## Monthly Bulletin

## April 2011 in Review







## **CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS ARUBA**

## **APRIL 2011 IN REVIEW**

#### **Highlights April 2011 in Review**

#### **Consumer Prices:**

- Year over year inflation up by 3.5 percent
- Period average inflation at 0.8 percent in April 2011
- Price of gasoline up with Afl. 0.19 in April 2011
- Price of diesel up with Afl. 0.12 in April 2011
- Average world crude oil price at \$ 116.88 per barrel

#### **Utilities:**

- Total average water distribution up by 9.0 percent
- Average electricity distribution down by 7.6 percent

#### **Foreign Trade:**

- Import of goods up by 20.1 percent in April 2011
- Value of export up by 8.7 percent in April 2011

#### **Government:**

- Total tax revenue in April 2011 up by 8.5 percent
- Taxes on income & profit up by 54.5 percent
- Taxes on commodities down by 5.6 percent
- Taxes on property down by 74.2 percent in April 2011
- Turnover tax (BBO) up by 12.9 percent

#### Tourism:

- Total stayover visitors rose by 15.3 percent in April 2011
- Cruise passengers down by 16.3 percent

#### **Passenger Traffic:**

- Commercial landings up by 10.9 percent
- Arrival visitors up by 14.8 percent in April 2011

#### **Population:**

- Total population in the 1st Qrtr. Of 2011: 108,082
- 227 births during the first quarter of 2011
- 155 deaths during the first quarter of 2011

#### **Construction:**

- Total new houses in the fourth quarter of 2010 down by 11.0 percent
- Total import of cement down by 12.1 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2009

#### **Monthly Economic Indicators**

|                             | % Ch  | ange  |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| April 2011                  | Last  | Last  |
|                             | Month | Year  |
|                             |       |       |
| Consumer prices             |       |       |
| Total index                 | 2.5   | 3.5   |
|                             |       |       |
| Utilities                   |       |       |
| Water consumption           | -7.4  | 9.0   |
| Electricity distribution    | 0.0   | -7.6  |
|                             |       |       |
| Foreign trade               |       |       |
| Import                      | -27.7 | 20.1  |
| Export                      | 52.3  | 8.7   |
| Government                  |       |       |
| Total tax revenue           | -17.3 | 8.5   |
| Tourism                     |       |       |
| Total stayover visitors     | 3.3   | 15.3  |
| USA                         | 2.0   | 1.4   |
| Venezuela                   | 88.4  | 138.3 |
| Colombia                    | 94.6  | 110.1 |
| Netherlands                 | 5.5   | 18.1  |
| Cruise arrivals             | -49.7 | -16.3 |
| Airport & passenger traffic |       |       |
| Commercial landings         | 4.5   | 10.9  |
| Arrival visitors            | 3.1   | 14.8  |
|                             |       |       |

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba







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### **1.1 Consumer Price Index**





#### **Key points**

Consumer prices in April 2011 increased by 2.5 percent compared to the previous month, following an increase 0.4 percent in the similar period one year earlier. With the exception of Food & non-alcoholic beverages (-0.1%). Clothing & footwear (-0.4%), Restaurants & hotels (-0.2%) and Miscellaneous goods & services (-0.2%), price increases has been recorded for all sectors, particularly, Housing (+6.7%), Transport (+3.4%), Education (+0.3%), Recreation & culture (+0.3%), Household operation (+0.3%), Health (+0.2%) and Alcoholic beverages & tobacco (+0.2%).

On a yearly basis, consumer prices rose by 3.5 percent in April 2011. Major price increases were recorded in the following sectors:

1. *Housing*; Average prices in the Housing sector increased by 6.5 percent compared to April 2010. Main price increases were recorded for Electricity, gas & other fuels (+9.5%), Water supply & misc. services related to dwellings (+5.7%), Actual rentals for housing (+5.6%) and Maintenance & repair of dwellings (+2.8%)

2. *Transport*; In April 2011, prices in the Transport sector rose by 5.4 percent compared to April 2010. Higher prices were recorded for Operation of personal transport equipment (+13.6%), while prices of Transport services and Purchase of vehicles fell with 9.8 and 2.0 percent respectively.

3. *Food & non-alcoholic beverages*; Prices in this sector increased by 2.4 percent in April 2011. Average prices of Alcoholic beverages and Food increased by 3.3 and 2.3 percent respectively, compared to April 2010.

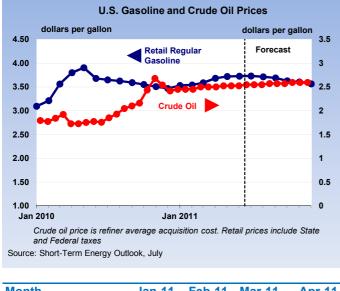
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### **1.2 International aspects**



| Month   | Jan-11                                | Feb-11   | Mar-11  | Apr-11 |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------|
| Consumer price index<br>United States<br>Netherlands<br>Curacao<br>Aruba  | monthly %<br>0.5<br>0.0<br>0.3<br>0.4 | 0.5<br>0.7<br>0.1  | 1.2<br>0.2  |        |
| Gasoline, diesel and w<br>United States<br>Gasoline (\$/gal)  | orld crude<br>3.10                    |  | 3.56  | 3.80   |
| Diesel (\$/gal)<br>Crude oil (\$/barrel)  | 3.39<br>92.04                         | 3.58   | 3.91  | 4.06   |
| Export price monthly %<br>USA   | -change<br>1.3                        | 1.3  | 1.5   | 0.9    |
| Month   |                                       | Period   | Tourists  |        |
| Latest tourist arrivals<br>Aruba<br>Barbados<br>Belize<br>Bermuda<br>British Virgin Islands.<br>Cayman Islands<br>Cuba<br>Curacao<br>Dominica<br>Dominica Republic<br>Grenada<br>Jamaica<br>Puerto Rico<br>Saint Lucia<br>US Virgin Islands |                                       | Jan-Apr<br>Jan-Apr<br>Jan-Mar<br>Jan-May<br>Jan-Apr<br>Jan-Apr<br>Jan-Apr<br>Jan-Apr<br>Jan-Mar<br>Jan-Feb<br>Jan-Apr<br>Jan-Apr | 300,771<br>208,686<br>98,948<br>30,824<br>175,131<br>124,646<br>1,179,963<br>128,791<br>24,934<br>1,634,776<br>31,240<br>553,304<br>266,124<br>111,850<br>269,163 |        |

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

#### Key points

The crude oil price outlook remains uncertain. It has been difficult because of factors which continually affect oil prices, such as changing expectations of world economy and crude oil demand growth, uncertainty over oil supply disruptions, estimates of OPEC spare production capacity, and other physical and financial market factors. Still, oil markets is expected to tighten as a result of growing fuel demand and slowing growth in NON-OPEC supply. It is expected that world oil prices, which averaged \$79 per barrel in 2010, will average \$98 per barrel in 2011 and \$103 per barrel in 2012.

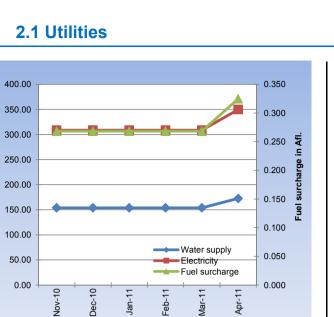
In the United States, forecasts show that average regular-grade gasoline retail prices will increase from \$2.78 per gallon in 2010 to \$3.56 per gallon in 2011 and to \$3.65 per gallon in 2012, both reductions from earlier prognoses. The sizable jump is due to the higher average cost of crude oil compared to the previous year, as well as an increase in U.S. refining margins on gasoline (the difference between refinery wholesale gasoline prices and the average cost of crude oil).

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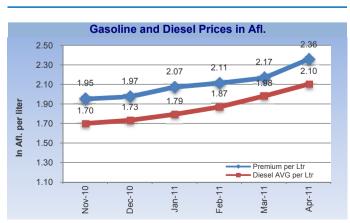
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Water & electricity in Afl.



|                                 | Jan-11 | Feb-11 | Mar-11 | Apr-11 |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| Utility prices                  |        |        |        |        |  |  |
| Electricity                     | 308.72 | 308.72 | 308.72 | 349.78 |  |  |
| Gasoline                        | 2.07   | 2.11   | 2.17   | 2.36   |  |  |
| Water                           | 153.95 | 153.95 | 153.95 | 172.60 |  |  |
| Diesel                          | 1.79   | 1.87   | 1.98   | 2.10   |  |  |
| Fuel surcharge                  | 0.268  | 0.268  | 0.268  | 0.325  |  |  |
| Utility prices monthly %-change |        |        |        |        |  |  |
| Electricity                     | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 13.3   |  |  |
| Gasoline                        | 5.0    | 2.0    | 2.5    | 8.8    |  |  |
| Water                           | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 12.1   |  |  |
| Diesel                          | 3.5    | 4.2    | 5.9    | 6.1    |  |  |
| Fuel surcharge                  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 21.1   |  |  |
| Utility prices annual %-change  |        |        |        |        |  |  |
| Electricity                     | 3.1    | 3.1    | -3.1   | 9.8    |  |  |
| Gasoline                        | 11.5   | 10.2   | 14.2   | 18.4   |  |  |
| Water                           | -1.6   | -1.6   | -5.1   | 6.4    |  |  |



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Diesel

Fuel surcharge

<sup>2</sup> Based on an average per household



#### Key points

The average price of water and electricity recorded an increase after remaining unchanged since October 2010. In April 2011, average prices of water of electricity increased by 12.1 and 13.3 percent respectively compared to the previous month. The price of gasoline increased by Afl. 0.19 in April 2011, reaching Afl. 2.36 per liter. In addition, the price of diesel rose with Afl. 0.12 compared to the previous month, reaching an average price of Afl. 2.10 per liter. Average world crude oil prices in April 2011 reached \$ 116.88, up from \$ 109.06 recorded in March 2011.

#### Prices of utilities in Aruba during May 2011

|                          | <b>J J</b> |        |
|--------------------------|------------|--------|
|                          | Price      | Impact |
|                          | change     | on CPI |
|                          |            |        |
| Electricity <sup>1</sup> | 0.0%       | 0.00   |
| Gasoline (premium)       | 6.8%       | 0.46   |
| Water <sup>2</sup>       | 0.0%       | 0.00   |
| Diesel                   | 3.8%       | 0.01   |
| Rent                     | 0.5%       | 0.04   |
| Total impact             |            | 0.52   |
|                          |            |        |
|                          |            |        |

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Disregarding any other important fluctuations in prices over the month of May 2011, price movement of gasoline, diesel and rent during the month of May 2011 will affect to the consumer price index of May 2011 by 0.52.

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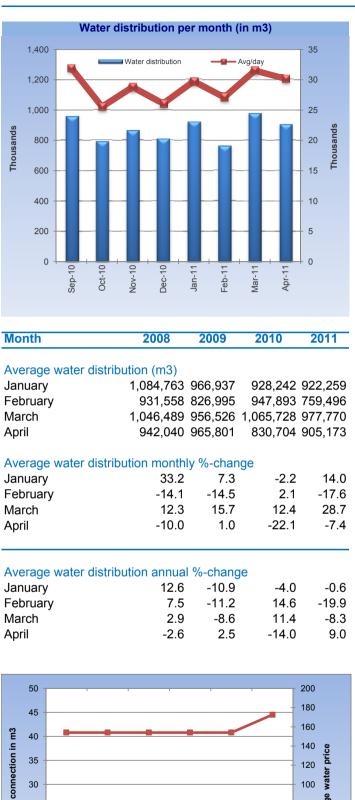
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CPI USA: seasonally unadjusted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on an average electricity consumption of 725.5 kWh per month.



## 2.2 Water distribution



#### Key points

In April 2011, the average water distribution (houses, companies, hotels, government) increased by 9.0 percent compared to April 2010. Water usage increases has been recorded for all sectors. particularly, Government (+12.0%), Companies (+11.2%), Hotels (+9.9%) and Houses (+8.1%). On a year to date basis, total water distribution in April 2011 is running 5.5 percent below the level recorded in 2010.

#### Average water distribution (in m<sup>3</sup>)\*

| April 2011      |                 | <u>% Cha</u>                | ange since |          |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------|
|                 |                 | last                        | last       | YTD      |
|                 |                 | month                       | year       | % change |
| Houses          | 545,121         | -5.2                        | 8.1        | -5.0     |
| Companies       | 109,381         | -10.4                       | 11.2       | 1.3      |
| Hotels          | 232,091         | -11.7                       | 9.9        | -9.2     |
| Government      | 18,580          | 4.8                         | 12.0       | -8.9     |
| Total           | 905,173         | -7.4                        | 9.0        | -5.5     |
| Average water u | isage per conne | ection (in m <sup>3</sup> ) |            |          |
| Houses          | 15.3            | -5.2                        | 6.3        | -6.8     |
| Companies       | 46.0            | -10.3                       | 11.1       | 0.1      |
| Hotels (x100)   | 52.7            | -11.7                       | 9.9        | -9.2     |
| Government      | 69.6            | 4.4                         | 11.6       | -7.9     |

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.

On a monthly basis, the total average water usage declined by 7.4 percent in April 2011. With the exception of Government (+4.8%), water usage decreases has been recorded by Households (-5.2%), Companies (-10.4%) and Hotels (-11.7%).

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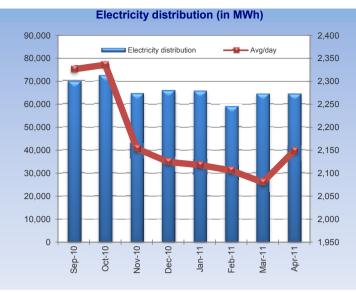
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## 2.3 Electricity distribution



| Month                    | 2008          | 2009   | 2010   | 2011   |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                          |               |        |        |        |
| Electricity distribution | ı (MWh)       |        |        |        |
| January                  | 65,572        | 64,749 | 67,969 | 65,652 |
| February                 | 61,363        | 57,037 | 61,106 | 58,966 |
| March                    | 64,731        | 63,037 | 71,051 | 64,484 |
| April                    | 65.879        | 65.267 | 69.741 | 64,463 |
|                          | ,             | ,      | ,      | ,      |
|                          |               |        |        |        |
| Electricity distribution | monthly %-cha | inge   |        |        |
| January                  | 3.7           | 1.2    | -3.6   | -0.3   |
| February                 | -6.4          | -11.9  | -10.1  | -10.2  |
| March                    | 5.5           | 10.5   | 16.3   | 9.4    |
| April                    | 1.8           | 3.5    | -1.8   | 0.0    |
| Лрш                      | 1.0           | 0.0    | -1.0   | 0.0    |
| Electricity distributior | annual %-char | nde    |        |        |
| January                  | 3.5           | -1.3   | 5.0    | -3.4   |
| January                  | 3.5           | -1.5   | 5.0    | -3.4   |

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| February | 7.4  | -7.0 | 7.1  | -3.5 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| March    | 2.6  | -2.6 | 12.7 | -9.2 |
| April    | -1.8 | -0.9 | 6.9  | -7.6 |



#### Key points

During the month of April 2011, electricity (in MWh) supplied to Elmar for distribution decreased by 7.6 percent compared to April 2010, in contrast to an increase of 6.9 percent recorded in the similar period one year earlier. In the January-to-April period of 2011, electricity distribution declined by 6.0 percent compared to the similar period of 2010.

#### **Electricity Consumption (MWh)**

|                         | Feb-11 | Mar-11 | Apr-11 |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Household               | 18,125 | 22,311 | 21,105 |
| Per connection          | 471.1  | 579.1  | 548.0  |
| Commercial              | 12,995 | 12,527 | 12,213 |
| Large users             | 23,173 | 25,556 | 25,324 |
| Streetlights            | 355    | 355    | 354    |
| Signage                 | 99     | 99     | 97     |
| Churches, schools, etc. | 427    | 404    | 367    |
| Total                   | 55,174 | 61,253 | 59,461 |

In April 2011, the total electricity usage (as reported by the ELMAR N.V.) fell with 2.9 percent compared to the previous month. The main usage decreases were recorded by Households (-5.4%), the Commercial sector (-2.5%) and Large users (-0.9%).

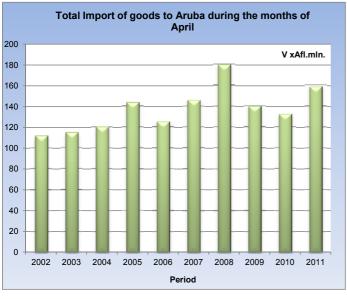
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## **3 Foreign trade**





|            | Vx1,000 | Monthly | Yearly | YTD  |
|------------|---------|---------|--------|------|
| April 2011 | Afl.    | % Ch    | % Ch   | % Ch |

#### Total import of goods to Aruba by commodity group

| <b>J</b>                     |         |       |      |      |
|------------------------------|---------|-------|------|------|
| 1. Agriculture products      | 57,028  | -2.7  | 13.2 | 1.6  |
| 2. Mineral chemical and      |         |       |      |      |
| related products             | 24,376  | -10.2 | 38.7 | 16.9 |
| 3. Textiles, pearls and      |         |       |      |      |
| precious stones              | 16,640  | -13.8 | 17.6 | 15.8 |
| 4. Metal products, machinery |         |       |      |      |
| and equipment                | 35,884  | -58.1 | 24.3 | 92.1 |
| 5. Other transportable goods | 24,856  | -13.3 | 16.9 | 26.5 |
| Total Import                 | 158,783 | -27.7 | 20.1 | 28.8 |
|                              |         |       |      |      |

#### Total export of goods to Aruba by commodity group

| 1. Agriculture products      | 19,691 | 22.9    | -15.3 | 12.0  |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| 2. Mineral chemical and      |        |         |       |       |
| related products             | 175    | -71.4   | -54.6 | -33.2 |
| 3. Textiles, pearls and      |        |         |       |       |
| precious stones              | 5,995  | 1,920.2 | 260.0 | 60.6  |
| 4. Metal products, machinery |        |         |       |       |
| and equipment                | 1,359  | 17.8    | 93.6  | 15.5  |
| 5. Other transportable goods | 1,908  | 81.4    | 140.4 | 36.9  |
| Total Export                 | 29,128 | 52.3    | 8.7   | 15.0  |
|                              |        |         |       |       |



### Key points

Total import of merchandise expanded by 20.1 percent in April 2011, when compared to April 2010. Import increases has been recorded for all sectors, particularly, Mineral, chemical & related products (+38.7%), Metal products, machinery & equipment (+24.3%), Textiles, pearls & precious stones (+17.6%), Other transportable goods (+16.9%), and Agriculture products (+13.2%). On a monthly basis, total import of merchandise declined by 27.7 percent in April 2011. In the January-to-April period of 2011, total imports increased by 28.8 percent compared to the similar period of 2010.

In April 2011, total exports rose by 8.7 percent compared to April 2010, following a growth of 53.7 percent recorded in the similar period one year earlier. The main increases were registered for the export of Textiles, pearls & precious stones (+260.0%), Other transportable goods (+140.4%) and Metal products, machinery & equipment (+93.6%). On a year to date basis, total exports in April 2011 is running 15.0 percent higher than the comparable period of 2010.

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#### Key points

In April 2011, the total government tax revenue rose by 8.5 percent compared to April 2010, in contrast to a drop of 25.0 percent recorded during the similar period one year before. The main increases were recorded for the Profit tax (+171.9%), Tourist tax (66.7%), Wage tax (+16.0%), Import duties (+21.9%) and the Income tax (+163.5%). On the other hand, the Excises on gasoline and the long-lease property rights fell with 99.1 and 89.0 percent respectively. In the January-to-April period of 2011, the total tax revenues is running 9.3 percent above the level recorded in the similar period of 2010.

#### Tax Revenues<sup>1</sup>

| Tax Revenues               |               |       | ge since |          |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------|----------|----------|
| April 2011                 |               |       |          |          |
|                            |               | last  | last     | YTD      |
|                            | (x1,000 Afl.) | month | year     | % change |
| Taxes on income & profit   | 26,551        | -12.0 | 54.5     | 25.9     |
| Income tax                 | 706           | 28.8  | 163.5    | -82.1    |
| Wage tax                   | 18,461        | 5.5   | 16.0     | 11.8     |
| Profit tax                 | 6,660         | -43.6 | 171.9    | 76.8     |
| Dividend tax               | 724           | 138.2 | 1,091.8  | 203.5    |
| Taxes on commodities       | 18,301        | -31.5 | -5.6     | 3.8      |
| Import duties              | 12,604        | -2.4  | 21.9     | 21.3     |
| Excises on spirits         | 1,583         | -18.4 | 54.0     | 5.2      |
| Excises on cigarettes      | 1,041         | 99.8  | 36.4     | -19.2    |
| Excises on beer            | 2,772         | 29.1  | 45.1     | -3.4     |
| Excises on gasoline        | 46            | -99.5 | -99.1    | -25.5    |
| Other customs              | 255           | 20.3  | 59.4     | 35.0     |
| Taxes on property          | 1,867         | -37.5 | -74.2    | -20.2    |
| Long-lease property rights | 490           | 101.6 | -89.0    | -73.7    |
| Land tax                   | 589           | -27.9 | -9.7     | 0.6      |
| Transfer tax               | 317           | -63.1 | -80.4    | -48.6    |
| Succession tax             | 13            | -59.4 | -84.1    | -55.2    |
| Motor vehicle tax          | 458           | -55.9 | 7.0      | 15.1     |
| Taxes on services          | 2,130         | -11.4 | -65.1    | -39.4    |
| Lodging tax                | 10            | -87.8 | -99.7    | -62.3    |
| Gambling licenses          | 2,072         | -4.3  | -4.6     | -3.2     |
| Stamp duties               | 48            | -69.4 | 50.0     | 11.6     |
| Turnover tax (BBO)         | 7,380         | 8.3   | 12.9     | -12.7    |
| Tourist tax                | 6,480         | 2.1   |          |          |
| Other tax & nontax rev     | 1,453         | -32.5 | -46.7    | -19.8    |
| Total tax revenue          | 64,162        | -17.3 | 8.5      | 9.3      |
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Source: Tax Collector's Office

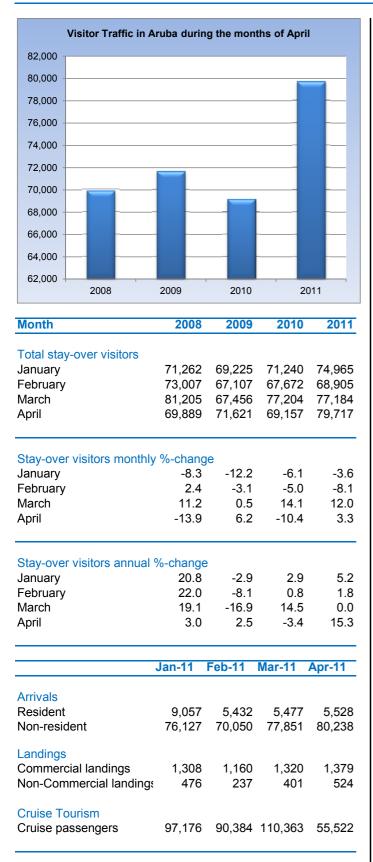
<sup>1</sup> Excluding AZV and AOV/ AWW.

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## 5 Tourism



Source: Aruba Tourism Authority, I.A.S.A., Cruise Tourism Aruba



| Tourism                         |        |                |       |          |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------------|-------|----------|--|--|--|
| April 2011                      |        | % Change since |       |          |  |  |  |
|                                 |        | last           | last  | YTD      |  |  |  |
|                                 |        | month          | year  | % change |  |  |  |
| Total stay over visitors        | 79,717 | 3.3            | 15.3  | 5.4      |  |  |  |
| USA                             | 51,915 | 2.0            | 1.4   | -1.9     |  |  |  |
| Venezuela                       | 11,998 | 88.4           | 138.3 | 38.2     |  |  |  |
| Colombia                        | 1,683  | 94.6           | 110.1 | 31.3     |  |  |  |
| Netherlands                     | 3,475  | 5.5            | 18.1  | 7.6      |  |  |  |
| Neth. Antilles                  | 1,827  | -23.6          | -11.1 | 7.8      |  |  |  |
| Canada                          | 2,980  | -54.5          | 10.1  | 21.9     |  |  |  |
| Other                           | 5,839  | -14.4          | 32.4  | 20.9     |  |  |  |
|                                 |        |                |       |          |  |  |  |
| Source: Aruba Tourism Authority |        |                |       |          |  |  |  |

#### Key points

During the month of April 2011, the total number of stayover visitors increased by 15.3 percent compared to April 2010, in contrast to a drop of 3.4 percent recorded in the similar period one year earlier. The South American market did well in April 2011. The Venezuelan, Colombian and Brazilian market increased by 138.3, 110.1 and 26.9 percent respectively, compared to April 2010. The US market rose with 1.4 percent in April 2011. In addition, visitors from the Netherlands, Italy and Germany increased by 18.1, 587.8 and 97.8 percent respectively, compared to April 2010. Furthermore, visitors from Canada rose by 10.1 percent in April 2011.

In the January-to-April period of 2011, total number of visitors to Aruba increased by 5.4 percent compared to the similar period of 2010.

At the end of April 2011, the US market represents a share of 65.7 percent of the total visitor market, down from 70.6 percent in 2010. The Venezuelan market is now the second largest market, recording a market share of 9.9 percent, up from 7.5 percent in April 2010. The Canadian market registered a market share of 7.0 percent, up from 6.1 percent in 2010.

In April 2011, the number of cruise passengers dropped by 49.7 percent compared to March 2010. On a yearly basis, cruise passengers fell with 16.3 percent in April 2011, when compared to April 2010.

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## **CORRESPONDING** TABLES

|   |                |                |                |                | 1                |             |          |             |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| Consumer Price Index  |                |                |                |                | YTD <sup>1</sup> | YTD         | Monthly  | Yearly      |
| (Dec 2006=100)  | Mar '10        | Apr '10        | Mar '11        | Apr '11        | 2010             | 2011        | % change | % change    |
| Sector  | 101.0          | 100 5          | 125.0          | 105 7          | in %             |             | 0.1      | 2.4         |
| Food & non-alcoholic beverages<br>Alcoholic beverages & tobacco | 131.3<br>111.7 | 132.5<br>111.6 | 135.9<br>123.5 | 135.7<br>123.8 | -0.7<br>-0.8     | 1.6<br>10.7 |          | 2.4<br>10.9 |
| Clothing & footwear   | 113.8          | 113.1          | 123.5          | 123.8          | -0.8<br>-5.5     | -0.8        |          | -3.2        |
| Housing   | 131.1          | 131.1          | 130.8          | 139.6          | 2.9              | -0.0        |          | 6.5         |
| Household operation   | 105.8          | 105.6          | 106.0          | 106.3          | -2.3             | 0.6         |          | 0.6         |
| Health  | 92.3           | 92.6           | 91.6           | 91.9           | -0.3             | -0.4        |          | -0.8        |
| Transport   | 106.7          | 109.0          | 111.1          | 114.9          | -0.5             | 6.9         |          | 5.4         |
| Communications  | 82.8           | 82.0           | 84.5           | 84.5           | -1.7             | 0.9         |          | 3.0         |
| Recreation & culture  | 112.1          | 112.3          | 114.0          | 114.3          | -1.9             | 1.6         |          | 1.8         |
| Education   | 109.8          | 109.8          | 112.7          | 113.0          | 0.3              | 1.1         | 0.3      | 2.9         |
| Restaurants & hotels  | 117.1          | 115.5          | 118.1          | 117.8          | -3.0             | 1.1         | -0.2     | 2.0         |
| Miscellaneous goods & services                                  | 98.9           | 99.0           | 99.4           | 99.2           | -1.3             | 0.4         | -0.2     | 0.2         |
| Total Index   | 114.4          | 114.8          | 115.9          | 118.8          | -0.3             | 3.9         | 2.5      | 3.5         |
| Fuel Surcharge (in Afl.)  | 0.28           | 0.28           | 0.27           | 0.32           | 10.3             | 21.1        | 21.1     | 15.2        |
| Water (in Afl.) <sup>2</sup>                                    | 162.26         | 162.26         | 153.95         | 172.60         | 3.8              | 12.1        | 12.1     | 6.4         |
| Electricity (in Afl.) <sup>3</sup>                              | 318.66         | 318.66         | 308.72         | 349.78         | 6.4              | 13.3        | 13.3     | 9.8         |
| Aruba Gasoline (in Afl. per ltr)                                | 1.90           | 1.99           | 2.17           | 2.36           | 3.1              | 19.5        | 8.8      | 18.4        |
| Aruba Diesel (in Afl. per ltr)                                  | 1.58           | 1.64           | 1.98           | 2.10           | 1.4              | 21.3        | 6.1      | 28.1        |
| US Gasoline (in \$ per ltr)                                     | 0.73           | 0.75           | 0.94           | 1.00           | 9.2              | 27.0        | 6.7      | 33.4        |
| US Diesel (in \$ per ltr)                                       | 0.77           | 0.81           | 1.03           | 1.07           | 11.5             | 25.3        | 4.1      | 32.9        |
| Crude Oil (in \$)   | 77.33          | 81.55          | 109.06         | 116.88         | 11.2             | 34.0        | 7.2      | 43.3        |
| Utilities   |                |                |                |                |                  |             | Monthly  | Yearly      |
|   | Mar '10        | Apr '10        | Mar '11        | Apr '11        | 2010             | 2011        | % change | % change    |
| Electricity supplied to Elmar                                   |                |                |                |                |                  |             |          |             |
| for distribution (in MWh)                                       |                |                |                |                |                  |             |          |             |
| Total average   | 71,051         | 69,741         | 64,484         | 64,463         | 269,867          | 253,565     | 0.0      | -7.6        |
| Water consumption (in m3)                                       |                |                |                |                |                  |             |          |             |
| Houses  | 593,417        | 504,488        | 575,013        | 545,121        | 2,223,331        | 2,112,066   | -5.2     | 8.1         |
| Companies   | 119,572        | 98,366         | 122,051        | 109,381        | 430,723          | 436,301     | -10.4    | 11.2        |
| Hotels  | 330,437        | 211,259        | 262,979        | 232,091        | 1,045,138        | 949,453     | -11.7    | 9.9         |
| Government  | 22,303         | 16,591         | 17,727         | 18,580         | 73,374           | 66,876      | 4.8      | 12.0        |
| Total average   | 1,065,728      | 830,704        | 977,770        | 905,173        | 3,772,567        | 3,564,697   | -7.4     | 9.0         |
| Foreign Trade in Merchandise                                    |                |                |                |                |                  |             | Monthly  | Yearly      |
| (*1,000 Afl.)   | Mar '10        | Apr '10        | Mar '11        | Apr '11        | 2010             | 2011        | -        | % change    |
| Imports of goods by commodity group                             |                |                |                |                |                  |             |          |             |
| Agriculture products  | 54,610         | 50,378         | 58,634         | 57,028         | 204,661          | 207,866     | -2.7     | 13.2        |
| Mineral chemical and related products                           | 20,835         | 17,578         | 27,139         | 24,376         | 75,787           | 88,603      |          | 38.7        |
| Textiles, pearls and precious stones                            | 17,068         | 14,150         | 19,308         | 16,640         | 62,783           | 72,673      |          | 17.6        |
| Metal products, machinery and equipment                         | 30,534         | 28,874         | 85,736         | 35,884         | 118,138          | 226,941     | -58.1    | 24.3        |
| Other transportable goods                                       | 20,319         | 21,266         | 28,679         | 24,856         | 80,024           | 101,233     | -13.3    | 16.9        |
| Total Import  | 143,367        | 132,246        | 219,496        | 158,783        | 541,393          | 697,315     | -27.7    | 20.1        |
| Exports of goods by commodity group                             |                |                |                |                |                  |             |          |             |
| Agriculture products  | 11,918         | 23,260         | 16,016         | 19,691         | 64,675           | 72,467      | 22.9     | -15.3       |
| Mineral chemical and related products                           | 764            | 386            | 613            | 175            | 1,560            | 1,043       |          | -54.6       |
| Textiles, pearls and precious stones                            | 1,247          | 1,665          | 297            | 5,995          | 4,086            | 6,563       |          | 260.0       |
| Metal products, machinery and equipment                         | 839            | 702            | 1,154          | 1,359          | 3,965            | 4,580       |          | 93.6        |
| Other transportable goods                                       | 870            | 793            | 1,052          | 1,908          | 3,443            | 4,713       | 81.4     | 140.4       |
| Total Export  | 15,638         | 26,807         | 19,132         | 29,128         | 77,730           | 89,366      | 52.3     | 8.7         |
|   |                |                |                |                |                  |             |          |             |

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

<sup>2)</sup> Based on an average per household

<sup>3)</sup> Based on an average of 725.5 kWh



# **CORRESPONDING** TABLES

| Government Revenues                           |         |         |         |         | YTD <sup>1</sup>  | YTD     | Monthly  | Yearly  |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|----------|---------|
|   | Mar '10 | Apr '10 | Mar '11 | Apr '11 | 2010              | 2011    | change   | -       |
| (*1,000 Afl.)                                 |         | Apr TU  | War I'i | Aprili  | 2010              | 2011    | change   | change  |
| Taxes on income and profit                    | 25,952  | 17,180  | 30,169  | 26,551  | 90,876            | 114,436 | -12.0    | 54.5    |
| Income tax                                    | -607    | -1,112  | 548     | 706     | -981              | -176    | 28.8     | 163.5   |
| Wage tax                                      | 19,222  | 15,916  | 17,506  | 18,461  | 74,760            | 83,558  | 5.5      | 16.0    |
| Profit tax                                    | 6,748   | 2,449   | 11,811  | 6,660   | 16,442            | 29,066  | -43.6    | 171.9   |
| Dividend tax                                  | 589     | -73     | 304     | 724     | 655               | 1,988   | 138.2    | 1,091.8 |
| Taxes on commodities                          | 19,528  | 19,381  | 26,707  | 18,301  | 74,079            | 76,863  | -31.5    | -5.6    |
| Import duties                                 | 10,745  | 10,343  | 12,908  | 12,604  | 37,809            | 45,872  | -2.4     | 21.9    |
| Excises on spirits                            | 1,517   | 1,028   | 1,939   | 1,583   | 4,945             | 5,201   | -18.4    | 54.0    |
| Excises on cigarettes                         | 575     | 763     | 521     | 1,041   | 3,342             | 2,699   | 99.8     | 36.4    |
| Excises on beer                               | 2,006   | 1,911   | 2,148   | 2,772   | 7,968             | 7,699   | 29.1     | 45.1    |
| Excises on gasoline                           | 4,495   | 5,176   | 8,979   | 46      | 19,221            | 14,320  | -99.5    | -99.1   |
| Other customs                                 | 190     | 160     | 212     | 255     | 794               | 1,072   | 20.3     | 59.4    |
| Taxes on property                             | 5,301   | 7,237   | 2,989   | 1,867   | 26,504            | 21,149  | -37.5    | -74.2   |
| Long-lease property rights (erfpachtsrechten) | 736     | 4,454   | 243     | 490     | 6,115             | 1,606   | 101.6    | -89.0   |
| Land tax                                      | 767     | 652     | 817     | 589     | 3,203             | 3,221   | -27.9    | -9.7    |
| Transfer tax                                  | 2,373   | 1,621   | 858     | 317     | 5,266             | 2,705   | -63.1    | -80.4   |
| Succession tax                                | 5       | 82      | 32      | 13      | 145               | 65      | -59.4    | -84.1   |
| Motor vehicle tax (incl. numberplates)        | 1,420   | 428     | 1,039   | 458     | 11,775            | 13,552  | -55.9    | 7.0     |
| Taxes on services                             | 6,247   | 6,098   | 2,404   | 2,130   | 24,817            | 15,038  | -11.4    | -65.1   |
| Lodging tax                                   | 3,799   | 3,894   | 82      | 10      | 15,277            | 5,764   | -87.8    | -99.7   |
| Gambling licenses                             | 2,359   | 2,172   | 2,165   | 2,072   | 9,248             | 8,948   | -4.3     | -4.6    |
| Stamp duties                                  | 89      | 32      | 157     | 48      | 292               | 326     | -69.4    | 50.0    |
| Turnover tax (BBO)                            | 6,167   | 6,536   | 6,815   | 7,380   | 34,259            | 29,904  | 8.3      | 12.9    |
| Tourist tax                                   | 0       | 0       | 6,347   | 6,480   | 0                 | 18,875  | 2.1      |         |
| Other tax and nontax revenues                 | 1,537   | 2,725   | 2,152   | 1,453   | 8,692             | 6,971   | -32.5    | -46.7   |
| Total tax revenues <sup>4</sup>               | 64,732  | 59,157  | 77,583  | 64,162  | 259,227           | 283,236 | -17.3    | 8.5     |
| Tourism                                       |         |         |         |         | YTD <sup>1</sup>  | YTD     | Monthly  | Yearly  |
|   | Mar '10 | Apr '10 | Mar '11 | Apr '11 | 2010              | 2011    | % change | -       |
| Total stay over visitors                      | 77,204  | 69,157  | 77,184  | 79,717  | 285,273           | 300,771 | 3.3      | 15.3    |
| USA   | 54,418  | 51,208  | 50,903  | 51,915  | 205,275           | 197,683 | 2.0      | 1.4     |
| Venezuela                                     | 7,013   | 5,034   | 6,367   | 11,998  | 201,491<br>21,461 | 29,664  | 88.4     | 138.3   |
| Colombia                                      | 1,128   | 801     | 865     | 1,683   | 3,689             | 4,842   | 94.6     | 110.1   |
| Netherlands                                   | 3,221   | 2,943   | 3,293   | 3,475   | 12,628            | 13,587  | 5.5      | 18.1    |
| Neth. Antilles                                | 1,541   | 2,055   | 2,392   | 1,827   | 6,052             | 6,522   | -23.6    | -11.1   |
| Canada  | 4,438   | 2,707   | 6,546   | 2,980   | 17,344            | 21,134  | -54.5    | 10.1    |
| Other   | 5,445   | 4,409   | 6,818   | 5,839   | 22,608            | 27,339  | -14.4    | 32.4    |
| Airport Traffic                               |         |         |         |         |                   |         |          |         |
| Total landings                                | 1,718   | 1,699   | 1,721   | 1,903   | 6,672             | 6,805   | 10.6     | 12.0    |
| Commercial landings                           | 1,288   | 1,244   | 1,320   | 1,379   | 4,919             | 5,167   | 4.5      | 10.9    |
| Non-commercial landings                       | 430     | 455     | 401     | 524     | 1,753             | 1,638   | 30.7     | 15.2    |
| Passenger Traffic                             |         |         |         |         |                   |         |          |         |
| Total arrivals                                | 83,413  | 75,566  | 83,328  | 85,766  | 310,286           | 329,760 | 2.9      | 13.5    |
| Arrival locals                                | 4,949   | 5,665   | 5,477   | 5,528   | 21,695            | 25,494  | 0.9      | -2.4    |
| Arrival visitors                              | 78,464  | 69,901  | 77,851  | 80,238  | 288,591           | 304,266 | 3.1      | 14.8    |

<sup>1)</sup> 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.

<sup>4)</sup> AZV and AOV/AWW are not included.