	0.31	0.31	0.0	0.0	0.0	-19.7
Electricity (in Afl.) ²	363.27	363.27	306.75	306.75	0.0	0.0	0.0	-15.6
Aruba Gasoline (in Afl. per ltr)	2.52	2.52	2.40	2.31	15.2	5.1	-3.4	-8.3
Water (in Afl.) ³	195.47	195.47	137.05	137.05	0.0	0.0	0.0	-29.9
Aruba Diesel (in Afl. per ltr)	2.20	2.17	2.09	2.02	3.4	-2.9	-3.5	-7.2
US Gasoline (in \$ per ltr)	1.03	0.99	0.94	0.96	14.3	9.2		-3.1
US Diesel (in \$ per ltr)	1.09	1.05	1.04	1.02	3.1	-2.3	-1.5	-2.7
Crude Oil (in \$ per barrel) ⁴								
WTI - Cushing, Oklahoma	103.32	94.66	92.02	94.51	-4.0	7.6	2.7	-0.2
Brent, Europe	119.75	110.34	102.25	102.56	2.3	-6.3	0.3	-7.1
Utilities					YTD ¹	YTD	Monthly	Yearly
	Apr '12	May '12	Apr '13	May '13	2012	2013	% change	% change

Electricity supplied to Elmar								
for distribution (in MWh)								
Total average	64,812	71,265	65,850	69,799	321,280	324,478	6.0	-2.1
Water consumption (in m3)								
Houses	525,852	528,920	541,325	540,885	2,793,245	2,719,011	-0.1	2.3
Companies	112,978	115,574	115,440	116,531	609,905	587,208	0.9	0.8
Hotels	231,680	226,860	249,986	236,341	1,308,098	1,227,457	-5.5	4.2
Government	21,251	19,909	18,983	19,560	102,825	94,549	3.0	-1.8
Total average	891,761	891,263	925,734	913,317	4,814,072	4,628,225	-1.3	2.5

¹⁾ YTD (Year to date) refers to the period of January 1st of the current year to the month under review.

- $^{\rm 2)}\,$ Based on an average use of 725.5 kWh $\,$
- ³⁾ Based on an average per household
- ⁴⁾ Unweighted average of daily closing spot prices
- Sources: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba, WEB Aruba N.V.



CORRESPONDING TABLES

Foreign Trade in Merchandise					YTD ¹	YTD	Monthly	Yearly
(*1,000 Afl.)	Apr '12	May '12	Apr '13	May '13	2012	2013	% change	% change
Imports of goods by commodity group								
Agriculture products	61,365	59,803	64,124	67,164	287,800	317,837	4.7	12.3
Mineral chemical and related products	41,152	38,747	35,126	37,117	192,960	176,425	5.7	-4.2
Textiles, pearls and precious stones	14,934	16,590	15,636	18,204	88,407	96,565	16.4	9.7
Metal products, machinery and equipment	36,910	43,832	35,505	42,102	207,577	197,930	18.6	-3.9
Other transportable goods	26,664	24,705	28,877	35,084	122,771	145,699	21.5	42.0
Total Import	181,025	183,677	179,268	199,670	899,516	934,455	11.4	8.7
Exports of goods by commodity group								
Agriculture products	12,404	19,189	17,223	15,669	84,043	81,010	-9.0	-18.3
Mineral chemical and related products	1,267	208	295	839	2,938	7,816	184.2	303.0
Textiles, pearls and precious stones	2,357	3,617	4,551	4,461	8,187	14,670	-2.0	23.3
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1,648	1,990	1,840	2,029	12,236	12,160	10.3	
Other transportable goods	577	1,468	514	1,129	4,926	5,390	119.4	
Total Export	18,253	26,473	24,424	24,127	112,330	121,045	-1.2	
Tourism					YTD ¹	YTD	Monthly	Yearly
	Apr '12	May '12	Apr '13	May '13	2012	2013	-	% change
Total stay over visitors	77,984	65,792	76,021	72,746	368,426	388,411	-4.3	10.6
USA	48,899	43,330	48,493	45,863	236,638	241,826	-5.4	
Canada	3,602	2,212	4,126	2,168	23,314	23,124	-47.5	
Venezuela	12,748	6,580	9,976	9,027	42,041	51,177	-9.5	
Colombia	1,245	959	876	1,746	5,583	6,336	99.3	
Brazil	1,425	1,215	1,544	1,639	8,055	8,127	6.2	
Argentina	861	946	1,089	1,049	5,233	6,808	-3.7	
Netherlands	3,320	2,985	3,336	3,271	16,710	15,582	-1.9	
Curacao	1,658	2,392	1,775	1,936	8,150	7,692	9.1	
Bonaire	424	334	375	409	1,525	1,596		
Other	3,802	4,839	4,431	5,638	21,177	26,143	27.2	
Airport Traffic								
Total landings	1,972	1,486	1,687	1,584	8,485	8,723	-6.1	6.6
Commercial landings	1,357	1,188	1,369	1,317	6,319	6,646	-3.8	
Non-commercial landings	615	298	318	267	2,166	2,077		
Passenger Traffic								
Total arrivals	86,420	76,951	86,924	82,597	415,142	432,493	-5.0	7.3
Arrival locals	7,555	9,113	8,728	9,138	36,784	37,986	4.7	
Arrival visitors	78,865	67,838	78,196	73,459	378,358	394,507	-6.1	8.3
Cruise tourism					YTD ¹	YTD	Monthly	Yearly
	Apr '12	May '12	Apr '13	May '13	2012	2013		% change
Cruise passengers	69,852	8,164	70,808	26,688	351,795	389,155	-62.3	226.9
Cruise calls	33	3	34	16	173	201	-52.9	
Crew members	28,012	2,911	29,138	11,355	139,992	157,230	-61.0	
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¹⁾ YTD (Year to date) refers to the period of January 1st of the current year to the month under review. This period is compared to the same period of the previous year. Sources: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba, Customs Aruba, IASA, Aruba Tourism Authority.