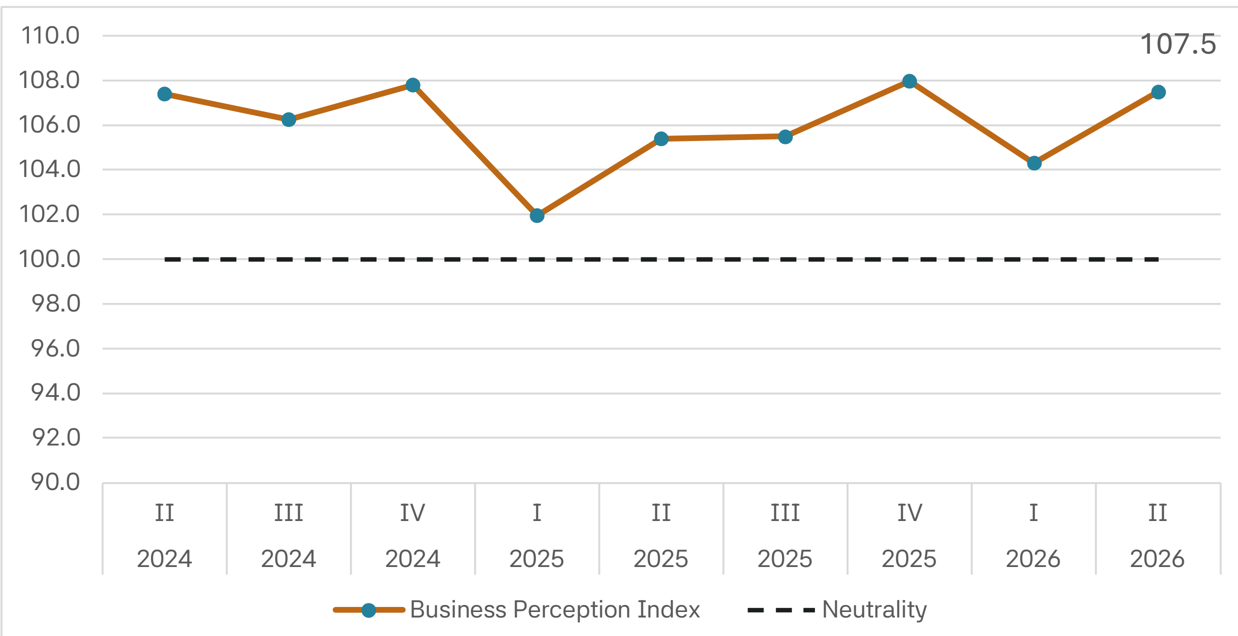
Businesses Perception Index grew during the second quarter of 2026.

Press release

The Central Bank of Aruba (CBA) concluded its Business Perception Survey (BPS) for the second quarter of 2026. The BPS assesses the economic sentiments of local businesses.

The Business Perception Index, comprising the expected short-term and current economic conditions, increased by 3.2 percentage points to 107.5 in the second quarter of 2026 (see chart 1)[1].

Chart 1: Business Perception Index grew during the second quarter of 2026.

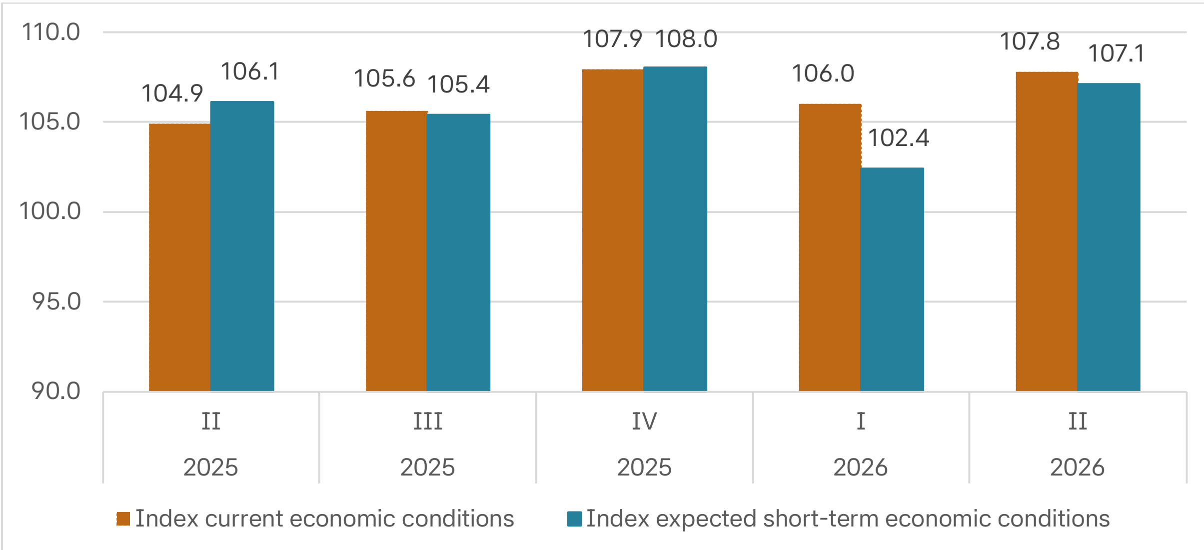


Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

The short-term economic and current economic conditions index grew by 4.7 and 1.8 index points to 107.1 and 107.8, respectively (see chart 2).

[1] The index can vary between 90 and 110. Between 90 and 100 indicates a situation of pessimism. An index of exactly 100 indicates that businesses 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 business sentiments.

Chart 2: Current and Expected Short-term Economic Conditions Index resullts during second quarter of 2026.



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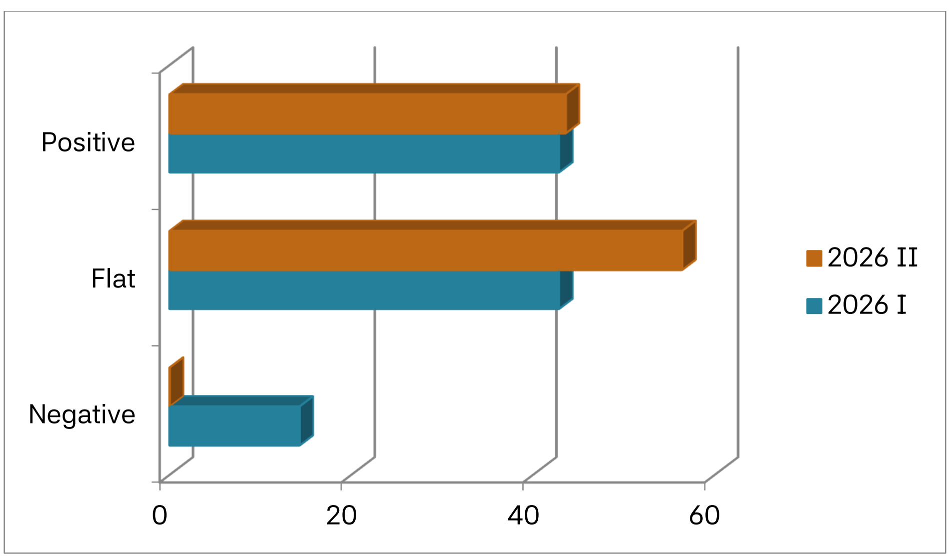
The percentage of business respondents anticipating a flat economic growth in the next 12 months increased by 13.5 percentage points to 56.4%. Meanwhile, the percentage of business respondents expecting a negative economic growth in the next 12 months fell by 14.3 percentage points to 0% during the second quarter of 2026 (see chart 3).

Chart 3: Economic growth expectations over the next 12 months.



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In the second quarter of 2026, the percentage of business respondents indicating "increase" in employment expanded by 2.4 percentage points to 53.9%. The percentage of business respondents reporting a profit increased by 1.2 percentage point to 92.2% in the second quarter of 2026. The percentage of business respondents stating "no change" in expected short-term economic investments activities increased by 9.3 percentage points to 48.7% during the second quarter of 2026. In terms of long-term economic conditions over the next 12 months, 48.7% anticipated the inflation rate to be between 2% and 3%.

The complete report of the Business Perception Survey is available on the website of the CBA 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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