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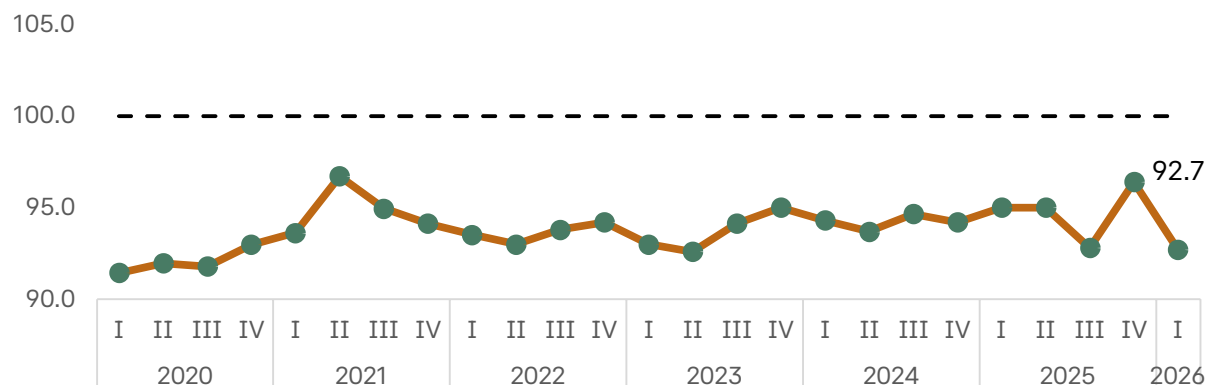
The Central Bank of Aruba (CBA) concluded its Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS) for the first quarter of 2026. The CCS assesses the economic sentiments of local consumers.

Top of mind consumer concerns during the first quarter of 2026 for the following 6 months:

- Deteriorating business and economic conditions expanded to 68% (2025-IV: 36%).
- About 53% of respondents expected it to be more difficult to find a new job (2025-IV: 32%).
- Roughly 41% of respondents foresaw the government’s financial position to worsen, (2025-IV: 31%).
- An estimated 35% of respondents expected their household to be financially worse off (2025-IV: 13%).

The Consumer Confidence Index decreased by 3.7 percentage point to 92.7 in the first quarter of 2026 (see chart 1)<sup>1</sup>.

Chart 1: Consumer Confidence Index contracted during the first quarter of 2026.



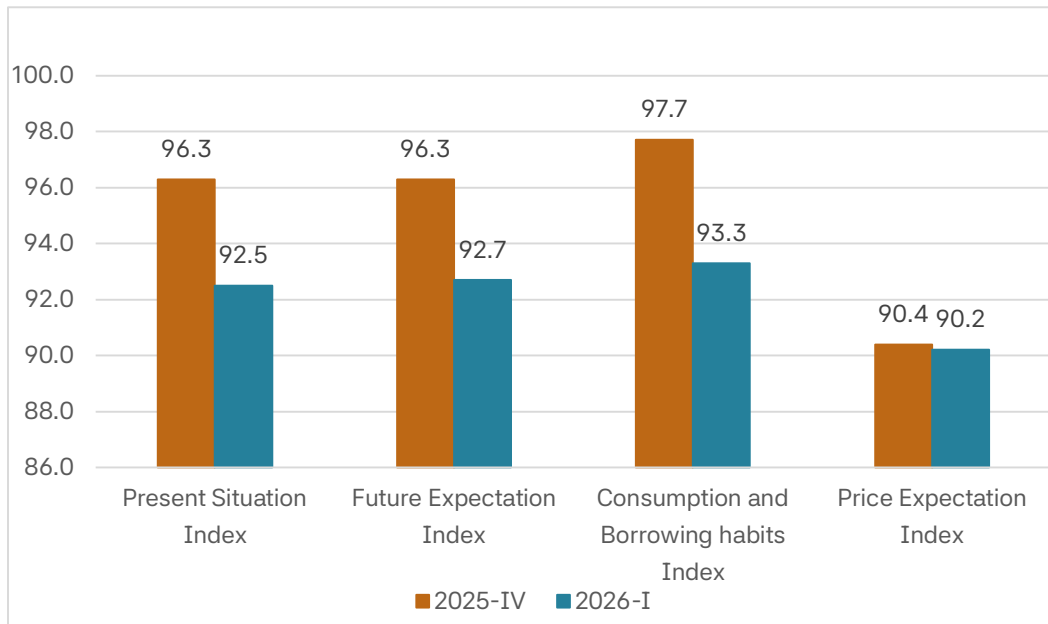
Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

<sup>1</sup> The index can vary between 90 and 110. Between 90 and 100 indicates a situation of pessimism. An index of exactly 100 indicates that consumers are neither pessimistic nor optimistic but are neutral with regard to their thoughts about economic developments in Aruba. Between 100 and 110 indicates a situation of optimism in consumer sentiments.



The Consumption Habits Index shrank by 4.4 index points to 93.3 during the first quarter of 2026. The Present Situation Index and the Future Expectation Index decreased in the first quarter of 2026 by 3.8 index points to 92.5 and 3.6 index points to 92.7, respectively. As for the Price Expectation Index, this inched down to 90.2 during the first quarter of 2026 (see chart 2).

**Chart 2: Consumer Confidence Index results during first quarter of 2026.**



Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

Higher price expectation in the next 6 months remains a major concern for respondents as 96% of consumers expect prices to be higher in the next 6 months. Respondents stating that they cannot “purchase as much with their income compared to 6 months ago” increased by 13 percentage points to 93% in the first quarter of 2026. As for the percentage of respondents expressing that they saved less, this grew by 14 percentage points to 46% in the first quarter of 2026.

The complete report of the [Consumer Confidence Survey](https://www.cbaruba.org) is available on the website of the CBA [www.cbaruba.org](https://www.cbaruba.org)

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The main purpose of the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) is to contribute to the financial stability and economic well-being of the Aruban community. The CBA accomplishes this mission by implementing an effective monetary policy aimed towards maintaining the value of the florin, by promoting the soundness and integrity of the financial system, and by enhancing an efficient and reliable payments system.

Besides these core tasks, the CBA is also the sole issuer of florin banknotes and florin coins, and acts as banker to the government. In addition, it regulates the flow of international payments, manages the available foreign exchange reserves of Aruba, and supervises the spending thereof.

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