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Most important sources (international forecasts) (in alphabetical order):

- ABN AMRO
- BMO Capital Markets
- BNP Paribas
- Citi
- Commerzbank
- Crédit Agricole
- Credit Suisse
- Danske Bank
- Deutsche Bank
- IMF
- Lloyds TSB
- Merrill Lynch
- OECD
- Scotiabank
- TD Bank
- The Conference Board
- United Nations
- Wells Fargo
- World Bank

The forecasts for Aruba are produced by the CBA.

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I Annual forecasts for Aruba

	2011	2012 ⁵	2012 ⁶	2012 ⁷
GDP ¹				
Nominal	11.1	-0.4	3.3	4.5
Real	8.9	-4.2	0.1	1.6
Consumption (private + public) ¹				
Nominal	9.8	1.8	3.2	3.7
Real	5.2	-1.9	-0.5	0.0
Private consumption ¹				
Nominal	9.1	1.5	3.5	4.2
Real	4.5	-2.0	0.0	0.7
Public consumption ¹				
Nominal	11.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Real	6.8	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8
Investment (private + public) ¹				
Nominal	11.0	0.3	11.2	22.0
Real	6.9	-2.6	7.9	18.4
Private investment ¹				
Nominal	12.9	-8.6	2.8	14.1
Real	8.8	-11.2	-0.2	10.8
Public investment ¹				
Nominal	-18.5	189.8	189.8	189.8
Real	-21.5	181.4	181.4	181.4
Exports of goods and services ¹				
Nominal	24.5	-7.4	-1.6	-0.2
Real	20.6	-10.3	-4.4	-2.9
Imports of goods and services ¹				
Nominal	20.4	-3.8	1.8	5.8
Real	13.4	-6.5	-1.1	2.8
Current account balance ²				
	-8.8	-2.0	-1.7	-1.8
Current account coverage ratio ³				
	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.8
Net foreign assets ⁴				
	1,494	1,689	1,699	1,726

Source: CBA.

¹ Year/year %-change.

² Balance on the current account (in % of nominal GDP).

³ Net foreign assets in months of current account payments (Excluding the oil sector).

⁴ Including revaluation differences, end of period, in Afl. million.

⁵ Scenario in which the oil refinery remains idle for the remainder of the year.

⁶ Scenario in which the oil refinery restarts its activities as of September 2012. (Production of 180,000 per day and US \$100 million investment).

⁷ Scenario in which the oil refinery restarts its activities as of August 2012. (Production of 180,000 per day and US \$200 million investment).

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II. Quarterly and annual forecasts for Aruba

	2011		2012				2010	2011	2012
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Population ¹		103.5	103.9	104.0	103.2	103.7	101.9	103.5	103.7
Unemployment rate ^{2,6}									
Inflation ³	6.1	6.3	5.4	3.7	2.5	2.6	2.1	4.4	3.5
Inflation differential with the USA ^{4,6}	2.3	3.0					0.4	1.3	
Stay-over visitors ⁵	8.6	2.7	2.4	1.7	2.6	2.9	1.6	5.7	2.4
Tourism nights ⁵	4.9	3.0	1.7	2.3	2.5	3.0	4.8	4.6	2.4
Tourism receipts ⁵	11.5	3.6	3.5	4.1	3.7	3.1	2.1	8.6	3.7

Source: CBA, CBS Aruba, Aruba Tourism Authority.

¹ End of period, x 1000.

² In % of labor force, end of period.

³ Year/year %-change, average for the period.

⁴ Percentage points, a minus means a lower inflation in Aruba.

⁵ Year/year %-change.

⁶ Current figures are under revision.

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III. International quarterly and annual forecasts

III.A. United States

	2011	2012				2013	2011	2012	2013
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Real GDP ¹									
Average (33 sources)	2.8	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.4
Inflation ²									
Average (25 sources)	3.3	2.8	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.0	3.1	2.1	1.9
Core inflation ²									
Average (19 sources)	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.9
Unemployment rate ³									
Average (25 sources)	8.7	8.3	8.6	8.4	8.3	7.9	9.0	8.4	7.9
Real personal consumption ¹									
Average (23 sources)	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.4	1.6	2.2	2.1	2.2
Real disposable personal income ¹									
Average (5 sources)	1.7	0.4	2.7	2.4	2.9	0.4	0.9	1.6	1.6
Exchange rate ⁴									
Average (20 sources)	1.35	1.31	1.32	1.34	1.33	1.28	1.39	1.32	1.31

¹ Quarter/quarter % change, seasonally adjusted annual rate.

² Year/year %-change, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

³ In % of labor force, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

⁴ US\$/EUR, average for the period.

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III.B. Euro Area

	2011	2012				2013	2011	2012	2013
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Real GDP ¹									
Average (18 sources)	-1.3	-0.2	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.7	1.5	0.1	1.1
Inflation ²									
Average (17 sources)	2.9	2.4	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.7	2.1	1.7
Core inflation ²									
Average (7 sources)	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.6
Unemployment rate ³									
Average (13 sources)	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.9	11.0	10.2	10.8	10.9

III.C. Commodity prices

	2011	2012				2013	2011	2012	2013
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Oil price ⁴									
Average (18 sources)	94	103	101	102	103	107	95	101	105
Median			103	105	105	105		103	104
Gas price ⁵									
Average (12 sources)	3.32	2.45	3.17	3.25	3.98	3.13	4.00	3.95	3.60
Median			2.40	2.60	4.90	3.10		4.40	3.40
Gold price ⁶									
Average (13 sources)	1,700	1,660	1,732	1,702	1,760	1,712	1,574	1,624	1,478

¹ Quarter/quarter % change, seasonally adjusted annual rate.

² Year/year %-change, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

³ In % of labor force, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

⁴ WTI, US\$/barrel, average for the period.

⁵ Henry Hub Spot, US\$/mln. Btu, average for the period. The (approximate) energy equivalent of 1 barrel of oil is 5.8 mln. Btu.

⁶ US\$/oz, average for the period.

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IV. International annual forecasts

Selected countries and regions

	Real GDP ¹			Inflation ²			Unemployment rate ³		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
World									
Average (14 sources)	3.9	3.5	3.8	4.4	3.5	3.5			
Germany									
Average (17 sources)	3.0	1.0	1.6	2.5	2.0	1.9	5.9	6.4	6.4
United Kingdom									
Average (19 sources)	0.9	0.8	1.8	4.5	2.7	2.1	8.1	8.4	8.5
The Netherlands									
Average (20 sources)	1.3	0.4	1.1	2.3	2.1	1.9	4.3	4.2	4.0
Japan									
Average (21 sources)	-0.9	2.0	1.6	-0.3	0.1	0.2	4.6	4.5	4.2
Russia									
Average (13 sources)	4.3	4.0	3.9	8.5	6.2	6.4	6.7	6.6	6.4
China									
Average (21 sources)	9.2	8.3	8.5	5.4	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.1
India									
Average (17 sources)	6.9	7.3	7.7	8.7	7.1	7.0			
Brazil									
Average (17 sources)	2.7	3.4	4.3	6.6	5.5	5.5	6.1	6.2	6.2
Venezuela									
Average (12 sources)	4.2	3.8	2.6	26.1	27.8	29.2	7.0	6.9	7.4
Argentina									
Average (14 sources)	8.9	3.7	3.9	9.8	12.3	13.2			
Colombia									
Average (12 sources)	5.9	4.8	4.7	3.4	3.6	3.4			

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³ In % of labor force, average for the period.

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