

Foreign Trade, 2022

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of 2022.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 54.7 mln. kg (9.8%), in 2022 (611.7 mln. kg) compared to 2021 (557.0 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import registered an increase of Afl. 546.2 mln. (26.1%) from Afl. 2,092.5 mln. to Afl. 2,638.7 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 52.2 mln. kg (9.5%) in 2022 (600.5 mln. kg), compared to 2021 (548.4 mln. kg). During 2022, nineteen (19) 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" 33.1 mln. Kg (10.9%), "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" 4.4 mln. Kg (24.8%) and "Food products" 3.5 mln. Kg (5.1%).

The only two (2) decreases are seen for the sections "Vegetable products" -1.6 mln. Kg (-4.0%) and "Fats and oils" -0.2 mln. Kg (-7.0%).

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. 506.9 mln. (25.6%) in 2022 (Afl. 2,489.4 mln.) compared to 2021 (Afl. 1,982.5 mln.). During 2022, twenty (20) of the twenty one (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 "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" Afl. 80.7 mln. (32.2%), "Mineral products" Afl. 73.4 mln. (57.9%), "Transport equipment" Afl. 48.9 mln. (51.4%) and "Live animals and other animal products" Afl. 48.0 mln.(25.5%).

The only decrease is seen for the section "Chemical products" Afl. -1.2 mln. (-0.5%).

Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered an increase of 2.5 mln. kg (29.1%) in 2022 (11.1 mln. kg) compared to 2021 8.6 mln. kg), and was mainly due to an increase of 2.6 mln. kg (31.7%) in the section "Food products". In terms of **value**, it increased by Afl. 39.2 mln (35.6%) from Afl. 110.1 mln. to Afl. 149.3 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 40.8 mln. (38.2%) in the section "Food products".

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:

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 52.2 mln. kg (9.6%) in 2022 (597.5 mln. kg) compared to 2021 (545.3 mln. kg), and was mainly due to an increase of 33.1 mln. kg (10.9%) in the section "Mineral products". In terms of **value**, the import by Sea registered an increase of 441.5 mln. kg (27.3%), from Afl. 1,617.8 mln. to Afl. 2,059.3 mln. and was mainly due to increases of 73.4 mln. kg (57.9%) and 64.9 mln. kg (31.6%) in the sections "Mineral products" and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)", respectively.



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IMPORT mln. kg % change

To Aruba by Sea	↑	597.5	9.6
To Aruba by Air	↓	3.0	-3.2
To Aruba	↑	600.5	9.5
To the Free Zone	↑	11.1	29.1
Total Import	↑	611.7	9.8
By Large companies*	↑	95.5	5.3

IMPORT mln. Afl. % change

To Aruba by Sea	↑	2,059.3	27.3
To Aruba by Air	↑	430.1	17.9
To Aruba	↑	2,489.4	25.6
To the Free Zone	↑	149.3	35.6
Total Import	↑	2,638.7	26.1
By Large companies*	↑	257.1	52.0

EXPORT mln. kg % change

From Aruba by Sea	↓	20.5	-5.2
From Aruba by Air	↓	0.1	-10.0
From Aruba	↓	20.7	-5.2
From the Free Zone	↑	9.0	14.4
Total Export	↑	29.7	0.01
By Large companies*	↓	0.1	-19.8

EXPORT mln. Afl. % change

From Aruba by Sea	↑	41.9	36.8
From Aruba by Air	↓	27.1	-3.7
From Aruba	↑	69.0	17.4
From the Free Zone	↑	119.9	21.1
Total Export	↑	188.9	19.7
By Large companies*	↓	0.2	-34.1

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

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

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

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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 a decrease of 0.1 mln. kg (-3.2%) in 2022 (3.0 mln. kg) compared to 2021 (3.1 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease of 0.1 mln. kg (-15.7) in the section "Vegetable products". In terms of **value**, the import by Air increased by 65.4 mln. kg (17.9%), from Afl. 364.6 mln. to Afl. 430.1 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 32.2 mln. (57.4%) 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 4.8 mln. kg (5.3%), from 90.7 mln. kg in 2021 to 95.5 mln. kg in 2022, and was mainly due to an increase of 4.6 mln. kg (5.2%) in the section "Mineral products". In terms of **value**, it increased by Afl. 88.0 mln. (52.0%), from Afl. 169.1 mln. to Afl. 257.1 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 66.9 mln. (65.6%) in the section "Mineral products".

Total Export

Total export from Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered a slight increase of 0.004 mln. kg (0.01%), in 2022 (29.72 mln. kg) compared to 2021 (29.72 mln. kg), while, in terms of **value**, the total import registered an increase of Afl. 31.1 mln. (19.7%) from Afl. 157.8 mln. to Afl. 188.9 mln.

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba (weight)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of **weight**, registered a decrease of 1.1 mln. kg (-5.2%) in 2022 (20.7 mln. kg) compared to 2021 (21.8 mln. kg). During 2021, fourteen (14) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of **weight**, registered decreases in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The largest decreases are observed for the sections "Base metals and derivated works" -1.2 mln. kg (-11.5%), "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos" -0.7 mln. kg (-42.9%) and "Materials for the manufacture of paper, paperwork" -0.3 mln. kg (-5.8%).

The largest increases are seen for the sections "Food products" 1.3 mln. kg (130.1%) and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" 0.2 mln. kg (25.7%).

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 10.2 mln. (17.4%) in 2022 (Afl. 69.0 mln.) compared to 2021 (Afl. 58.8 mln.). During 2022, eleven (11) of the twenty-one (21) sections, in terms of **value**, 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" Afl 8.1 mln. (125.2%), "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" Afl 3.3 mln. (62.5%) and "Food products" Afl 1.8 mln. (77.6%).

The largest decreases are seen for the sections "Chemical products" -Afl 2.5 mln. (-28.4%) and "Skins, hides, leather and peltry" Afl -1.6 mln. (-76.7%).

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 (14.4%) in 2022 (9.0 mln. kg) compared to 2021 (7.9 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 1.2 mln. kg (15.4%) in the section "Food products". In terms of **value**, it increased by Afl. 20.9 mln. (21.1%) from Afl. 99.0 mln. to Afl. 119.9 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 21.0 mln. (21.3%) in the section "Food products".

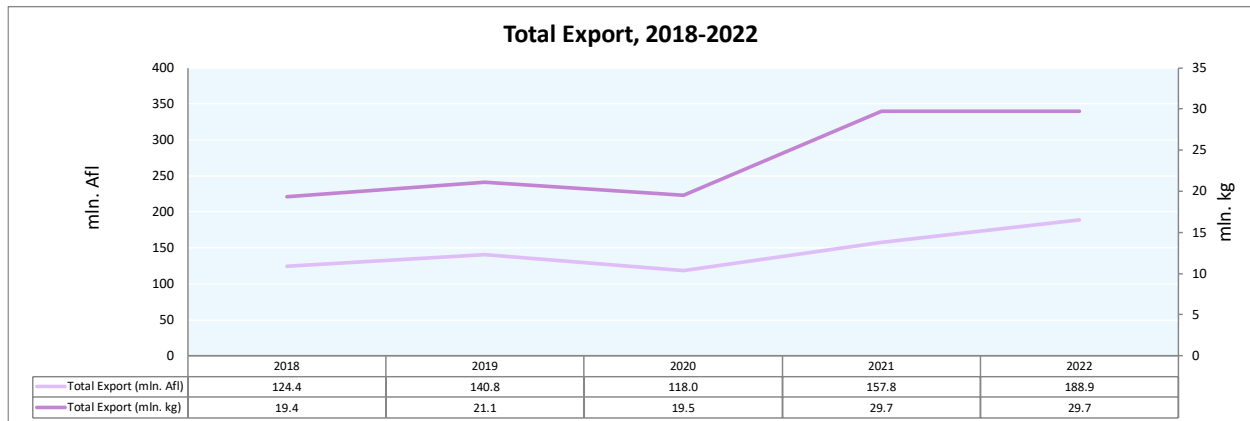
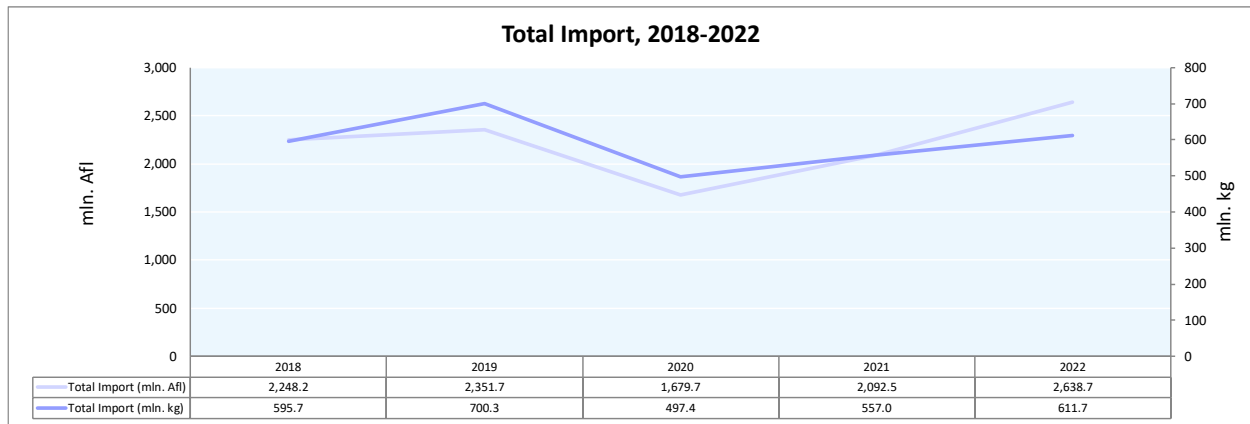


Table 1 Import, 2018-2022

<i>in mln. kg</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2021 - 2022	
							% change	in mln
<i>To Aruba by Sea</i>	628.8	589.2	690.7	489.9	545.3	597.5	9.6	52.2
<i>To Aruba by Air</i>	2.7	3.8	4.3	2.5	3.1	3.0	-3.2	-0.1
<i>To Aruba</i>	631.6	593.0	694.9	492.4	548.4	600.5	9.5	52.2
<i>To the Free Zone</i>	6.9	2.6	5.3	5.0	8.6	11.1	29.1	2.5
Total Import	638.5	595.7	700.3	497.4	557.0	611.7	9.8	54.7
<i>By Large companies</i>	97.0	96.2	93.5	83.4	90.7	95.5	5.3	4.8
<i>By Other companies</i>	534.6	496.9	601.5	409.0	457.7	505.0	10.3	47.3
<i>To Aruba</i>	631.6	593.0	694.9	492.4	548.4	600.5	9.5	52.2
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>								
<i>To Aruba by Sea</i>	1,681.1	1,798.2	1,861.9	1,357.8	1,617.8	2,059.3	27.3	441.5
<i>To Aruba by Air</i>	376.0	403.5	414.9	266.7	364.6	430.1	17.9	65.4
<i>To Aruba</i>	2,057.1	2,201.7	2,276.8	1,624.5	1,982.5	2,489.4	25.6	506.9
<i>To the Free Zone</i>	81.8	46.5	74.9	55.3	110.1	149.3	35.6	39.2
Total Import	2,138.9	2,248.2	2,351.7	1,679.7	2,092.5	2,638.7	26.1	546.2
<i>By Large companies</i>	200.4	241.3	272.9	188.5	169.1	257.1	52.0	88.0
<i>By Other companies</i>	1,856.7	1,960.3	2,003.9	1,436.0	1,813.4	2,232.3	23.1	419.0
<i>To Aruba</i>	2,057.1	2,201.7	2,276.8	1,624.5	1,982.5	2,489.4	25.6	506.9

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export, 2018-2022

<i>in mln. kg</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2021 - 2022	
							% change	in mln
<i>From Aruba by Sea</i>	17.8	16.3	16.7	15.2	21.6	20.5	-5.2	-1.1
<i>From Aruba by Air</i>	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	-10.0	0.0
<i>From Aruba</i>	18.2	16.6	16.9	15.4	21.8	20.7	-5.2	-1.1
<i>From the Free Zone</i>	6.9	2.8	4.1	4.1	7.9	9.0	14.4	1.1
Total Export	25.1	19.4	21.1	19.5	29.71	29.72	0.01	0.004
<i>By Large companies</i>	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	-19.8	0.0
<i>By Other companies</i>	18.1	16.6	16.9	15.4	21.7	20.6	-5.1	-1.1
<i>From Aruba</i>	18.2	16.6	16.9	15.4	21.8	20.7	-5.2	-1.1
<i>in mln. Afl.</i>								
<i>From Aruba by Sea</i>	39.0	37.7	40.8	30.3	30.6	41.9	36.8	11.3
<i>From Aruba by Air</i>	45.8	37.4	38.0	31.0	28.2	27.1	-3.7	-1.1
<i>From Aruba</i>	84.8	75.1	78.9	61.4	58.8	69.0	17.4	10.2
<i>From the Free Zone</i>	74.2	49.3	61.9	56.6	99.0	119.9	21.1	20.9
Total Export	159.0	124.4	140.8	118.0	157.8	188.9	19.7	31.1
<i>By Large companies</i>	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	-34.1	-0.1
<i>By Other companies</i>	83.8	73.8	77.6	61.2	58.4	68.8	17.7	10.3
<i>From Aruba</i>	84.8	75.1	78.9	61.4	58.8	69.0	17.4	10.2

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba