



Aruba



Background	Discovered and claimed for Spain in 1499, Aruba was acquired by the Dutch in 1636. Aruba seceded from the Netherlands Antilles in 1986 and became a separate, semi-autonomous member of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Movement toward full independence was halted at Aruba's request in 1990.
Capital	name: Oranjestad
Government type	parliamentary democracy; part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Area	total : 180 sq km land: 180 sq km water: 0 sq km
Climate	tropical marine; little seasonal temperature variation
Natural resources	NEGL; white sandy beaches foster tourism
Population	total: 125,063 (2024 est.)
Population growth rate	1.08% (2024 est.)
Ethnic groups	Dutch 78.7%, Colombian 6.6%, Venezuelan 5.5%, Dominican 2.8%, Haitian 1.3%, other 5.1% (2020 est.)
Religions	Roman Catholic 75.3%, Protestant 4.9% (includes Methodist 0.9%, Adventist 0.9%, Anglican 0.4%, other Protestant 2.7%), Jehovah's Witness 1.7%, other 12%, none 5.5%, unspecified 0.5% (2010 est.)
Languages	Papiamentu (official) (a creole language that mixes Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, English, French, African languages, and Arawak) 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.)
Executive branch	chief of state: King WILLEM-ALEXANDER of the Netherlands (since 30 April 2013); represented by Governor General Alfonso BOEKHOUDT (since 1 January 2017) head of government: Prime Minister Mike EMAN (since 28 March 2025)
Economic overview	small, tourism-dependent, territorial-island economy; very high public debt; COVID-19 crippled economic activity; partial recovery underway via tourism, benefitting from its high amount of timeshare residences; considering reopening oil refinery
Real GDP (purchasing power parity)	\$4.35 billion (2023 est.) \$4.172 billion (2022 est.) \$3.844 billion (2021 est.)

Real GDP per capita	\$40,500 (2023 est.) \$38,900 (2022 est.) \$35,700 (2021 est.)
Exports	\$3.153 billion (2023 est.) \$2.853 billion (2022 est.) \$2.201 billion (2021 est.)
Exports - partners	Jordan 34%, Colombia 31%, USA 7%, Guyana 5%, Slovakia 5% (2023)
Exports - commodities	tobacco, gas turbines, refined petroleum, steam turbines, heating machinery (2023)
Imports	\$2.565 billion (2023 est.) \$2.429 billion (2022 est.) \$1.947 billion (2021 est.)
Imports - partners	USA 53%, Netherlands 15%, China 6%, Colombia 3%, Brazil 3% (2023)
Imports - commodities	refined petroleum, tobacco, cars, garments, jewelry (2023)

Population Pyramid

