





### Highlights October 2012 in Review

#### Consumer Prices:

- Year over year inflation down by 1.6 percent
- Period average inflation at 2.2 percent in October 2012
- Price of gasoline reached Afl. 2.45 per liter in October 2012
- Average price of diesel up by Afl. 0.04 in October 2012
- WTI crude oil price reached \$89.49 per barrel
- Brent (Europe) crude oil price at \$111.71 per barrel

#### Utilities:

- Total average water distribution up by 1.3 percent
- Average electricity distribution up by 5.2 percent

#### Foreign Trade:

- Import of goods up by 8.2 percent in October 2012
- Value of export up by 139.1 percent in October 2012

#### Government:

- Total tax revenue up by 12.5 percent in October 2012
- Taxes on income & profit up by 28.6 percent
- Taxes on commodities rose by 1.3 percent in October 2012
- Taxes on property up by 5.4 percent in October 2012
- Turnover tax (BBO) rose by 5.6 percent in October 2012
- Tourist tax up by 6.2 percent in October 2012

#### Tourism:

- Total stayover visitors up by 1.0 percent in October 2012
- U.S. visitors fell with 4.3 percent in October 2012
- Visitors from Venezuela up by 20.3 percent in October 2012
- Cruise passengers down by 13.9 percent in October 2012

#### Airport and Passenger Traffic:

- Commercial landings up by 6.7 percent in October 2012
- Airport visitor arrivals up by 0.8 percent in October 2012

#### Enterprises:

- 126 business licenses granted in October 2012

### Monthly Economic Indicators

October 2012	% Change	
	Last Month	Last Year
<b>Consumer prices</b>		
Total index	-0.1	-1.6
<b>Utilities</b>		
Water consumption	-8.6	1.3
Electricity distribution	11.7	5.2
<b>Foreign trade</b>		
Import	32.2	8.2
Export	25.7	139.1
<b>Government</b>		
Total tax revenue	4.9	12.5
<b>Tourism</b>		
Total stayover visitors	-5.8	1.0
USA	9.0	-4.3
Venezuela	-39.2	20.3
Colombia	40.0	26.0
Netherlands	2.4	-9.8
<b>Cruise passenger arrivals</b>	307.4	-13.9
<b>Airport &amp; passenger traffic</b>		
Commercial landings	0.3	6.7
Arrival visitors	-5.0	0.8

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba



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## 1.1 Consumer Price Index



Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Consumer price index</b>				
July	114.7	114.6	120.3	120.7
August	114.5	114.4	122.2	118.8
September	115.0	114.5	121.9	119.4
October	114.6	113.9	121.3	119.3

<b>Consumer price index monthly %-change</b>				
July	1.9	0.1	0.2	-0.4
August	-0.1	-0.2	1.6	-1.5
September	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.4
October	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1

<b>Consumer price index annual %-change</b>				
July	-2.8	-0.1	5.0	0.4
August	-4.7	-0.1	6.8	-2.8
September	-3.7	-0.4	6.5	-2.1
October	-3.3	-0.6	6.5	-1.6

<b>Consumer price index period average</b>				
July	1.2	1.9	1.5	4.4
August	-0.2	2.3	2.1	3.6
September	-1.5	2.6	2.7	2.9
October	-2.6	2.9	3.2	2.2



### Key points

In October 2012, the total consumer price index decreased by 0.1 percent compared to the previous month. With the exception of Transport (+0.1%), Miscellaneous goods services (+0.1%) and Restaurants & Hotels (+0.1%), decreases in average prices have been recorded for Clothing & footwear (-0.8%), Recreation & culture (-0.7%), Food & non-alcoholic beverages (-0.2%), Household operation (-0.2%) and Health (-0.1%). At the end of October 2012, the twelve-month average rate of inflation was at 2.2 percent, down from 3.2 percent recorded at the end of October 2011.

On a yearly basis, consumer prices fell with 1.6 percent in October 2012. Major price increases were recorded in the following sectors:

1. **Housing**; Average prices in the Housing sector dropped by 5.5 percent compared to October 2011, mainly as a result of decreases in the prices of Water supply & misc. services related to dwellings (-27.0%) and Maintenance & repair of dwellings (-2.8%).

2. **Clothing & footwear**; In October 2012, prices of Clothing & footwear fell with 11.3 percent compared to October 2011, mainly as a result of decreases in the average prices of Clothing (-11.6%) and Footwear (-8.7%).

3. **Household operation**; Average prices in the Household operation sector declined by 5.2 percent in October 2012. Lower prices were recorded for Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other floor coverings (-17.6%), Household appliances (-9.0%), Household textiles (-14.1%), Glassware, tableware & household utensils (-17.0%) and Tools & equipment for house & garden (-7.7%).

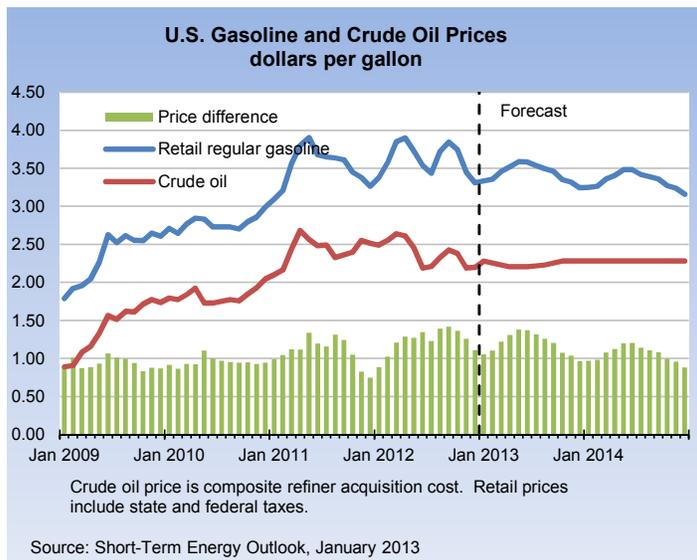
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## 1.2 International aspects



Month	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12
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### Consumer price index monthly %-change

United States	-0.2	0.6	0.4	0.0
Netherlands	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.6
Curacao	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.7
Aruba	-0.4	-1.5	0.4	-0.1

### Gasoline, diesel and world crude oil prices

#### United States

Gasoline (\$/gal)	3.44	3.72	3.85	3.75
Diesel (\$/gal)	3.72	3.98	4.12	4.09
<b>Crude oil (\$/barrel)</b>				
WTI - Cushing, Okl	87.90	94.13	94.51	89.49
Brent, Europe	102.62	113.36	112.86	111.71

### Export price monthly %-change

USA	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.0
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Month	Period	Tourists	%-Ch
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### Latest tourist arrivals

	2012		
St. Maarten*	Jan-Aug	327,233	9.7
Antigua & Barbuda	Jan-Sep	186,626	1.7
Aruba	Jan-Sep	676,315	2.8
Bahamas	Jan-Jun	773,896	4.3
Barbados	Jan-Aug	377,853	-4.8
Cayman Islands	Jan-Aug	234,959	3.7
Cuba	Jan-Aug	2,021,534	5.2
Curacao	Jan-Aug	276,901	8.4
Dominican Republic*	Jan-Sep	3,519,987	7.3
Jamaica	Jan-Jun	1,072,232	2.5
Martinique	Jan-Aug	354,156	-1.4
U.S. Virgin Islands	Jan-Sep	577,231	12.0
Puerto Rico**	Jan-Jul	985,609	7.3
Suriname	Jan-Jul	132,592	6.3

\* Non-Resident Air Arrivals

\*\* Non-Resident Hotel registrations only

### Key points

The average WTI crude oil price fell with \$5.02 per barrel in October 2012, compared to the previous month, reaching \$89.49 per barrel. The Brent (Europe) crude oil reached \$111.71 per barrel in October 2012, down from \$112.86 per barrel recorded in September 2012.

The EIA expects that the Brent crude oil spot price to drop from an average of \$112 per barrel in 2012, to an annual average of \$105 per barrel and \$99 per barrel in 2013 and 2014, respectively. The WTI crude oil price is projected to average \$90 per barrel in 2013 before increasing to an average of \$91 per barrel in 2014. Keep in mind that energy price forecasts are highly uncertain.

The U.S. monthly average regular gasoline retail prices increased from an average of \$3.53 per gallon in 2011 to average \$3.63 per gallon in 2012, despite similar crude oil prices in 2011 and 2012. The EIA expects the regular gasoline retail prices will average \$3.44 per gallon in 2013 and \$3.34 per gallon in 2014.

The on-highway diesel fuel retail prices averaged \$4.12 in September 2012, and continued tight market conditions and strong demand for exports kept on-highway diesel prices at an average of \$3.96 per gallon in December 2012.

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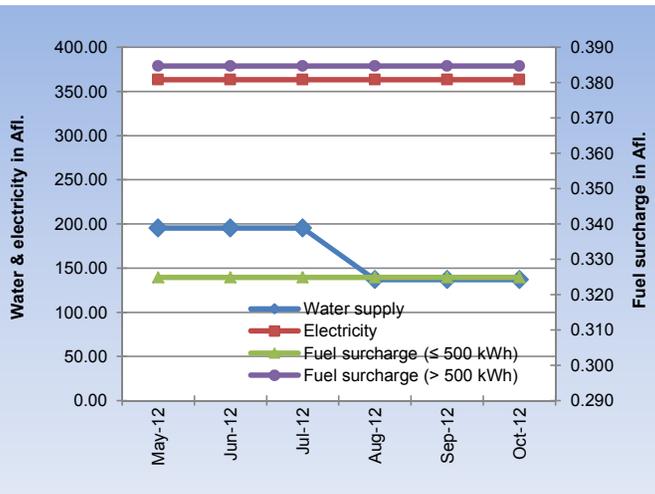
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Source: Energy Information Administration, Bureau of labor statistics, Caribbean Tourism Organization

## 2.1 Utilities



Jul-12 Aug-12 Sep-12 Oct-12

### Utility prices in Afl.

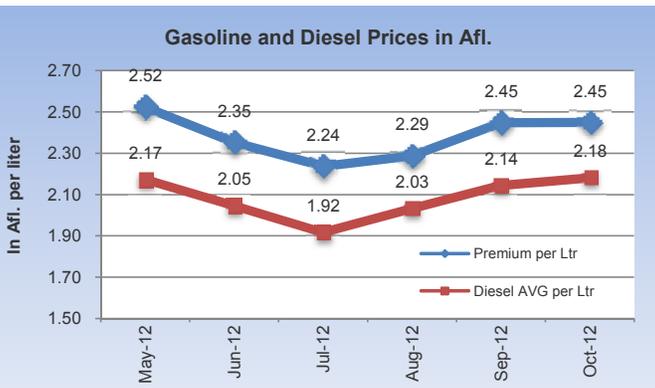
	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12
Electricity	363.27	363.27	363.27	363.27
Gasoline	2.24	2.29	2.45	2.45
Water	195.47	137.05	137.05	137.05
Diesel	1.92	2.03	2.14	2.18
Fuel surcharge (≤ 500kWh)	0.325	0.325	0.325	0.325
Fuel surcharge (> 500kWh)	0.385	0.385	0.385	0.385

### Utility prices monthly %-change

	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12
Electricity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gasoline	-4.9	2.3	7.0	0.1
Water	0.0	-29.9	0.0	0.0
Diesel	-6.4	6.1	5.5	1.7
Fuel surcharge (≤ 500kWh)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel surcharge (> 500kWh)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

### Utility prices annual %-change

	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12
Electricity	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gasoline	-4.9	-5.9	4.1	7.9
Water	13.3	-29.9	-29.9	-29.9
Diesel	-7.3	-3.7	4.7	6.7
Fuel surcharge (≤ 500kWh)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel surcharge (> 500kWh)	18.4	0.0	0.0	0.0



CPI USA: seasonally unadjusted

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

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

## Key points

In October 2012, the price of gasoline remained unchanged when compared to the previous month. The average price of diesel rose by Afl. 0.04 per liter, reaching Afl. 2.18 per liter in October 2012. During the month of October 2012, the average prices per household of water and electricity remained at Afl. 137.05 and Afl. 363.27 respectively.

### Prices of utilities in Aruba during November 2012

	Price change	Impact on CPI
Electricity <sup>1</sup>	-15.6%	-1.57
Gasoline (premium)	-4.9%	-0.34
Water <sup>2</sup>	0.0%	0.00
Diesel	-1.1%	0.00
<b>Total impact</b>		<b>-1.91</b>

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Disregarding any other important fluctuations in prices over the month of November 2012, price movement of electricity, gasoline, diesel and rent during the month of November 2012 affects the consumer price index of November 2012 by -1.91.

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## 2.2 Water distribution

Monthly water distribution (in m<sup>3</sup>)



Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
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### Average water distribution (m<sup>3</sup>)

July	965,288	866,280	918,746	930,362
August	1,016,670	1,049,207	946,110	932,299
September	951,368	957,950	896,219	951,287
October	949,989	791,971	858,714	869,778

### Average water distribution monthly %-change

July	-5.4	-12.0	11.2	4.9
August	5.3	21.1	3.0	0.2
September	-6.4	-8.7	-5.3	2.0
October	-0.1	-17.3	-4.2	-8.6

### Average water distribution annual %-change

July	1.0	-10.3	6.1	1.3
August	5.1	3.2	-9.8	-1.5
September	3.8	0.7	-6.4	6.1
October	10.7	-16.6	8.4	1.3

Year to date average water distribution in m<sup>3</sup> (January-October)



## Key points

In October 2012, the average water distribution in Aruba (houses, companies, hotels, government) rose by 1.3 percent compared to October 2011. With the exception of Hotels (-4.7%), water usage increases were recorded for Houses (+2.5%), Companies (+6.5%) and Government offices (+12.9%). In the January-to-October period of 2012, the total average water distribution increased by 5.4 percent compared to the similar period of 2011.

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

October 2012		% Change since		
		last month	last year	YTD % change
Houses	513,398	-7.5	2.5	4.7
Companies	116,592	-5.6	6.5	8.9
Hotels	220,258	-11.7	-4.7	4.7
Government	19,530	-16.7	12.9	15.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>869,778</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>5.4</b>

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

\* Calculation of drink water distribution in Aruba (in m<sup>3</sup>) is based on an average water distribution per month, excluding the distribution to Valero and vessels.

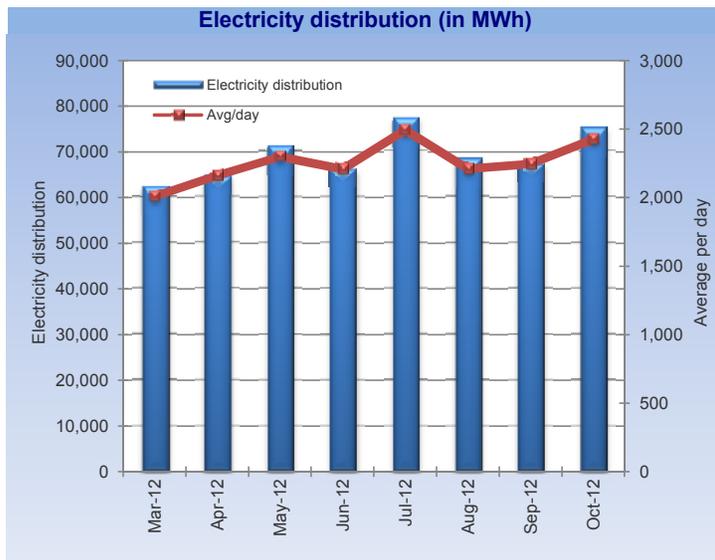
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## 2.3 Electricity distribution



Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
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### Average electricity distribution (MWh)

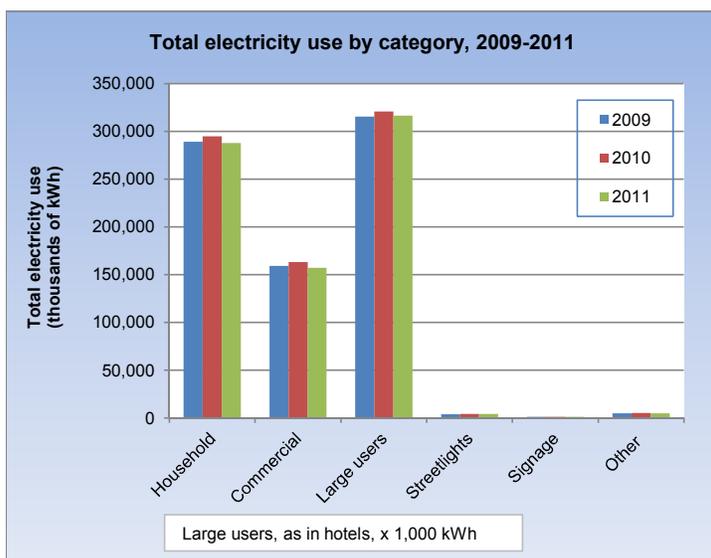
July	71,180	74,979	72,734	77,300
August	74,225	76,912	74,864	68,502
September	74,200	69,787	72,586	67,334
October	73,580	72,418	71,478	75,209

### Average electricity distribution monthly %-change

July	3.3	2.5	1.5	16.7
August	4.3	2.6	2.9	-11.4
September	0.0	-9.3	-3.0	-1.7
October	-0.8	3.8	-1.5	11.7

### Average electricity distribution annual %-change

July	1.1	5.3	-3.0	6.3
August	1.2	3.6	-2.7	-8.5
September	2.1	-5.9	4.0	-7.2
October	8.0	-1.6	-1.3	5.2



### Key points

In October 2012, electricity (in MWh) supplied to Elmar for distribution increased by 5.2 percent compared to October 2011, in contrast to a drop of 1.3 percent recorded in the similar period one year earlier. In the January-to-October period of 2012, electricity distribution fell with 1.8 percent compared to the similar period of 2011.

### Electricity Consumption (MWh)

	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12
Household	25,383	26,220	25,188
Usage per connection	647.0	667.9	640.7
Commercial	14,159	14,140	14,419
Large users	27,873	27,042	26,822
Streetlights	350	351	351
Signage	111	109	111
Churches, schools, etc.	358	460	499
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,233</b>	<b>68,322</b>	<b>67,390</b>

On a year to date basis, the total electricity usage (as reported by the ELMAR N.V.) decreased by 1.2 percent in October 2012, compared to the similar period of 2011. This drop is mainly caused by decreases in the usage of electricity by Households (-3.8%), Large users (-0.8%) and streetlights (-1.0%).

### Electricity Generation (MWh)\*

Year	Valero	Windpark
2010	3,200	94,134
2011	3,621	97,919
2012	2,534	119,030

\* January-to-October period

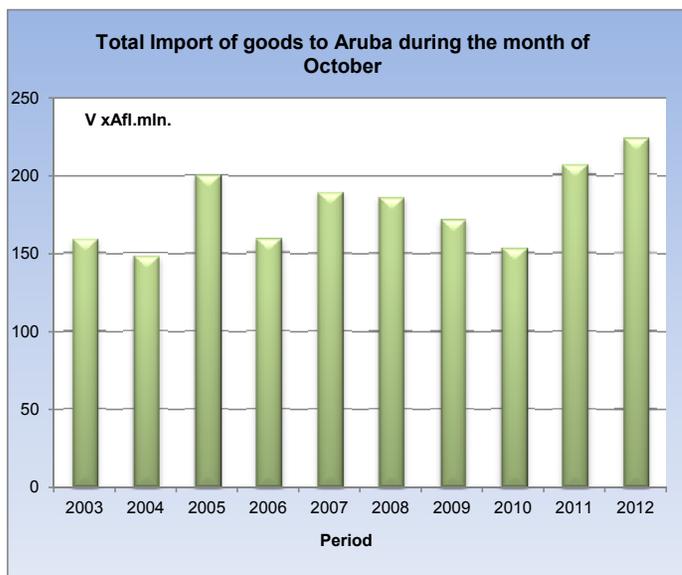
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### 3 Foreign trade



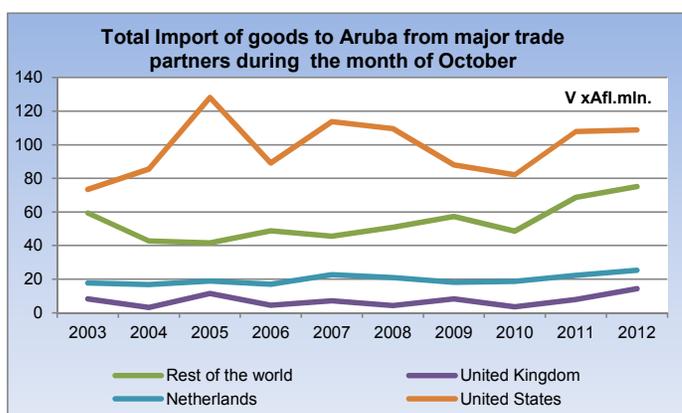
September 2012	Vx1,000 Afl.	Monthly % Ch	Yearly % Ch	YTD % Ch
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#### Total import of goods to Aruba by commodity group

1. Agriculture products	72,703	40.9	45.2	13.1
2. Mineral chemical and related products	37,688	3.3	-21.9	-1.4
3. Textiles, pearls and precious stones	32,515	159.9	23.6	-0.7
4. Metal products, machinery and equipment	48,109	39.5	-10.3	-19.0
5. Other transportable goods	32,580	-4.4	15.1	5.5
<b>Total Import</b>	<b>223,595</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>

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

1. Agriculture products	26,895	29.7	124.7	9.8
2. Mineral chemical and related products	551	-69.5	117.2	63.3
3. Textiles, pearls and precious stones	729	-23.3	184.4	113.1
4. Metal products, machinery and equipment	4,231	111.6	296.0	96.1
5. Other transportable goods	1,286	-2.9	136.3	151.5
<b>Total Export</b>	<b>33,691</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>32.2</b>



Source: Customs Aruba, Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

#### Key points

In October 2012, the total import of merchandise to Aruba rose by 8.2 percent compared to October 2011, following an increase of 34.9 percent recorded in the similar period one year earlier. With the exception of Mineral, chemical & related products (-21.9%) and Metal products, machinery & equipment (-10.3%), import increases have been recorded for Agriculture products (+45.2%), Textiles, pearls & precious stones (+23.6%) and Other transportable goods (+15.1%).

In the January-to-October period of 2012, the total import of goods to Aruba fell with 0.9 percent compared to the similar period of 2011.

Compared to October 2011, the total exports of goods from Aruba expanded by 139.1 percent in October 2012. Export increases have been recorded for all commodities, particularly, Agriculture products (+124.7%), Metal products, machinery & equipment (+296.0%), Other transportable goods (+136.3%), Textiles, pearls & precious stones (+184.4%) and Mineral, chemical & related products (+117.2%).

On a year to date basis, the total export of goods to Aruba in October 2012 increased by 32.2 percent, when compared to the similar period of 2011.

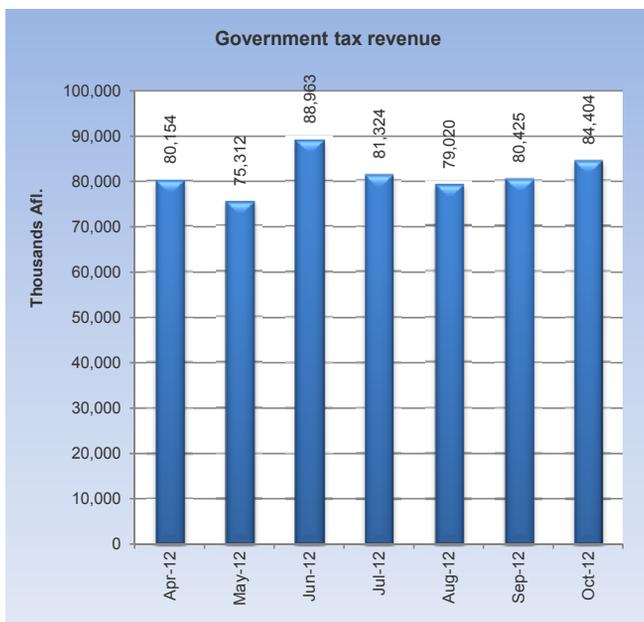
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## 4 Government



Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
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### Total tax revenues (x 1,000 AfL.)

July	74,431	65,442	78,712	81,324
August	75,996	68,894	72,501	79,020
September	81,179	70,521	70,802	80,425
October	76,956	58,515	75,007	84,404

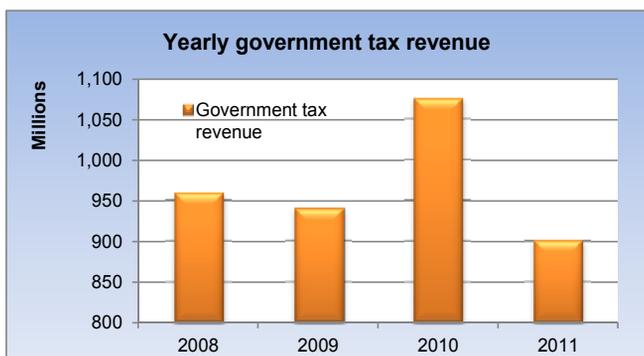
### Total tax revenue monthly %-change

July	-13.7	-80.5	13.2	-8.6
August	2.1	5.3	-7.9	-2.8
September	6.8	2.4	-2.3	1.8
October	-5.2	-17.0	5.9	4.9

### Total tax revenue annual %-change

July	-18.9	-12.1	20.3	3.3
August	-11.0	-9.3	5.2	9.0
September	1.9	-13.1	0.4	13.6
October	6.7	-24.0	28.2	12.5

	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12
(x 1,000 AfL.)				
AOV / AWW	17,651	13,775	17,725	17,435
AZV	21,428	17,188	22,595	20,941
Total Social Contr.	39,079	30,963	40,320	38,376



Source: SIAD

## Key points

In October 2012, the total government tax revenue increased by 12.5 percent compared to October 2011, following an increase of 28.2 percent recorded in the similar period one year earlier. In the January-to-October period of 2012, the total government tax revenues rose by 8.7 percent compared to the similar period of 2011. On a year-to-date basis, the main increases were recorded for the Profit tax (+35.5%), Land tax (+60.2%), Succession tax (+3,253.0%), Dividend tax (+77.2%), Import duties (+2.5%) and the Turnover tax (+3.9%).

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

October 2012	(x1,000 AfL.)	% Change since		
		last month	last year	YTD % change
<b>Taxes on income &amp; profit</b>	<b>38,972</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>14.2</b>
Income tax	716	-212.9	200.6	-179.1
Wage tax	18,624	-6.4	2.6	1.2
Profit tax	17,694	18.6	40.7	35.5
Dividend tax	1,938	1,501.7	599.6	77.2
<b>Taxes on commodities</b>	<b>25,478</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Import duties	15,663	18.9	12.7	2.5
Excises on spirits	1,596	63.9	24.8	1.8
Excises on cigarettes	263	-87.3	-85.5	22.2
Excises on beer	2,999	235.1	1.8	7.2
Excises on gasoline	4,599	-7.4	-8.3	-1.0
Other customs	358	188.7	77.2	5.6
<b>Taxes on property</b>	<b>6,544</b>	<b>-19.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>27.3</b>
Long-lease property rights	665	-51.2	-51.8	9.6
Land tax	3,161	-37.4	-6.9	60.2
Transfer tax	2,173	74.8	102.5	1.0
Succession tax	37	27.6	85.0	3,253.0
Motor vehicle tax	508	11.2	50.7	-2.7
<b>Taxes on services</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>-77.5</b>	<b>-73.8</b>	<b>-34.4</b>
Lodging tax	2			-99.0
Gambling licenses	283	-84.2	-81.6	-11.1
Stamp duties	129	122.4	200.0	-58.0
<b>Turnover tax (BBO)</b>	<b>7,123</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Tourist tax</b>	<b>3,985</b>	<b>-17.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>17.0</b>
<b>Other tax &amp; nontax rev</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>-13.5</b>
<b>Total tax revenue</b>	<b>84,404</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>8.7</b>

Source: Tax Collector's Office

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

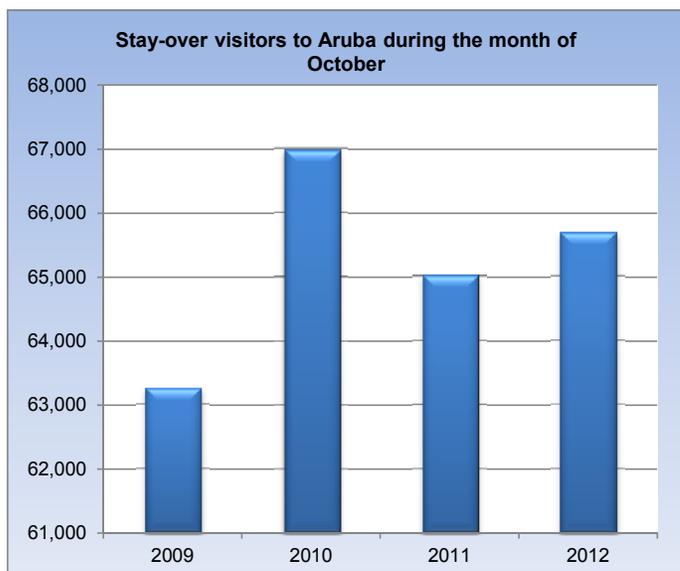
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## 5 Tourism



Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Total stay-over visitors</b>				
July	75,231	75,245	81,070	80,866
August	75,220	73,034	79,445	83,721
September	55,162	58,333	63,738	69,718
October	63,252	66,985	65,012	65,684

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Stay-over visitors monthly %-change</b>				
July	19.2	25.0	19.2	10.7
August	0.0	-2.9	-2.0	3.5
September	-26.7	-20.1	-19.8	-16.7
October	14.7	14.8	2.0	-5.8

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Stay-over visitors annual %-change</b>				
July	6.4	0.0	7.7	-0.3
August	-1.8	-2.9	8.8	5.4
September	0.3	5.7	9.3	9.4
October	7.3	5.9	-2.9	1.0

	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12
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<b>Airport arrivals</b>				
Resident	11,206	11,380	6,951	9,521
Non-resident	81,272	83,966	70,443	66,948

<b>Landings</b>				
Commercial landings	1,318	1,319	1,165	1,169
Non-Commercial landings:	438	468	575	491

<b>Cruise Tourism</b>				
Cruise passengers	13,162	11,552	6,481	26,405

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

### Tourism

October 2012	% Change since			YTD % change
	last month	last year	last year	
<b>Total stay over visitors</b>	<b>65,684</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>
USA	36,922	9.0	-4.3	-0.6
Venezuela	9,956	-39.2	20.3	18.4
Colombia	1,762	40.0	26.0	3.5
Netherlands	3,461	2.4	-9.8	0.5
Neth. Antilles	2,651	19.7	9.4	6.8
Canada	2,690	14.5	43.5	10.7
Other	8,242	-19.7	-4.3	-0.5

Source: Aruba Tourism Authority

### Key points

In October 2012, the total number of stay-over visitors to Aruba increased by 1.0 percent compared to October 2011, in contrast to a drop of 2.9 percent recorded during the similar period one year earlier. The main increases were recorded for the visitors from Venezuela (+20.3%), Canada (+43.5%), Colombia (+26.0%), Surinam (+67.0%) and Curacao (+6.2%).

In the January-to-October period of 2012, the total number of visitors to Aruba increased by 2.7 percent compared to the similar period of 2011. This growth is led by increases in the visitors from Venezuela (+18.4%), Canada (+10.7%), Argentina (+29.1%), Netherlands Antilles (+6.8%) and Surinam (+22.6%).

The share of the US market, which is the largest market, fell from 61.9 percent in October 2011 to 59.9 percent in October 2012. The Venezuelan market, the second largest market, recorded a market share of 14.7 percent in October 2012, up from 12.8 percent recorded in October 2011.

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## Consumer Price Index

(Dec 2006=100)

Sector	Sep '11	Oct '11	Sep '12	Oct '12	YTD <sup>1</sup> 2011 in %	YTD 2012	Monthly % change	Yearly % change
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	140.1	140.6	141.6	141.4	5.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.5
Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	124.7	124.5	127.7	127.8	11.3	2.7	0.0	2.6
Clothing & footwear	112.1	111.7	99.9	99.1	1.2	-8.9	-0.8	-11.3
Housing	145.1	145.1	137.1	137.1	11.6	-5.8	0.0	-5.5
Household operation	105.6	104.8	99.4	99.3	-0.8	-3.9	-0.2	-5.2
Health	91.4	91.5	93.9	93.8	-0.8	2.8	-0.1	2.4
Transport	118.3	116.9	122.0	122.2	8.8	5.4	0.1	4.5
Communications	86.9	82.9	86.8	86.8	-1.0	-0.1	0.0	4.7
Recreation & culture	116.8	115.6	112.0	111.3	2.7	-3.4	-0.7	-3.7
Education	115.9	116.0	116.6	116.6	3.8	0.4	0.0	0.5
Restaurants & hotels	119.2	119.3	124.5	124.5	2.4	3.4	0.1	4.4
Miscellaneous goods & services	99.7	99.6	100.1	100.2	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.6
<b>Total Index</b>	<b>121.9</b>	<b>121.3</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>119.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
Fuel Surcharge per kWh in Afl. (≤ 500 kWh)	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	21.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel Surcharge per kWh in Afl. (> 500 kWh)	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	43.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Electricity (in Afl.) <sup>2</sup>	363.27	363.27	363.27	363.27	17.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Aruba Gasoline (in Afl. per ltr)	2.35	2.27	2.45	2.45	15.0	11.8	0.1	7.9
Water (in Afl.) <sup>3</sup>	195.47	195.47	137.05	137.05	27.0	-29.9	0.0	-29.9
Aruba Diesel (in Afl. per ltr)	2.05	2.04	2.14	2.18	17.9	3.8	1.7	6.7
US Gasoline (in \$ per ltr)	0.95	0.91	1.02	0.99	15.2	14.7	-2.7	8.6
US Diesel (in \$ per ltr)	1.01	1.00	1.09	1.08	17.1	6.0	-0.6	7.8
<b>Crude Oil (in \$ per barrel)<sup>4</sup></b>								
WTI - Cushing, Oklahoma	85.52	86.32	94.51	89.49	-3.2	-9.2	-5.3	3.7
Brent, Europe	112.83	109.55	112.86	111.71	19.8	3.6	-1.0	2.0

## Utilities

	Sep '11	Oct '11	Sep '12	Oct '12	YTD <sup>1</sup> 2011	YTD 2012	Monthly % change	Yearly % change
<b>Electricity supplied to Elmar for distribution (in MWh)</b>								
Total average	72,586	71,478	67,334	75,209	687,945	675,677	11.7	5.2
<b>Water consumption (in m3)</b>								
Houses	532,637	500,861	554,992	513,398	5,208,342	5,453,218	-7.5	2.5
Companies	110,969	109,429	123,500	116,592	1,094,193	1,191,463	-5.6	6.5
Hotels	232,304	231,131	249,339	220,258	2,418,163	2,531,343	-11.7	-4.7
Government	20,309	17,293	23,456	19,530	180,363	208,342	-16.7	12.9
<b>Total average</b>	<b>896,219</b>	<b>858,714</b>	<b>951,287</b>	<b>869,778</b>	<b>8,901,061</b>	<b>9,384,366</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>

<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 use of 725.5 kWh

<sup>3)</sup> Based on an average per household

<sup>4)</sup> Unweighted average of daily closing spot prices

## Foreign Trade in Merchandise (\*1,000 Afl.)

	Sep '11	Oct '11	Sep '12	Oct '12	YTD <sup>1</sup> 2011	YTD 2012	Monthly % change	Yearly % change
<b>Imports of goods by commodity group</b>								
Agriculture products	49,543	50,081	51,613	72,703	529,901	599,484	40.9	45.2
Mineral chemical and related products	28,041	48,280	36,497	37,688	289,753	285,729	3.3	-21.9
Textiles, pearls and precious stones	14,869	26,308	12,511	32,515	176,764	175,615	159.9	23.6
Metal products, machinery and equipment	52,314	53,603	34,488	48,109	504,250	408,512	39.5	-10.3
Other transportable goods	36,602	28,313	34,072	32,580	278,824	294,252	-4.4	15.1
<b>Total Import</b>	<b>181,369</b>	<b>206,585</b>	<b>169,180</b>	<b>223,595</b>	<b>1,779,493</b>	<b>1,763,590</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Exports of goods by commodity group</b>								
Agriculture products	23,109	11,969	20,732	26,895	176,611	193,988	29.7	124.7
Mineral chemical and related products	902	254	1,806	551	5,586	9,122	-69.5	117.2
Textiles, pearls and precious stones	527	256	950	729	13,846	29,499	-23.3	184.4
Metal products, machinery and equipment	1,652	1,068	2,000	4,231	12,979	25,455	111.6	296.0
Other transportable goods	1,344	544	1,325	1,286	15,233	38,311	-2.9	136.3
<b>Total Export</b>	<b>27,534</b>	<b>14,091</b>	<b>26,812</b>	<b>33,691</b>	<b>224,256</b>	<b>296,374</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>139.1</b>

## Government Revenues (\*1,000 Afl.)

	Sep '11	Oct '11	Sep '12	Oct '12	YTD <sup>1</sup> 2011	YTD 2012	Monthly change	Yearly change
<b>Taxes on income and profit</b>								
Income tax	27,221	30,301	34,299	38,972	294,463	336,283	13.6	28.6
Wage tax	-279	-712	-634	716	-647	512	-212.9	200.6
Profit tax	16,814	18,159	19,889	18,624	192,643	194,920	-6.4	2.6
Dividend tax	10,524	12,577	14,923	17,694	97,565	132,164	18.6	40.7
	162	277	121	1,938	4,902	8,687	1,501.7	599.6
<b>Taxes on commodities</b>								
Import duties	22,089	25,156	22,210	25,478	219,531	226,170	14.7	1.3
Excises on spirits	13,677	13,895	13,174	15,663	123,686	126,717	18.9	12.7
Excises on cigarettes	2,113	1,279	974	1,596	14,673	14,934	63.9	24.8
Excises on beer	523	1,819	2,078	263	9,935	12,143	-87.3	-85.5
Excises on gasoline	784	2,946	895	2,999	20,771	22,274	235.1	1.8
Other customs	4,809	5,015	4,965	4,599	48,144	47,650	-7.4	-8.3
	183	202	124	358	2,322	2,452	188.7	77.2
<b>Taxes on property</b>								
Long-lease property rights (erfpachtsrechten)	6,261	6,208	8,139	6,544	60,897	77,517	-19.6	5.4
Land tax	2,463	1,381	1,362	665	15,448	16,927	-51.2	-51.8
Transfer tax	1,877	3,397	5,048	3,161	17,697	28,359	-37.4	-6.9
Succession tax	1,405	1,073	1,243	2,173	9,920	10,023	74.8	102.5
Motor vehicle tax (incl. numberplates)	19	20	29	37	149	4,996	27.6	85.0
	497	337	457	508	17,683	17,212	11.2	50.7
<b>Taxes on services</b>								
Lodging tax	1,727	1,579	1,844	414	26,543	17,406	-77.5	-73.8
Gambling licenses	0	0	0	2	6,055	58		
Stamp duties	1,637	1,536	1,786	283	18,636	16,571	-84.2	-81.6
	90	43	58	129	1,852	777	122.4	200.0
<b>Turnover tax (BBO)</b>								
	7,001	6,744	7,584	7,123	71,341	74,099	-6.1	5.6
<b>Tourist tax</b>								
	4,769	3,752	4,800	3,985	44,843	52,487	-17.0	6.2
<b>Other tax and nontax revenues</b>								
	1,734	1,267	1,549	1,888	18,585	16,075	21.9	49.0
<b>Total tax revenues<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>70,802</b>	<b>75,007</b>	<b>80,425</b>	<b>84,404</b>	<b>736,203</b>	<b>800,037</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>

<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>2)</sup> AZV and AOV/AWW are not included.

## Tourism

	Sep '11	Oct '11	Sep '12	Oct '12	YTD <sup>1</sup> 2011	YTD 2012	Monthly % change	Yearly % change
<b>Total stay over visitors</b>	<b>63,738</b>	<b>65,012</b>	<b>69,718</b>	<b>65,684</b>	<b>722,437</b>	<b>741,754</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
USA	31,421	38,594	33,879	36,922	447,279	444,496	9.0	-4.3
Venezuela	15,285	8,276	16,371	9,956	92,153	109,095	-39.2	20.3
Colombia	1,097	1,398	1,259	1,762	13,542	14,021	40.0	26.0
Netherlands	2,912	3,835	3,379	3,461	33,888	34,066	2.4	-9.8
Neth. Antilles	2,259	2,424	2,214	2,651	21,353	22,804	19.7	9.4
Canada	1,456	1,874	2,349	2,690	32,092	35,532	14.5	43.5
Other	9,308	8,611	10,267	8,242	82,130	81,740	-19.7	-4.3
<b>Airport Traffic</b>								
<b>Total landings</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>16,062</b>	<b>16,935</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>18.8</b>
Commercial landings	1,158	1,096	1,165	1,169	12,492	12,443	0.3	6.7
Non-commercial landings	483	301	575	491	3,570	4,492	-14.6	63.1
<b>Passenger Traffic</b>								
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>72,293</b>	<b>75,659</b>	<b>77,394</b>	<b>76,469</b>	<b>815,248</b>	<b>837,730</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Arrival locals	6,461	9,233	6,951	9,521	81,344	82,784	37.0	3.1
Arrival visitors	65,832	66,426	70,443	66,948	733,904	754,946	-5.0	0.8

## Cruise tourism

	Sep '11	Oct '11	Sep '12	Oct '12	YTD <sup>1</sup> 2011	YTD 2012	Monthly % change	Yearly % change
Cruise passengers	4,652	30,655	6,481	26,405	423,614	417,801	307.4	-13.9
Cruise calls	4	20	3	18	244	210	500.0	-10.0
Crew members	2,164	14,094	2,483	12,571	179,700	166,793	406.3	-10.8

<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.