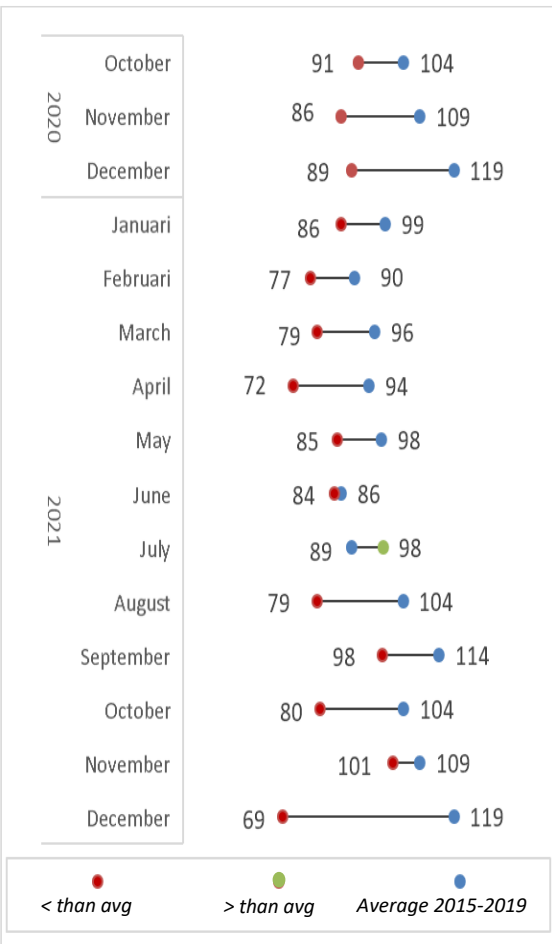
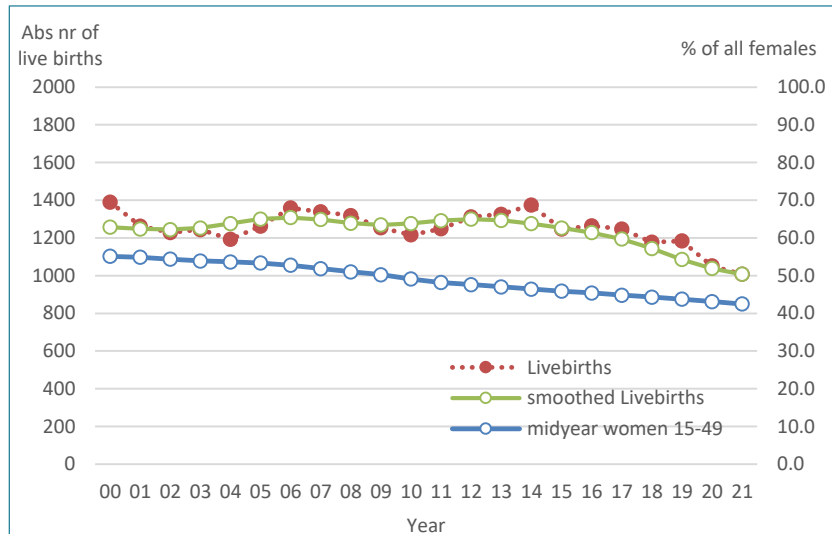


**Graph 1: Total number of live births vs average number of live births 2015-2019, per month**



**Graph 2: Absolute number of live births and midyear population of women in the reproductive years in percentage of all women**



**Table 1: Number of live births, GFR and percentage of women of reproductive age, average last 5 decades vs live births 2020-2021**

Year	Number of live births	GFR (births p/1000 women)	Women in reproductive age as % of all women
Average	1972-1980	1,035	69.8
	1981-1990	1,073	58.8
	1991-2000	1,339	60.1
	2001-2010	1,268	49.1
	2011-2019	1,264	50.2
Year total	2020	1,052	42.5
	2021	1,008	41.7

Source: Population Registry Office

### Declining number of live births

In the nineties the average number of live births totaled 1,339 per year, the highest average of live births during the last 5 decades (see Table 1). The General Fertility Rate (GFR) was at 60 births per thousand women in the reproductive age (15-49 years). However, even as the absolute number of births was highest during the nineties, the GFR was highest during the seventies at 70 births per 1,000 women in the reproductive age (15-49 years), partly because of the relatively higher share of these women in the female population of Aruba.

The trend shown in graph 2, shows a slowly, but steadily declining trend in the number of live births since 2014. The COVID-19 pandemic may have only exacerbated the already existing declining trend in total live births. Graph 2 also shows a steadily declining number of women in the reproductive years, with their share at 42.5 percent of all women in 2021.