



ARUBA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King WILLEM-ALEXANDER of the Netherlands

Head of Government

Prime Minister Evelyn WEVER-CROES

Government Type

parliamentary democracy; part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Capital

Oranjestad

Legislature

unicameral Legislature or Staten (21 seats)

Judiciary

Joint Court of Justice of Aruba, Curacao, Sint Maarten, and of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba or "Joint Court of Justice"; final appeals heard by the Supreme Court in The Hague, Netherlands

Ambassador to US

none (represented by the Kingdom of the Netherlands)

US Ambassador

the US does not have an embassy in Aruba; the Consul General to Curacao is accredited to Aruba

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 180 sq km

Land: 180 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical marine; little seasonal temperature variation

Natural Resources

white sandy beaches foster tourism

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

tourism, petroleum bunkering, hospitality, and financial and business services are the mainstays of the small open economy; rapid growth of the tourism sector has resulted in a substantial expansion of the construction industry

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$4.158 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$37,500 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$137.1 million (2017 est.)

partners: US 20.2%, Colombia 17.6%, Venezuela 13%, Netherlands 9.1%, Thailand 8.4%, Panama 4.8% (2017)

Imports

\$1.122 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 53.7%, Netherlands 13.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

119,430 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

1.19% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Aruban 66%, Colombian 9.1%, Dutch 4.3%, Dominican 4.1%, Venezuelan 3.2%, Curacaoan 2.2%, Haitian 1.5%, Surinamese 1.2%, Peruvian 1.1%, Chinese 1.1%, other 6.2% (2010 est.)

Language

Papiamento (official) 69.4%, Spanish 13.7%, English (widely spoken) 7.1%, Dutch (official) 6.1%, Chinese 1.5%, other 1.7%, unspecified 0.4% (2010 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 75.3%, Protestant 4.9% Jehovah's Witness 1.7%, other 12%, none 5.5%, unspecified 0.5% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 43.7% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.67% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

97.8% (2018)

