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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.

Cut-off date: August 28, 2012



## I Annual forecasts for Aruba

	2011	2012 <sup>5</sup>	2012 <sup>6</sup>	2013 <sup>5</sup>	2013 <sup>6</sup>
<b>GDP</b> <sup>1</sup>					
Nominal	11.3	-1.7	1.0	1.9	9.7
Real	8.9	-4.9	-1.7	-0.2	8.6
<b>Consumption (private + public)</b> <sup>1</sup>					
Nominal	9.8	1.2	1.6	6.6	8.9
Real	5.2	-1.1	-0.8	4.4	6.7
<b>Private consumption</b> <sup>1</sup>					
Nominal	9.1	0.7	1.1	7.5	10.9
Real	4.5	-1.1	-0.7	4.4	7.7
<b>Public consumption</b> <sup>1</sup>					
Nominal	11.4	2.5	2.5	4.6	4.6
Real	6.8	-1.1	-1.1	4.3	4.3
<b>Investment (private + public)</b> <sup>1</sup>					
Nominal	11.0	-12.6	-1.8	23.2	31.2
Real	7.2	-14.3	-3.7	20.3	28.1
<b>Private investment</b> <sup>1</sup>					
Nominal	12.9	-16.4	-5.1	29.0	37.0
Real	9.0	-18.0	-7.0	26.0	33.8
<b>Public investment</b> <sup>1</sup>					
Nominal	-18.5	68.3	68.3	-38.5	-38.5
Real	-21.3	65.0	65.0	-39.9	-39.9
<b>Exports of goods and services</b> <sup>1</sup>					
Nominal	24.5	-6.8	-2.4	-0.5	13.3
Real	20.7	-9.2	-4.6	-3.2	11.1
<b>Imports of goods and services</b> <sup>1</sup>					
Nominal	20.1	-6.7	-2.3	12.1	19.3
Real	13.4	-8.4	-4.0	9.1	16.1
<b>Current account balance</b> <sup>2</sup>					
	-8.9	1.7	1.9	0.1	4.1
<b>Current account coverage ratio</b> <sup>3</sup>					
	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.8	4.9
<b>Net foreign assets</b> <sup>4</sup>					
	1,494	1,457	1,459	1,652	1,752

Source: CBA.

<sup>1</sup> Year/year %-change.

<sup>2</sup> Balance on the current account (in % of nominal GDP).

<sup>3</sup> Net foreign assets in months of current account payments (Excluding the oil sector)

<sup>4</sup> Including revaluation differences, end of period, in Afl. million.

<sup>5</sup> Scenario in which the oil refinery remains idle for the remainder of the year

<sup>6</sup> Scenario in which the oil refinery restarts its activities as of October 2012

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## II. Quarterly and annual forecasts for Aruba

	2011		2012				2011	2012	2013
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
<b>Population</b> <sup>1</sup>	103.0	103.5	103.9	104.1	103.7	104.0	103.5	104.0	104.4
<b>Unemployment rate</b> <sup>26</sup>		8.9					8.9		
<b>Inflation</b> <sup>3</sup>	6.1	6.3	5.4	1.6	0.1	0.2	4.4	1.8	
<b>Inflation differential with the USA</b> <sup>4,6</sup>	2.3	3.0					1.3		
<b>Stay-over visitors</b> <sup>5</sup>	8.6	2.7	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.9	5.7	2.4	2.6
<b>Tourism nights</b> <sup>5</sup>	4.9	3.0	1.7	2.3	2.5	3.0	4.6	2.9	2.7
<b>Tourism receipts</b> <sup>5</sup>	11.5	3.6	3.5	4.1	4.0	3.1	8.6	3.9	3.3

Source: CBA.

<sup>1</sup> End of period, x 1000.

<sup>2</sup> In % of labor force, end of period.

<sup>3</sup> Year/year %-change, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

<sup>4</sup> Percentage points, a minus means a lower inflation in Aruba.

<sup>5</sup> Year/year %-change.

<sup>6</sup> 2012 and 2013 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			
<b>Real GDP</b> <sup>1</sup>									
Average (33 sources)	2.8	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.4	1.6	1.7	2.2	2.3
<b>Inflation</b> <sup>2</sup>									
Average (25 sources)	3.3	2.8	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	3.1	2.0	1.8
<b>Core inflation</b> <sup>2</sup>									
Average (19 sources)	2.2	2.2	2.3	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.0
<b>Unemployment rate</b> <sup>3</sup>									
Average (25 sources)	8.7	8.3	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.0	9.0	8.3	7.9
<b>Real personal consumption</b> <sup>1</sup>									
Average (23 sources)	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.3	1.6	2.2	2.1	2.2
<b>Real disposable personal income</b> <sup>1</sup>									
Average (5 sources)	1.7	0.4	2.1	3.7	2.6	0.5	0.9	1.6	2.0
<b>Exchange rate</b> <sup>4</sup>									
Average (20 sources)	1.35	1.31	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.21	1.39	1.29	1.25

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

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

<sup>3</sup> In % of labor force, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

<sup>4</sup> 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			
<b>Real GDP <sup>1</sup></b>									
Average (18 sources)	-1.3	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	1.5	-0.1	0.7
<b>Inflation <sup>2</sup></b>									
Average (17 sources)	2.9	2.7	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.7	2.2	1.7
<b>Core inflation <sup>2</sup></b>									
Average (7 sources)	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.7
<b>Unemployment rate <sup>3</sup></b>									
Average (13 sources)	10.5	10.9	10.8	10.9	11.0	11.4	10.2	10.8	11.2

### III.C. Commodity prices

	2011	2012				2013	2011	2012	2013
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
<b>Oil price <sup>4</sup></b>									
Average (18 sources)	94	103	94	92	95	97	95	97	102
Median				90	96	100		96	105
<b>Gas price <sup>5</sup></b>									
Average (12 sources)	3.32	2.45	2.28	2.96	3.46	3.19	4.00	3.69	3.58
Median				2.70	3.04	3.18		3.20	3.37
<b>Gold price <sup>6</sup></b>									
Average (13 sources)	1,700	1,691	1,609	1,625	1,679	1,612	1,574	1,582	1,464

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

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

<sup>3</sup> In % of labor force, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

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

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

<sup>6</sup> US\$/oz, average for the period.

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## IV. International annual forecasts

Selected countries and regions	Real GDP <sup>1</sup>			Inflation <sup>2</sup>			Unemployment rate <sup>3</sup>		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
<b>World</b>									
Average (14 sources)	3.9	3.3	3.6	4.4	3.4	3.4			
<b>Germany</b>									
Average (17 sources)	3.0	1.0	1.4	2.3	1.9	1.8	6.0	6.3	6.4
<b>United Kingdom</b>									
Average (19 sources)	0.9	0.3	1.5	5.2	2.6	2.0	8.1	8.4	8.6
<b>The Netherlands</b>									
Average (20 sources)	1.3	0.0	0.7	2.4	2.2	2.2	4.5	4.7	5.6
<b>Japan</b>									
Average (21 sources)	-0.9	2.3	1.4	-0.3	0.2	0.2	4.2	4.5	4.3
<b>Russia</b>									
Average (13 sources)	4.3	4.0	3.8	8.5	5.7	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.3
<b>China</b>									
Average (21 sources)	9.2	8.1	8.4	5.4	3.4	3.6	4.1	4.1	4.1
<b>India</b>									
Average (17 sources)	6.9	6.7	7.2	8.8	7.3	6.9			
<b>Brazil</b>									
Average (17 sources)	2.7	2.7	4.2	6.6	5.4	5.5	6.0	6.2	6.2
<b>Venezuela</b>									
Average (12 sources)	4.2	4.1	1.9	26.1	27.1	30.5	7.0	6.9	7.4
<b>Argentina</b>									
Average (14 sources)	8.9	3.4	3.4	9.8	12.2	13.0			
<b>Colombia</b>									
Average (12 sources)	5.9	4.8	4.7	3.4	3.5	3.2			

<sup>1</sup> Year/year %-change.

<sup>2</sup> Year/year %-change, average for the period.

<sup>3</sup> In % of labor force, average for the period.

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