

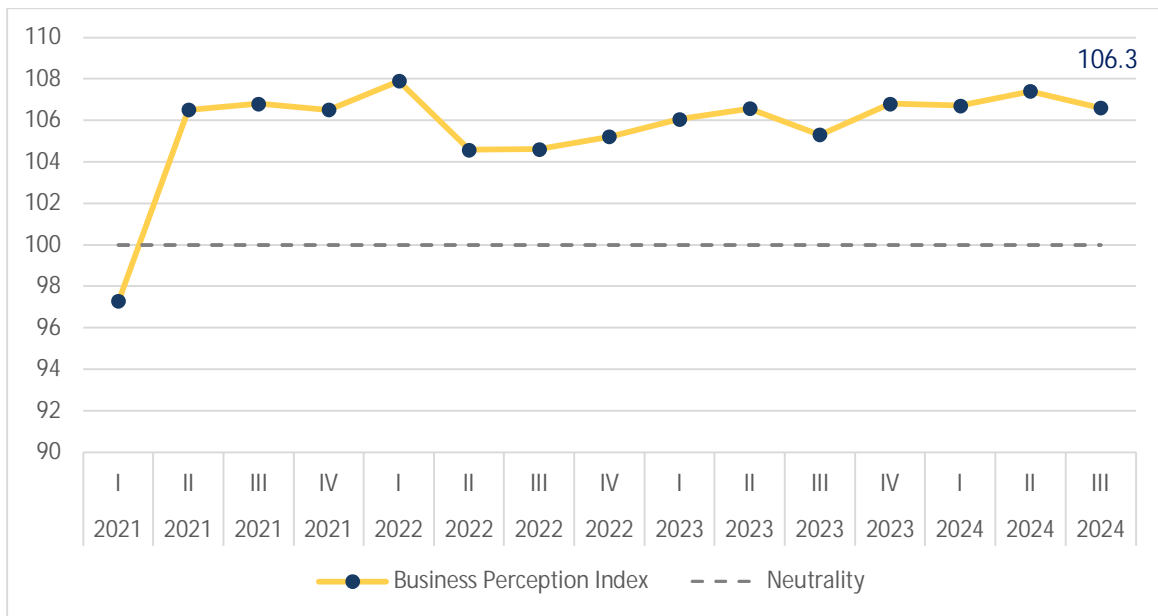
Businesses report an improvement in economic investments during the third quarter of 2024.

Press release

The Central Bank of Aruba (CBA) concluded its Business Perception Survey (BPS) for the third quarter of 2024. The BPS assesses the economic sentiments of local businesses.

The Business Perception Index, comprising the current and expected short-term economic conditions, dropped from 107.4 in the second quarter of 2024 to 106.3 in the third quarter of 2024 (see chart 1)¹.

Chart 1: Business Perception Index dropped during the third quarter of 2024.

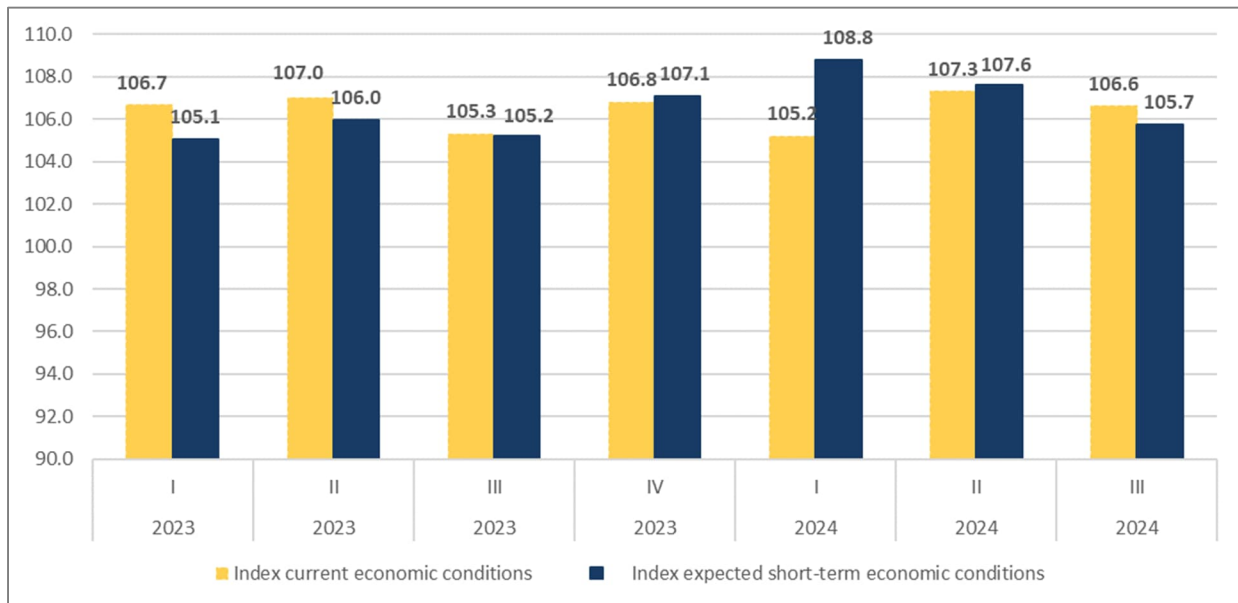


Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

The expected short-term economic conditions index and the current economic conditions index decreased by 1.9 index points and 0.7 index point to 105.7 and 106.6, respectively, in the third quarter of 2024 (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.

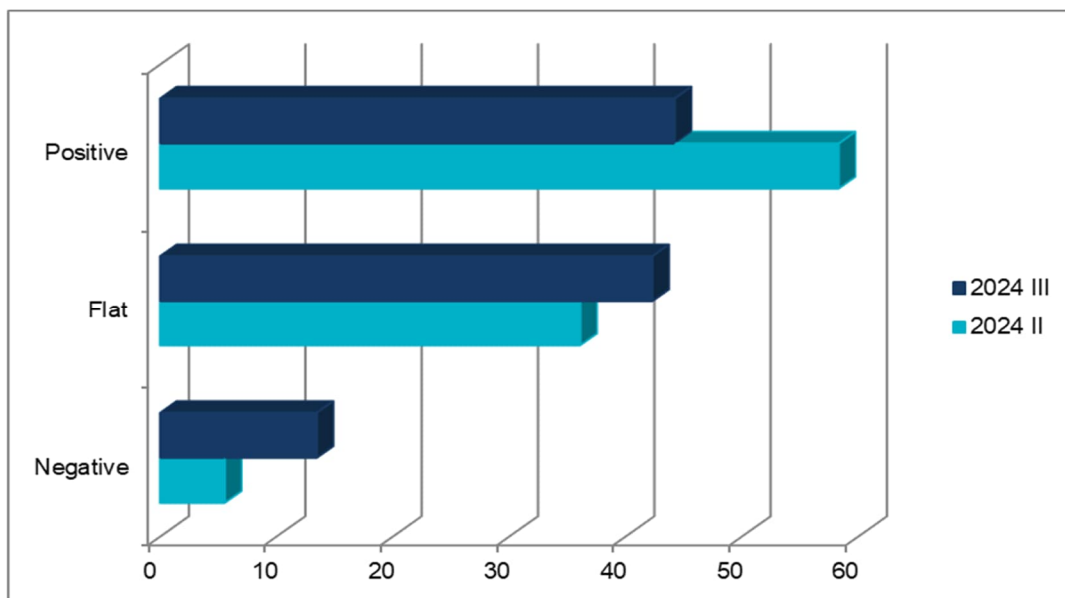
Chart 2: Current and Expected Short-term Economic Conditions Index results during third quarter of 2024.



Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba

In terms of economic growth expectations, 44.2% of business respondents expected a positive economic growth in the next 12 months. (see chart 3).

Chart 3: Positive economic growth expectations over the next 12 months.



Source: Centrale Bank van Aruba



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In the third quarter of 2024, the percentage of business respondents indicating a “decrease” in employment fell by 8.2 percentage points to 5.7%. The percentage of business respondents reporting a “profit” increased by 3.2 percentage points to 86.5% in the third quarter of 2024. As for the percentage of business respondents stating an “improvement” in current economic investments activities, this rose by 12.6 percentage points to 40.4% during the third quarter of 2024. In terms of long-term economic conditions over the next 12 months, 55.8% of business respondents anticipated the inflation rate to range 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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About the Centrale Bank van Aruba

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 of Aruba. 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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