

Foreign Trade, First Quarter 2024

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 1st quarter 2024.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 28.6 mln. Kg (-16.9%) in the first quarter of 2024 (140.5 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (169.1 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import increased by Afl. 19.9 mln (3.0%), from Afl. 659.4 mln. to Afl. 679.3 mln.

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* (weight)

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 28.9 mln. Kg (-17.4%) in the first quarter of 2024 (137.7 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2023 (166.6 mln. kg). During this period, eight (8) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of **weight**, registered decreases in terms of weight in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decrease is observed for the section "Mineral products" -34.8 mln. Kg (-34.8%). The largest increases are observed for the sections "Live animals and other animal products" 2.4 mln. Kg (44.8%) and "Wood, charcoal and woodwork" 1.3 mln. Kg (57.1%).

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* (value)

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **value**, registered an increase of Afl. 25.3 mln. (4.1%) in the first quarter of 2024 (Afl. 648.3 mln.) compared to the same period in 2023 (Afl. 623.0 mln.). During this period, fifteen (15) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of **value**, registered increases in terms of value in import to the free circulation area of Aruba.

The largest increases are observed for the sections "Transport equipment" Afl. 10.4 mln. (23.4%), "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" Afl. 7.4 mln. (28.8%) and "Live animals and other animal products" Afl. 7.1 mln. (13.3%). The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derived works" Afl. -8.3 mln. (-23.9%), "Mineral products" Afl. -6.4 mln. (-12.5%) and "Textile fibers and articles" Afl. -3.4 mln. (-11.3%).

Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 0.3 mln. kg (11.4%) in the first quarter of 2024 (2.8 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (2.5 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 0.3 mln. kg (12.1%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of **value**, the import to the free Zone of Aruba decreased by Afl. 5.5 mln (-15.0%) from Afl. 36.5 mln. to Afl. 31.0 mln and was mainly due to a decrease of Afl. -5.2 mln. (-14.6%) in the section "Food products".

The abovementioned Import (to the free calculation area of Aruba) is the result of Import by Sea and Import by Air, which had the following developments:

1. Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Sea

Import by Sea to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 29.4 mln. kg (-17.7%) in the first quarter of 2024 (136.1 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (165.5 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease in the section "Mineral products" -34.8 mln. kg. (-34.8%).

In terms of **value**, the import by Sea increased by Afl. 19.7 mln. (3.9%) from Afl. 512.1 mln. to Afl. 531.9 mln and was mainly due to increases of Afl. 10.6 mln. (24.6%), Afl. 7.5 (15.0%) and Afl. 7.1 mln. (91.0%) in the sections "Transport equipment", "Live animals and other animal products" and "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment", respectively.

2. Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Air

Import by Air to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, increased by 0.4 mln. kg (37.3%) from 1.2 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2023 to 1.6 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2024 and was mainly due to an increase of 0.3 mln. kg (102.2%) in the section "Vegetable products".

In terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by Afl. 5.6 mln. (5.0%) from Afl. 110.8 mln. to Afl. 116.4 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 7.4 mln. (29.7%) in the section "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones".

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Large companies**

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, increased by 0.4 mln. kg (1.6%) from 25.3 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2023 to 25.7 mln. kg in the first quarter of 2024 and was mainly due to an increase of 0.7 mln. kg (2.8%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of **value**, the import by "Large companies" decreased by Afl. 7.4 mln. (-10.6%) from Afl. 69.8 mln. to Afl. 62.4 mln and was mainly due to decreases of Afl. -4.1 mln. (-9.8%) and Afl. -2.0 mln. (-57.7%) in the sections "Mineral products" and "Base metals and derived works", respectively.



IMPORT mln. kg % change

To Aruba by Sea	↓	-29.4	-17.7
To Aruba by Air	↑	0.4	37.3
To Aruba	↓	-28.9	-17.4
To the Free Zone	↑	0.3	11.4
Total Import	↓	-28.6	-16.9
By Large companies*	↑	0.4	1.6

IMPORT mln. Afl. % change

To Aruba by Sea	↑	19.7	3.9
To Aruba by Air	↑	5.6	5.0
To Aruba	↑	25.3	4.1
To the Free Zone	↓	-5.5	-15.0
Total Import	↑	19.9	3.0
By Large companies*	↓	-7.4	-10.6

EXPORT mln. kg % change

From Aruba by Sea	↑	0.5	9.8
From Aruba by Air	↓	-0.0004	-0.9
From Aruba	↑	0.5	9.7
From the Free Zone	↑	0.10	4.2
Total Export	↑	0.6	8.0
By Large companies*	↑	0.02	147.2

EXPORT mln. Afl. % change

From Aruba by Sea	↑	0.7	8.3
From Aruba by Air	↑	0.1	1.4
From Aruba	↑	0.8	5.2
From the Free Zone	↓	-0.7	-2.1
Total Export	↑	0.1	0.3
By Large companies*	↓	-0.01	-30.3

The % change is determined by comparing the

*Large companies refers to the following companies:

Valero, Arugas, Web, Elmar and Setar

Total Export

The total export, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 0.6 mln. Kg (8.0%) in the first quarter of 2024 (8.5 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2023 (7.9 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by Afl. 0.1 mln. (0.3%) from Afl. 47.0 mln. to Afl. 47.2 mln.

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba* (weight)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 0.5 mln. Kg (9.7%) in the first quarter of 2024 (6.0 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (5.5 mln. kg). Fourteen (14) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of weight in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increase is observed for the section "Base metals and derivated works" 0.5 mln. Kg (23.1%).

The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" -0.2 mln. kg. (-60.0%) and "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" -0.1 mln. kg (-67.7%).

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba* (value)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **value**, registered an increase of Afl. 0.8 mln. (5.2%) in the first quarter of 2024 (Afl. 16.3 mln.) compared to the same period in 2023 (Afl. 15.5 mln.). Eleven (11) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increase is observed for the section "Transport equipment" Afl. 2.4 mln. (3,564.1%). The largest decrease is observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" Afl. -1.9 mln. (-51.8%).

Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 0.1 mln. kg (4.2%) in the first quarter of 2024 (2.5 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (2.4 mln. kg) and was due to an increase of 0.1 mln. kg (4.2%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of **value**, the export from the free Zone of Aruba decreased by Afl. 0.7 mln. (-2.1%) from Afl. 31.6 mln. to Afl. 30.9 mln. and was mainly due to a decrease of Afl. -0.7 mln. (-2.1%) in the section "Food products".

* Free circulation area of Aruba: all goods entering or leaving the economic territory of Aruba, excluding the Free Zone

** Large companies refers to the following companies: Valero, Arugas, Web, Elmar and Setar

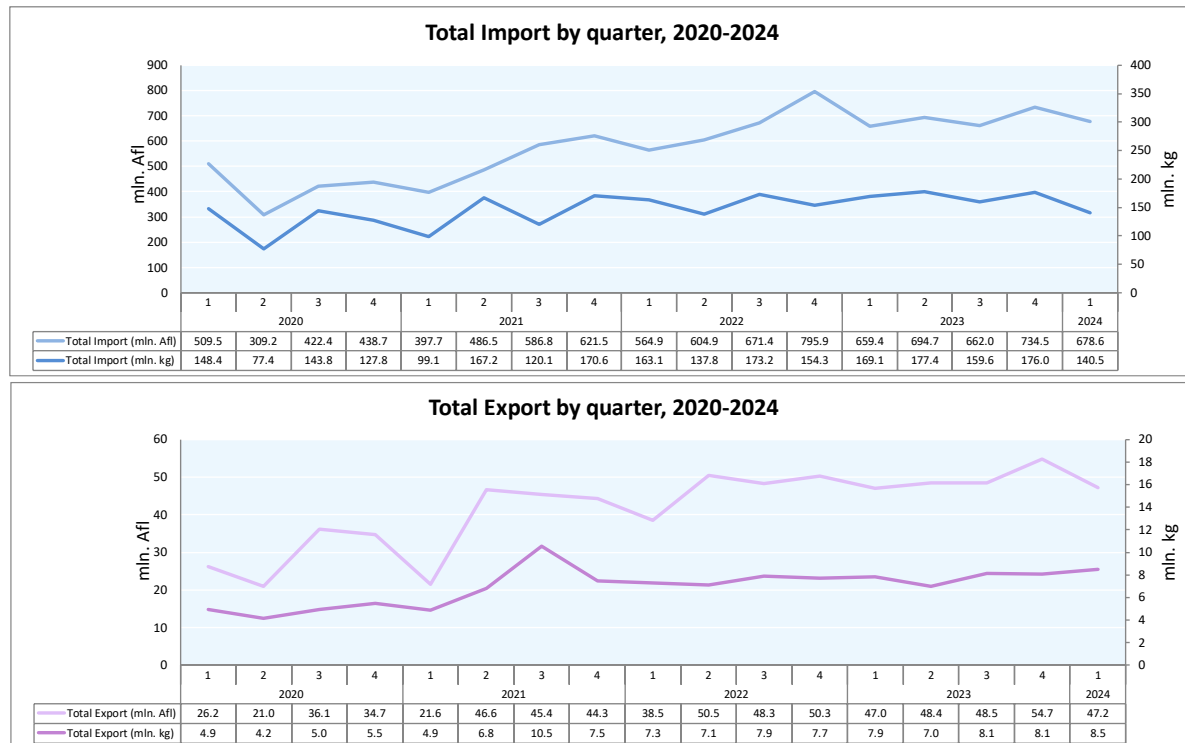


Table 1 Import by quarter, 2023-2024

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2023					Qtr. 2024				1st Quarter		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2023	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2024	% change	in mln
	<i>To Aruba by Sea</i>	165.5	173.4	156.5	172.3	667.7	136.1				136.1	-17.7
<i>To Aruba by Air</i>	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.9	4.1	1.6				1.6	37.3	0.4
<i>To Aruba</i>	166.6	174.6	157.3	173.3	671.8	137.7				137.7	-17.4	-28.9
<i>To the Free Zone</i>	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.7	10.3	2.8				2.8	11.4	0.3
Total Import	169.1	177.4	159.6	176.0	682.1	140.5				140.5	-16.9	-28.6
<i>By Large companies</i>	25.3	25.8	18.6	24.6	94.3	25.7				25.7	1.6	0.4
<i>By Other companies</i>	141.3	148.8	138.7	148.7	577.5	112.0				112.0	-20.8	-29.3
<i>To Aruba</i>	166.6	174.6	157.3	173.3	671.8	137.7				137.7	-17.4	-28.9

in mln. Afl.	Qtr. 2023					Qtr. 2024				1st Quarter		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2023	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2024	% change	in mln
	<i>To Aruba by Sea</i>	512.1	551.9	538.8	574.3	2,177.1	531.9				531.9	3.9
<i>To Aruba by Air</i>	110.8	110.7	93.1	124.3	438.9	116.4				116.4	5.0	5.6
<i>To Aruba</i>	623.0	662.5	631.9	698.6	2,616.0	648.3				648.3	4.1	25.3
<i>To the Free Zone</i>	36.5	32.2	30.1	36.0	134.7	31.0				31.0	-15.0	-5.5
Total Import	659.4	694.7	662.0	734.5	2,750.7	679.3				679.3	3.0	19.9
<i>By Large companies</i>	69.8	76.2	57.9	66.9	270.9	62.4				62.4	-10.6	-7.4
<i>By Other companies</i>	553.1	586.3	574.0	631.6	2,345.1	585.1				585.1	5.8	32.0
<i>To Aruba</i>	623.0	662.5	631.9	698.6	2,616.0	647.5				647.5	3.9	24.6

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2023-2024

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2023					Qtr. 2024				1st Quarter		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2023	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2024	% change	in mln
	<i>From Aruba by Sea</i>	5.4	4.7	5.9	5.3	21.3	6.0				6.0	9.8
<i>From Aruba by Air</i>	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.1	0.05				0.0	-0.9	-0.0004
<i>From Aruba</i>	5.5	4.7	5.9	5.4	21.5	6.0				6.0	9.7	0.5
<i>From the Free Zone</i>	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.7	9.6	2.5				2.5	4.2	0.1
Total Export	7.9	7.0	8.1	8.1	31.0	8.5				8.5	8.0	0.6
<i>By Large companies</i>	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.1	0.03				0.0	147.2	0.02
<i>By Other companies</i>	5.5	4.7	5.9	5.3	21.4	6.0				6.0	9.4	0.5
<i>From Aruba</i>	5.5	4.7	5.9	5.4	21.5	6.0				6.0	9.7	0.5

in mln. Afl.	Qtr. 2023					Qtr. 2024				1st Quarter		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2023	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2024	% change	in mln
	<i>From Aruba by Sea</i>	8.7	13.5	11.0	8.8	41.9	9.4				9.4	8.3
<i>From Aruba by Air</i>	6.8	7.5	8.4	9.0	31.7	6.9				6.9	1.4	0.1
<i>From Aruba</i>	15.5	21.0	19.4	17.8	73.6	16.3				16.3	5.2	0.8
<i>From the Free Zone</i>	31.6	27.4	29.1	37.0	125.0	30.9				30.9	-2.1	-0.7
Total Export	47.0	48.4	48.5	54.7	198.7	47.2				47.2	0.3	0.1
<i>By Large companies</i>	0.03	0.2	0.6	0.03	0.9	0.02				0.0	-30.3	-0.01
<i>By Other companies</i>	15.4	20.8	18.8	17.7	72.7	16.3				16.3	5.3	0.8
<i>From Aruba</i>	15.5	21.0	19.4	17.8	73.6	16.3				16.3	5.2	0.8

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba