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

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%, Curacaosan 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)

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

as of November 2020