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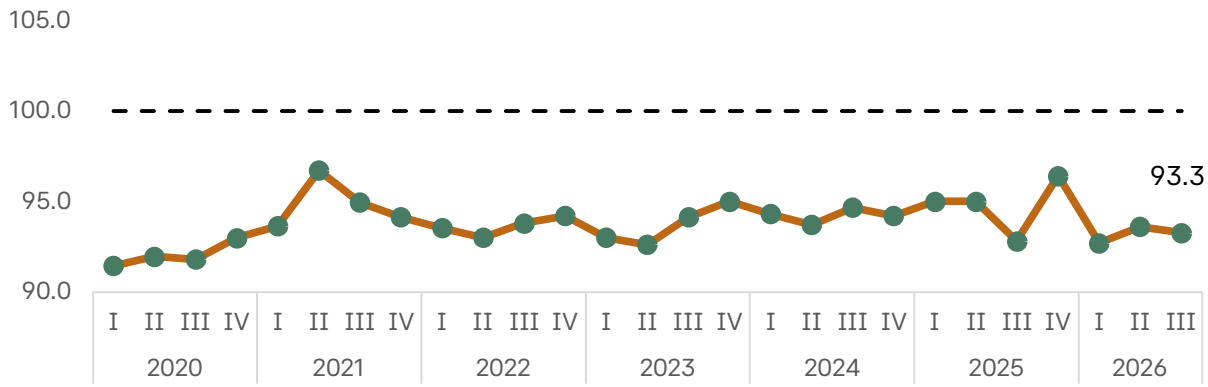
The Central Bank of Aruba (CBA) concluded its Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS) for the third quarter of 2026. The CCS assesses the economic sentiments of local consumers.

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

- Deteriorating business and economic conditions expanded to 55% (2026-II: 50%).
- About 42% of respondents foresaw the government's financial position to worsen 2026-II: 36%).
- Roughly 41% of respondents expected it to be more difficult to find a new job (2026-II: 42%).
- An estimated 35% of respondents expected their household to be financially worse off (2026-II: 29%).

The Consumer Confidence Index decreased by 0.3 percentage point to 93.3 in the third quarter of 2026 (see chart 1)[1].

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

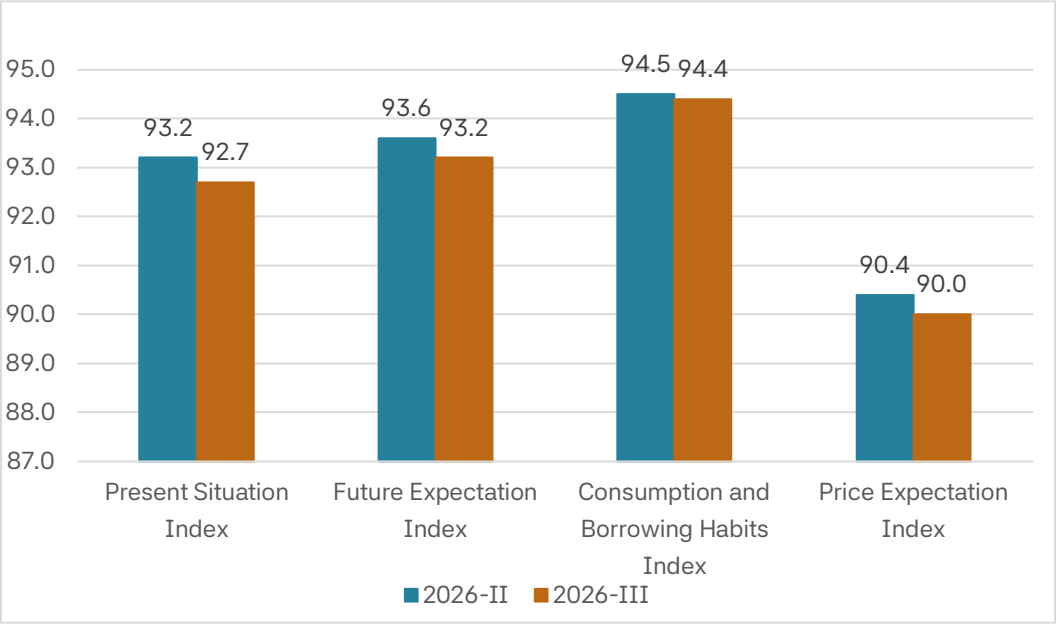


Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

[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 decreased by 0.1 index point to 94.4 during the third quarter of 2026. The Present Situation Index and the Future Expectation Index decreased by 0.5 index point and 0.4 index point, to 92.7 and 93.2, respectively. As for the Price Expectation Index, this fell to 90.0 during the third quarter of 2026 (see chart 2).

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



Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

Concerns about rising prices persist, as 94% of consumers expect prices to be higher in the next six months, up from 93% in the previous quarter. Purchasing power remained unchanged in the third quarter of 2026 with 90% of respondents reporting that they "cannot purchase as much with their income compared to 6 months ago". The share of respondents indicating that they were saving less remained unchanged at 46% for the third consecutive period.

The complete report of the Consumer Confidence 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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