

Foreign Trade, Third Quarter 2024

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 3rd quarter 2024.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 12.0 mln. Kg (-7.0%) in the third quarter of 2024 (159.9 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (171.9 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import increased by Afl. 112.3 mln (17.0%), from Afl. 661.3 mln. to Afl. 773.6 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 13.2 mln. Kg (-7.7%) in the third quarter of 2024 (156.6 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2023 (169.8 mln. kg). During this period, ten (10) 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" -13.4 mln. Kg (-13.4%).

The largest increase is observed for the section "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" 1.6 mln. Kg (24.5%).

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. 103.4 mln. (16.4%) in the third quarter of 2024 (Afl. 734.6 mln.) compared to the same period in 2023 (Afl. 631.2 mln.). During this period, nineteen (19) 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 "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" Afl. 26.5 mln. (31.1%), "Live animals and other animal products" Afl. 15.0 mln. (28.9%) and "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" Afl. 12.8 mln. (35.0%).

Decreases were observed for the sections "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" Afl. -1.2 mln. (-5.0%) and "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" Afl. -1.0 mln. (-11.5%).

Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of Afl. 1.1 mln. (53.8%) in the third quarter of 2024 (3.3 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (2.1 mln. kg).

In terms of **value**, the import to the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 8.9 mln (29.5%) from Afl. 30.1 mln. to Afl. 39.0 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 8.6 mln. (29.3%) 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 12.6 mln. kg (-7.5%) in the third quarter of 2024 (155.5 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (168.1 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease in the section "Mineral products" 13.4 mln. kg. (-14.3%).

In terms of **value**, the import by Sea increased by Afl. 97.2 mln. (18.1%) from Afl. 538.2 mln. to Afl. 635.4 mln and was mainly due to increases of Afl. 23.0 mln. (32.1%) and Afl. 15.1 (30.4%) in the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" and "Live animals and other animal products", 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**, decreased by 0.6 mln. kg (-33.0%) from 1.7 mln. kg in the third quarter of 2023 to 1.1 mln. kg in the third quarter of 2024 and was mainly due to a decrease of 0.2 mln. kg (-61.6%) in the section "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)".

In terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by Afl. 6.2 mln. (6.7%) from Afl. 93.0 mln. to Afl. 99.2 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 3.5 mln. (26.2%) in the section "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)".

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, increased by 7.9 mln. kg (41.5%) from 19.0 mln. kg in the third quarter of 2023 to 26.8 mln. kg in the third quarter of 2024 and was mainly due to an increase of 8.3 mln. kg (46.8%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of **value**, the import by "Large companies" increased by Afl. 11.3 mln. (19.5%) from Afl. 57.9 mln. to Afl. 69.2 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 12.3 mln. (43.4%) in the sections "Mineral products".



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IMPORT mln. kg % change

To Aruba by Sea	↓	-12.6	-7.5
To Aruba by Air	↓	-0.6	-33.0
To Aruba	↓	-13.2	-7.7
To the Free Zone	↑	1.1	53.8
Total Import	↓	-12.0	-7.0
By Large companies*	↑	7.9	41.5

IMPORT mln. Afl. % change

To Aruba by Sea	↑	97.2	18.1
To Aruba by Air	↑	6.2	6.7
To Aruba	↑	103.4	16.4
To the Free Zone	↑	8.9	29.5
Total Import	↑	112.3	17.0
By Large companies*	↑	11.3	19.5

EXPORT mln. kg % change

From Aruba by Sea	↑	0.3	5.3
From Aruba by Air	↓	-0.01	-22.6
From Aruba	↑	0.3	5.0
From the Free Zone	↑	1.1	50.6
Total Export	↑	1.4	17.1
By Large companies*	↑	0.03	330.4

EXPORT mln. Afl. % change

From Aruba by Sea	↑	0.7	6.7
From Aruba by Air	↑	1.7	19.7
From Aruba	↑	2.4	12.3
From the Free Zone	↑	11.3	39.0
Total Export	↑	13.7	28.3
By Large companies*	↑	1.3	208.4

The % change is determined by comparing the current quarter with the previous quarter.

*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 1.4 mln. Kg (17.1%) in the third quarter of 2024 (9.4 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2023 (8.1 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total export increased by Afl. 13.7 mln. (28.3%) from Afl. 48.3 mln. to Afl. 62.0 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 0.3 mln. Kg (5.0%) in the third quarter of 2024 (6.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (5.9 mln. kg). Twelve (12) 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 "Food products" 0.3 mln. Kg (31.5%). The largest decrease is observed for the section "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" -0.3 mln. kg. (-19.6%).

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

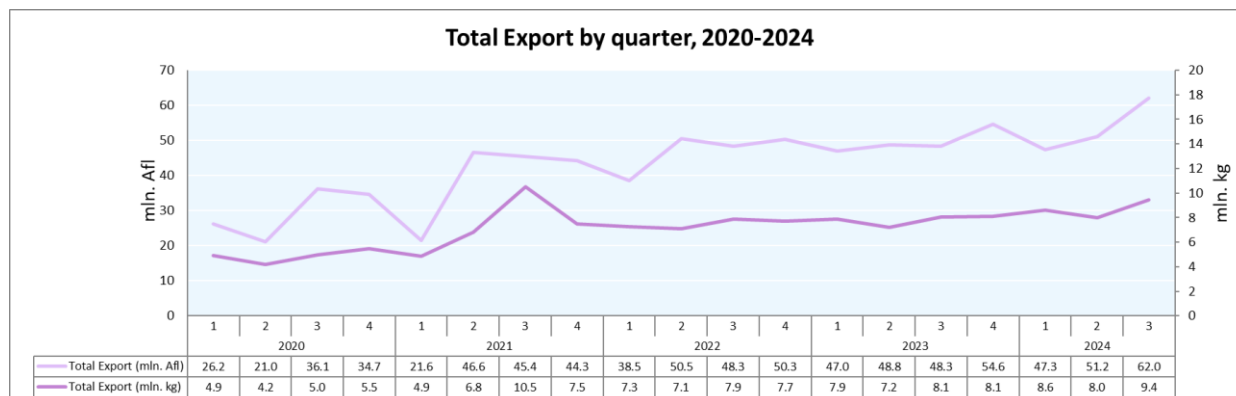
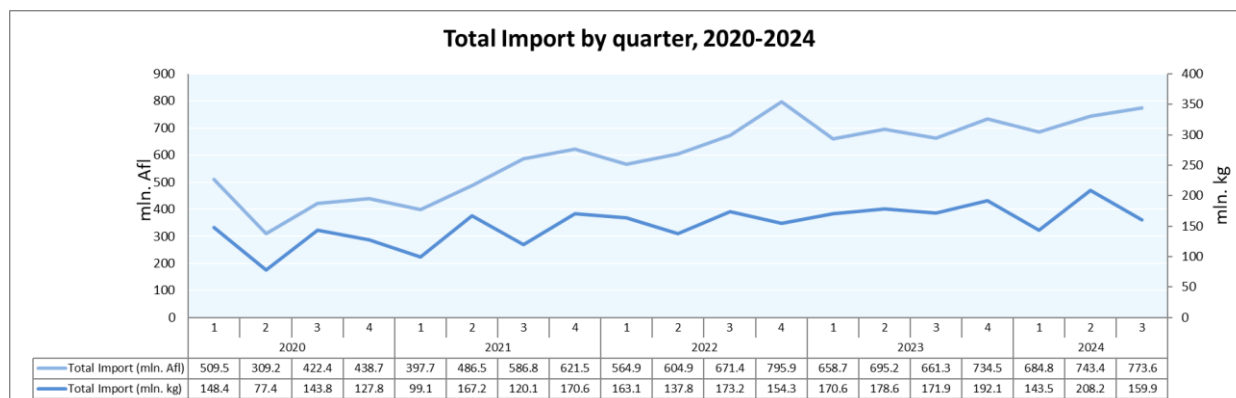
Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **value**, registered an increase of Afl. 2.4 mln. (12.3%) in the third quarter of 2024 (Afl. 21.8 mln.) compared to the same period in 2023 (Afl. 19.4 mln.). Fourteen (14) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increase is observed for the section "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" Afl. 2.2 mln. (57.5%).

The largest decrease is observed for the sections "Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques" Afl. -0.8 mln. (-33.0%).

Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 1.1 mln. kg (50.6%) in the third quarter of 2024 (3.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2023 (2.1 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 1.1 mln. kg (50.4%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of **value**, the export from the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 11.3 mln. (39.0%) from Afl. 28.9 mln. to Afl. 40.2 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 11.3 mln. (39.0%) 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					3rd Quarter 2023 - 2024	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2023	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2024	% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	166.9	174.3	168.1	187.9	697.3	138.7	203.7	155.5		497.9	-7.5	-12.6
To Aruba by Air	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.5	5.9	2.0	1.6	1.1		4.8	-33.0	-0.56
To Aruba	168.2	175.9	169.8	189.4	703.2	140.7	205.3	156.6		502.7	-7.7	-13.2
To the Free Zone	2.4	2.8	2.1	2.8	10.1	2.8	2.9	3.3		8.9	53.8	1.1
Total Import	170.6	178.6	171.9	192.1	713.3	143.5	208.2	159.9		511.5	-7.0	-12.0
By Large companies	25.3	25.9	19.0	24.6	94.8	25.7	26.4	26.8		78.9	41.5	7.87
By Other companies	142.9	149.9	150.8	164.7	608.4	115.0	179.0	129.8		423.7	-13.9	-21.0
To Aruba	168.2	175.9	169.8	189.4	703.2	140.7	205.3	156.6		502.7	-7.7	-13.2
in mln. Afl.												
To Aruba by Sea	511.9	552.4	538.2	574.2	2,176.7	537.3	598.8	635.4		1,771.5	18.1	97.2
To Aruba by Air	110.8	110.6	93.0	124.3	438.8	116.4	105.3	99.2		320.9	6.7	6.2
To Aruba	622.7	663.0	631.2	698.5	2,615.4	653.8	704.1	734.6		2,092.5	16.4	103.4
To the Free Zone	36.0	32.2	30.1	36.0	134.2	31.0	39.3	39.0		109.3	29.5	8.9
Total Import	658.7	695.2	661.3	734.5	2,749.7	684.8	743.4	773.6		2,201.8	17.0	112.3
By Large companies	69.8	76.2	57.9	66.9	270.9	62.5	68.1	69.2		199.8	19.5	11.31
By Other companies	552.9	586.8	573.3	631.6	2,344.6	591.3	636.0	665.4		1,892.7	16.1	92.1
To Aruba	622.7	663.0	631.2	698.5	2,615.4	653.8	704.1	734.6		2,092.5	16.4	103.4

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2023-2024

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2023					Qtr. 2024					3rd Quarter 2023 - 2024	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2023	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2024	% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	5.4	5.0	5.9	5.4	21.6	6.1	5.5	6.2		17.7	5.3	0.3
From Aruba by Air	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.2	0.06	0.06	0.04		0.2	-22.6	-0.01
From Aruba	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.4	21.8	6.1	5.5	6.2		17.9	5.0	0.3
From the Free Zone	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.7	9.4	2.5	2.5	3.2		8.2	50.6	1.1
Total Export	7.9	7.2	8.1	8.1	31.3	8.6	8.0	9.4		26.0	17.1	1.4
By Large companies	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.1	0.03	0.02	0.04		0.1	330.4	0.03
By Other companies	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.4	21.8	6.1	5.5	6.2		17.8	4.5	0.3
From Aruba	5.5	5.0	5.9	5.4	21.8	6.1	5.5	6.2		17.9	5.0	0.3
in mln. Afl.												
From Aruba by Sea	8.7	13.9	11.0	8.8	42.3	9.5	9.4	11.7		30.7	6.7	0.7
From Aruba by Air	6.8	7.5	8.4	9.0	31.7	6.9	10.2	10.1		27.1	19.7	1.7
From Aruba	15.5	21.4	19.4	17.8	74.0	16.4	19.6	21.8		57.8	12.3	2.4
From the Free Zone	31.5	27.4	28.9	36.8	124.7	30.9	31.6	40.2		102.7	39.0	11.3
Total Export	47.0	48.8	48.3	54.6	198.7	47.3	51.2	62.0		160.5	28.3	13.7
By Large companies	0.03	0.2	0.6	0.03	0.9	0.02	0.32	1.91		2.2	208.4	1.29
By Other companies	15.4	21.1	18.8	17.7	73.1	16.4	19.3	19.9		55.6	5.9	1.1
From Aruba	15.5	21.4	19.4	17.8	74.0	16.4	19.6	21.8		57.8	12.3	2.4

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba