

Foreign Trade, 2021

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of 2021.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 9.0% in 2021 (542.5 mln. kg) compared to 2020 (497.6 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import registered an increase of 24.5%, from Afl. 1,681.8 mln. to Afl. 2,093.9 mln.

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

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 8.4% in 2021 (534.1 mln. kg), compared to 2020 (492.6 mln. kg). During 2021, fifteen (15) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of weight, registered increases in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Mineral products" (28.2 mln. kg), "Food products" (5.8 mln. kg), "Miscellaneous manufactured articles" (4.1 mln. kg) and "Live animals and other animal products" (3.0 mln. kg).

The largest decreases are seen for the sections "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (-2.8 mln. kg), "Chemical products" (-1.5 mln. Kg) and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (-1.2 mln. Kg).

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 22.0% in 2021 (Afl. 1,983.7 mln.) compared to 2020 (Afl. 1,626.3 mln.). During 2021, nineteen (19) of the twentyone (21) sections, in terms of value, registered increases in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Food products" (Afl. 60.0 mln.), "Live animals and other animal products" (Afl. 53.5 mln.), "Chemical products" (Afl. 33.7 mln.) and "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. 30.4 mln.).

The only decreases are seen for the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" (Afl. -31.4 mln.) and "Arms and ammunition" (Afl. -0.2 mln.).

Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 68.8% in 2021 (8.4 mln. kg) compared to 2020 (5.0 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, it increased by 98.8% from Afl. 55.4 mln. to Afl. 110.2 mln.

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

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 an increase of 8.4% in 2021 (531.1 mln. kg) compared to 2020 (490.1 mln. kg), and in terms of **value**, the import by Sea registered an increase of 19.1%, from Afl. 1,359.0 mln. to Afl. 1,619.0 mln.

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**, registered an increase of 20.4% in 2021 (3.1 mln. kg) compared to 2020 (2.5 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by 36.4%, from Afl. 267.4 mln. to Afl. 364.7 mln.

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

Import by "Large companies", in terms of **weight**, increased by 8.7%, from 83.4 mln. kg in 2020 to 90.6 mln. kg in 2021, while, in terms of **value**, it decreased by 10.3%, from Afl. 188.5 mln. to Afl. 169.1 mln.

* 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



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IMPORT	mln. kg	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑ 531.1	8.4
To Aruba by Air	↑ 3.1	20.4
To Aruba	↑ 534.1	8.4
To the Free Zone	↑ 8.4	68.8
Total Import	↑ 542.5	9.0
By Large companies*	↑ 90.6	8.7

IMPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑ 1,619.0	19.1
To Aruba by Air	↑ 364.7	36.4
To Aruba	↑ 1,983.7	22.0
To the Free Zone	↑ 110.2	98.8
Total Import	↑ 2,093.9	24.5
By Large companies*	↓ 169.1	-10.3

EXPORT	mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑ 21.4	40.8
From Aruba by Air	↓ 0.2	-25.8
From Aruba	↑ 21.6	39.9
From the Free Zone	↑ 7.6	86.1
Total Export	↑ 29.2	49.6
By Large companies*	↑ 0.1	105.8

EXPORT	mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑ 30.7	1.0
From Aruba by Air	↓ 28.2	-9.2
From Aruba	↓ 58.8	-4.2
From the Free Zone	↑ 99.3	75.4
Total Export	↑ 158.1	34.0
By Large companies*	↑ 0.3	100.0

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

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

Total Export

Total export from Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 49.6% in 2021 (29.2 mln. kg) compared to 2020 (19.5 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, it increased by 34.0% from Afl. 118.0 mln. to Afl. 158.1 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 39.9% in 2021 (21.6 mln. kg) compared to 2020 (15.4 mln. kg). During 2021, fifteen (15) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of weight, registered increases in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest increases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" (3.7 mln. kg), "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" (1.5 mln. kg) and "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" (1.2 mln. kg).

The largest decrease is seen for the section "Food products" (-0.4 mln. kg). Furthermore, a decrease of -0.1 mln. kg was registered for the sections "Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques", "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" and "Artificial plastic elements".

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba (value)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered a decrease of 4.2% in 2021 (Afl. 58.8 mln.) compared to 2020 (Afl. 61.4 mln.). During 2021, ten (10) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of value, registered decreases in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Optical instruments, apparatus and equipment" (Afl. -2.5 mln.), "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones" (Afl. -1.4 mln.), "Footwear, headgear and umbrellas" (Afl. -1.2 mln.) and "Base metals and derivated works" (Afl. -0.7 mln.).

The largest increase is seen for the section "Skins, hides, leather and peltry" (Afl. 1.3 mln.). Furthermore, increases of Afl. 0.8 mln. and Afl. 0.7 mln. were registered for the sections "Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques" and "Transport equipment", respectively.

Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 86.1% in 2021 (7.6 mln. kg) compared to 2020 (4.1 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, it increased by 75.4% from Afl. 56.6 mln. to Afl. 99.3 mln.

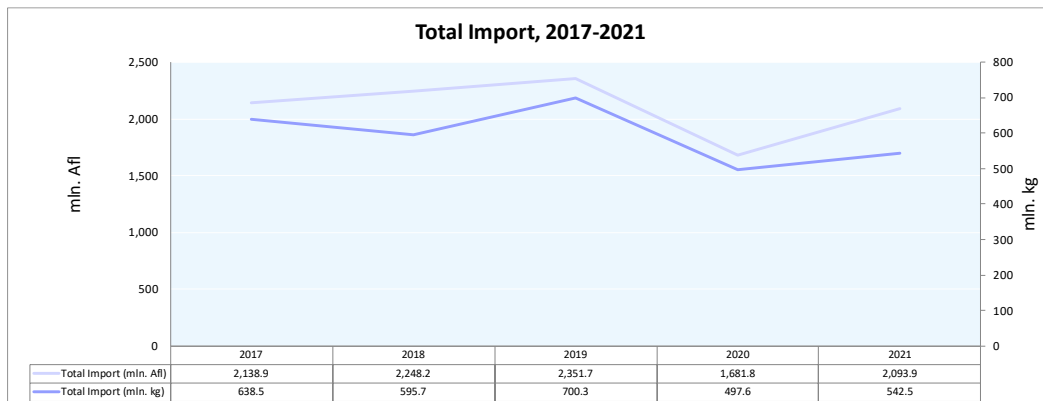


Table 1 Import, 2017-2021

<i>in mln. kg</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2020 - 2021	
						% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	628.8	589.2	690.7	490.1	531.1	8.4	41.0
To Aruba by Air	2.7	3.8	4.3	2.5	3.1	20.4	0.5
To Aruba	631.6	593.0	694.9	492.6	534.1	8.4	41.5
To the Free Zone	6.9	2.6	5.3	5.0	8.4	68.8	3.4
Total Import	638.5	595.7	700.3	497.6	542.5	9.0	44.9
By Large companies	97.0	96.2	93.5	83.4	90.6	8.7	7.3
By Other companies	534.6	496.9	601.5	409.3	443.5	8.4	34.2
To Aruba	631.6	593.0	694.9	492.6	534.1	8.4	41.5
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>							
To Aruba by Sea	1,681.1	1,798.2	1,861.9	1,359.0	1,619.0	19.1	260.1
To Aruba by Air	376.0	403.5	414.9	267.4	364.7	36.4	97.3
To Aruba	2,057.1	2,201.7	2,276.8	1,626.3	1,983.7	22.0	357.4
To the Free Zone	81.8	46.5	74.9	55.4	110.2	98.8	54.8
Total Import	2,138.9	2,248.2	2,351.7	1,681.8	2,093.9	24.5	412.1
By Large companies	200.4	241.3	272.9	188.5	169.1	-10.3	-19.4
By Other companies	1,856.7	1,960.3	2,003.9	1,437.8	1,814.6	26.2	376.8
To Aruba	2,057.1	2,201.7	2,276.8	1,626.3	1,983.7	22.0	357.4

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export, 2017-2021

<i>in mln. kg</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2020 - 2021	
						% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	17.8	16.3	16.7	15.2	21.4	40.8	6.2
From Aruba by Air	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	-25.8	-0.1
From Aruba	18.2	16.6	16.9	15.4	21.6	39.9	6.2
From the Free Zone	6.9	2.8	4.1	4.1	7.6	86.1	3.5
Total Export	25.1	19.4	21.1	19.5	29.2	49.6	9.7
By Large companies	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	105.8	0.0
By Other companies	18.1	16.6	16.9	15.4	21.5	39.8	6.1
From Aruba	18.2	16.6	16.9	15.4	21.6	39.9	6.2
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>							
From Aruba by Sea	39.0	37.7	40.8	30.3	30.7	1.0	0.3
From Aruba by Air	45.8	37.4	38.0	31.0	28.2	-9.2	-2.9
From Aruba	84.8	75.1	78.9	61.4	58.8	-4.2	-2.6
From the Free Zone	74.2	49.3	61.9	56.6	99.3	75.4	42.7
Total Export	159.0	124.4	140.8	118.0	158.1	34.0	40.1
By Large companies	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.3	100.0	0.2
By Other companies	83.8	73.8	77.6	61.2	58.5	-4.5	-2.7
From Aruba	84.8	75.1	78.9	61.4	58.8	-4.2	-2.6

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba