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Press release

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

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

- Deteriorating business and economic conditions contracted to 50% (2026-I: 68%).
- About 42% of respondents expected it to be more difficult to find a new job (2026-I: 53%).
- Roughly 36% of respondents foresaw the government's financial position to worsen, (2026-I: 41%).
- An estimated 29% of respondents expected their household to be financially worse off (2026-I: 35%).

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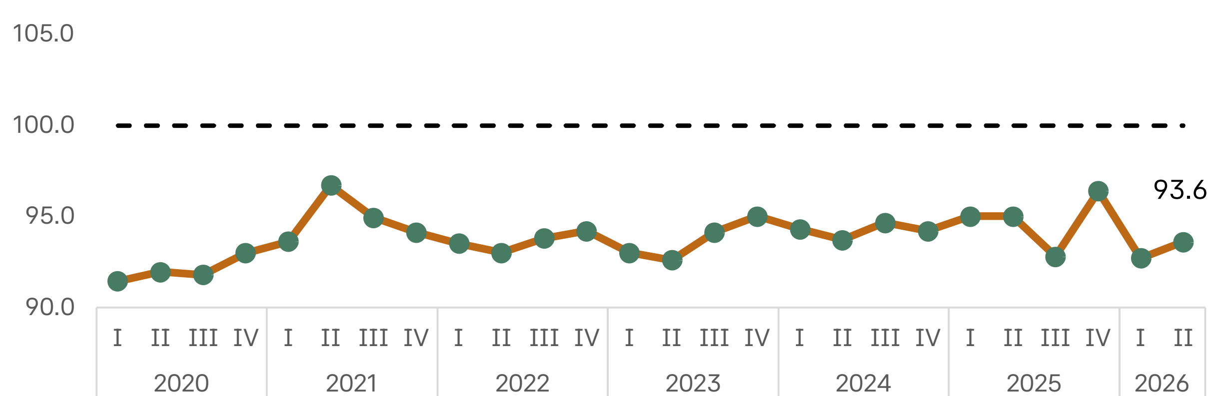
Chart 1: Consumer Confidence Index expanded during the second quarter of 2026.

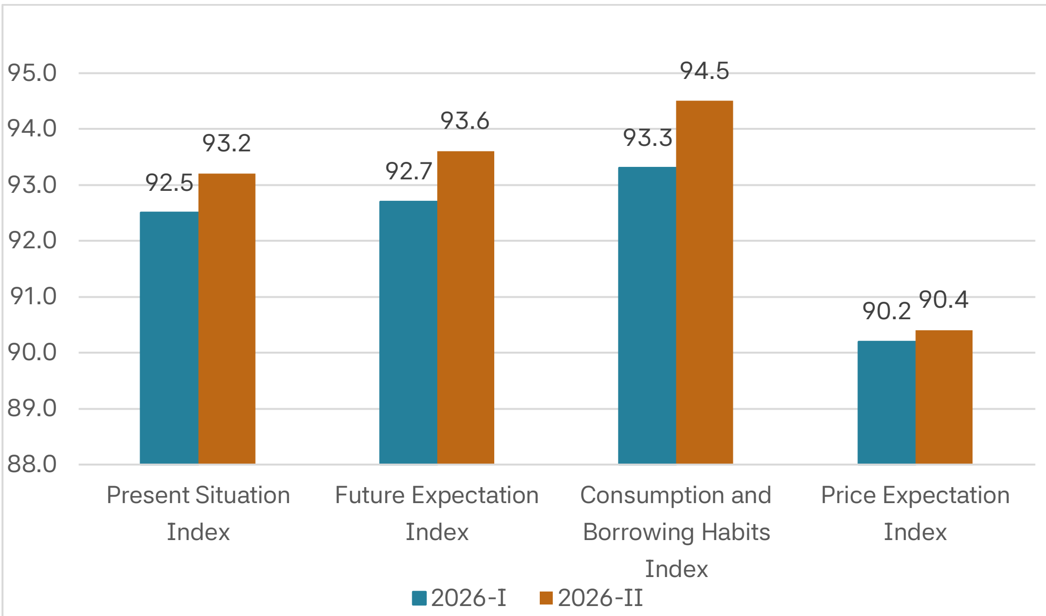


Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

[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 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 and Borrowing Habits Index grew by 1.2 index points to 94.5 during the second quarter of 2026. The Future Expectation Index and the Present Situation Index increased by 0.9 index point and 0.7 index point, to 93.6 and 93.2. As for the Price Expectation Index, this rose to 90.4 during the second quarter of 2026 (see chart 2).

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



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Higher price expectation in the next 6 months remains a major concern for respondents, as 93% 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" decreased by 3 percentage points to 90% in the second quarter of 2026. As for the percentage of respondents expressing that they "saved less compared to 6 months ago", this remained unchanged at 46% in the second quarter of 2026.

The complete report of the Consumer Confidence Survey is available on the website of the CBA www.cbaruba.org

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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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