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# Ecuador



#### **LONG-TERM TRENDS** | 3-year averages

	2019-21	2022-24	2025-27
Population (million):	17.5	18.3	19.0
GDP (USD bn):	105	120	135
GDP per capita (USD):	5,970	6,551	7,067
GDP growth (%):	-1.2	2.4	2.4
Fiscal Balance (% of GDP):	-4.1	-0.6	-0.1
Public Debt (% of GDP)	58.4	54.9	50.6
Inflation (%):	0.0	2.6	2.0
Current Account (% of GDP):	2.0	1.5	1.0
External Debt (% of GDP):	49.5	50.3	-

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Inflation

Ecuador Q4 20 Q4 21 Q4 22 Q4 23 Q4 24

Consumer Price Index (CPI), annual variation in %, Q4 2020 - Q4 2024.

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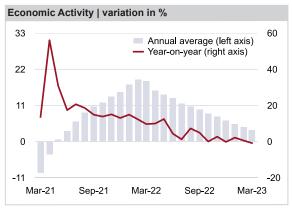
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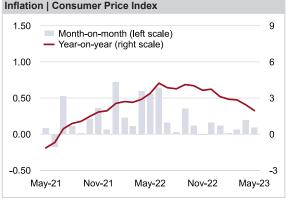
# Outlook stable

- The economy likely grew at a slower annual pace in Q1 2023. In January-March, monthly economic activity growth fell below Q4's average. Heavy flooding, an earthquake and a landslide halfway through Q1 hit activity. State oil company Petroecuador also suspended operations, halting exports in late February; annual oil production declined over 3% in Q1, down from Q4's 21.7% expansion. Moreover, lower credit demand growth and higher interest rates through March likely restrained private spending and investment. In Q2, GDP growth is likely softening further. In April, credit to the private sector grew at a slower pace, and interest rates ticked up in May. In politics, right-wing President Lasso invoked the "muerte cruzada" on 17 May, dissolving Parliament and ending his presidency amid an ongoing impeachment trial. Recent polls suggest a shift towards the left in elections scheduled for 20 August.
- Our panel sees the economy growing at a slower pace this year due to weaker domestic demand amid tighter financing conditions and deepening political instability. Stronger exports owing to robust oil and shrimp output will support growth somewhat. A dimmed global economic landscape and a looming political crisis pose risks to the outlook. FocusEconomics panelists see GDP expanding 2.2% in 2023, which is unchanged from one month ago, and expanding 2.1% in 2024.
- Inflation fell to a 17-month low of 2.0% in May (April: 2.4%) on lower food price growth and falling transport costs. The disinflationary trend should continue through Q4 2023, supported by a dollarized economy, higher interest rates imported from the U.S. and softer domestic activity. Commodity price swings and a stronger-than-expected economy pose upside risks. FocusEconomics panelists see consumer prices rising 2.4% on average in 2023, which is unchanged from one month ago, and rising 2.0% on average in 2024.



Note: Year-on-year changes and annual average variation of economic activity in %.

Source: Central Bank (BCE, Banco Central del Ecuador)



Note: Year-on-year and month-on-month changes of consumer price index in %. Source: National Statistical Institute (INEC).

# REAL SECTOR | Economic activity records lowest expansion since February 2021 in March

Economic activity declined 0.9% year on year in April (March: +0.5% yoy). April's figure marked the worst reading since February 2021.

Meanwhile, the trend pointed down, with the annual average growth of economic activity coming in at 3.5%, down from February's 4.4% reading.

Analysts at the EIU commented on the outlook:

"Ecuador's recovery from the pandemic has been slow by regional standards; the economy will only return to its pre-pandemic level this year. There will be tailwinds from high global oil prices, but other developments will be less helpful and will cause GDP growth to slow this year. Private consumption growth will weaken amid an anemic labor market recovery. Meanwhile, rising domestic interest rates will cause businesses to halt investment plans. [...] The biggest downside risks to our GDP forecasts are domestic political instability and a deteriorating global economic outlook, particularly in 2023, if major economies struggle more than we expect or if oil prices were to plummet."

FocusEconomics panelists see GDP expanding 2.2% in 2023, which is unchanged from one month ago, and expanding 2.1% in 2024.

#### **MONETARY SECTOR | Inflation falls to over one-year low in May**

Inflation came in at 2.0% in May, which was down from April's 2.4%. May's result represented the lowest inflation rate since December 2021. Looking at the details of the release, prices for transportation declined in May and prices for food and non-alcoholic beverages grew at a slower rate. Moreover, prices for restaurants and hotels grew at a more subdued pace. Meanwhile, clothing and footwear prices fell at a quicker rate.

In addition, the trend pointed down slightly, with annual average inflation coming in at 3.4% in May (April: 3.5%).

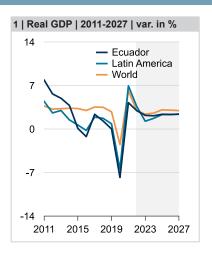
Finally, consumer prices increased 0.09% from the previous month in May, a smaller increase than April's 0.20% increase.

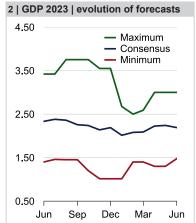
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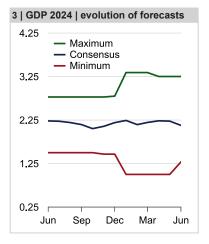
Economic Indicators   2018 - 2027										
Annual Data	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Real Sector	2010	2013	2020	2021	LVLL	2020	2027	2020	2020	2021
Population (million)	17.0	17.3	17.5	17.8	18.0	18.3	18.5	18.8	19.0	19.3
GDP per capita (USD)	6,319	6,261	5,670	5,979	6,390	6,551	6,712	7,029	6,994	7,178
GDP (USD bn)	107.6	108.1	99.3	106.2	115.0	119.6	124.3	132.0	133.2	138.6
Economic Growth (Nominal GDP, ann. var. %)	3.1	0.5	-8.2	6.9	8.4	4.0	3.9	6.2	0.9	4.1
Economic Growth (GDP, ann. var. %)	1.3	0.0	-7.8	4.2	2.9	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.4
Domestic Demand (ann. var. %)	2.2	-0.9	-10.2	8.1	3.5	1.7	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9
Private Consumption (ann. var. %)	2.1	0.3	-8.2	10.2	4.6	2.4	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.6
Government Consumption (ann. var. %)	3.5	-2.0	-5.1	-1.7	4.5	2.4	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.2
Fixed Investment (ann. var. %)	2.0	-3.3	-19.0	4.3	2.5	1.6	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.9
Exports (G&S, ann. var. %)	1.2	3.6	-19.0 -5.4	-0.1	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.0	3.3	3.3
Imports (G&S, ann. var. %)	4.4	0.3	-13.8	13.2	4.5	2.0	2.7	2.7	3.3	3.2
Industry (ann. var. %)	-1.0	0.3	-10.0	0.5	1.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	J.J	3.2
Unemployment (% of active population, aop)	4.1	4.4	5.0	5.2	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.5
Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	-2.8	-3.5	-7.1	-1.6	0.1	-0.9	-0.8	0.1	-0.3	0.0
Public Debt (% of GDP)	-2.8 49.8	-3.5 53.0	63.6	58.6	55.4	-0.9 55.5	-0.6 53.7	52.0	-0.3 50.6	49.3
,	49.0	55.0	03.0	36.0	33.4	55.5	55.7	32.0	30.0	49.3
Monetary and Financial Sector Inflation (CPI, ann. var. %, eop)	0.3	-0.1	-0.9	1.9	3.7	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1
,		0.3	-0.9	0.1	3.7	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	
Inflation (CPI, ann. var. %, aop)	-0.2	6.17	-0.3 5.89	5.91	6.35	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0
91-120 Day Average Deposit Rate (%, eop)	5.43	0.17	5.09	5.91	0.33	-	-	-	-	-
External Sector	1.0	0.4	2.0	2.2	2.4	4.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	4.0
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	-1.2	-0.1	2.9	3.2	2.4	1.2 1.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.3
Current Account Balance (USD bn)	-1.3	-0.2	2.9	3.4			1.0	1.1	1.3	1.8
Merchandise Trade Balance (USD bn)	-0.2	1.0	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.9	4.4	2.7	2.6	2.8
Merchandise Exports (USD bn)	22.2	22.8	20.6	27.2	33.5	32.4	34.9	33.9	35.0	35.9
Merchandise Imports (USD bn)	22.4	21.7	17.1	24.0	30.5	29.5	30.5	31.2	32.4	33.0
Merchandise Exports (ann. var. %)	13.3	2.8	-9.6	32.3	22.8	-3.1	7.7	-2.8	3.3	2.4
Merchandise Imports (ann. var. %)	15.9	-2.7	-21.4	40.3	27.2	-3.3	3.5	2.4	3.8	1.9
Foreign Direct Investment (USD bn)	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Reserves (USD bn)	2.7	3.4	7.2	7.9	8.5	8.5	8.6	10.5	11.2	-
International Reserves (months of imports)	1.4	1.9	5.1	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.4	4.0	4.1	-
External Debt (USD bn)	40.2	46.1	52.5	56.3	57.5	60.8	62.4	-	-	-
External Debt (% of GDP)	37.4	42.6	52.9	53.0	50.0	50.9	50.2	-	-	-
Quarterly Data	Q3 22	Q4 22	Q1 23	Q2 23	Q3 23	Q4 23	Q1 24	Q2 24	Q3 24	Q4 24
Economic Growth (GDP, ann. var. %)	2.7	4.3	3.4	3.0	1.9	0.5	1.4	2.1	2.3	2.4
Economic Growth (GDP, qoq s.a. var. %)	1.7	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inflation (CPI, ann. var. %, eop)	4.1	3.7	2.8	1.7	1.6	1.8	2.2	2.0	1.8	-
Inflation (CPI, ann. var. %, aop)	3.9	3.8	3.0	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.9
Monthly Data	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23
Economic Activity (IDEAC, ann. var. %)	7.2	4.9	0.0	2.7	-0.2	2.1	0.5	-0.9	-	-
Consumer Confidence Index (50-pt threshold)	36.2	36.6	35.3	35.1	36.7	36.5	35.3	35.7	35.5	-
Inflation (CPI, mom var. %)	0.03	0.36	0.12	-0.01	0.16	0.12	0.02	0.06	0.20	0.09
Inflation (CPI, ann. var. %)	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.7	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.4	2.0

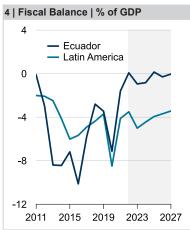
# Real Sector | Gross Domestic Product and Fiscal Balance

<b>Economic Growth and Fiscal B</b>	alance			
	Real G variation		Fiscal Bala % of GD	
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024
Barclays Capital	2.1	2.0	-1.3	-1.0
CABI	1.7	2.0	-2.0	-2.0
Capital Economics	2.5	2.0	-	-
Citigroup Global Mkts	1.5	1.5	0.0	-0.7
EIU	1.9	2.3	-0.1	0.1
EmergingMarketWatch	2.3	2.6	-	-
EMFI	1.6	1.3	-1.5	-0.9
Euromonitor Int.	2.5	2.5	-0.8	-0.5
Fitch Ratings	1.6	1.6	-1.2	-1.3
Fitch Solutions	2.8	2.0	-1.2	-2.0
FrontierView	2.5	2.1	-	-
Goldman Sachs	2.2	1.6	-2.4	-1.6
Humboldt Management	1.5	2.1	-	-
JPMorgan	1.9	1.7	-	-
Moody's Analytics	2.9	2.2	-2.6	-2.4
Oxford Economics	2.4	3.3	0.0	0.8
Torino Capital	2.0	-	-0.1	-
Public Forecasts				
CEPAL	2.0	-	-	-
IMF	2.9	2.8	-	-
World Bank	3.0	2.8	0.8	1.5
Summary				
Minimum	1.5	1.3	-2.6	-2.4
Maximum	3.0	3.3	0.8	1.5
Median	2.2	2.1	-1.2	-1.0
Consensus	2.2	2.1	-0.9	-0.8
History				
30 days ago	2.2	2.2	-1.0	-0.8
60 days ago	2.2	2.2	-0.9	-0.6
90 days ago	2.1	2.2	-0.8	-0.6
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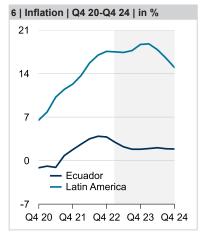
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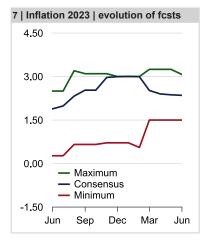
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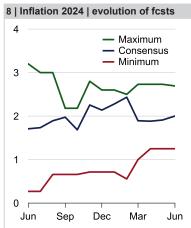
# Monetary Sector | Inflation

	Consume	r Prices	Consum	er Prices
	variation i	n %, eop	variation	in %, aop
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024
Barclays Capital	2.7	-	-	-
CABI	2.0	2.0	-	-
Capital Economics	-	-	1.5	1.3
Citigroup Global Mkts	1.4	1.0	-	-
EIU	1.2	2.3	1.8	2.0
EmergingMarketWatch	3.2	3.0	-	-
EMFI	1.7	1.9	2.0	1.9
Euromonitor Int.	-	-	2.3	1.7
Fitch Ratings	-	-	3.1	2.0
Fitch Solutions	1.5	3.5	2.5	2.5
FrontierView	-	-	2.8	2.3
Goldman Sachs	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.7
Humboldt Management	2.5	2.2	-	-
JPMorgan	2.5	2.0	2.4	2.4
Moody's Analytics	-	-	-	-
Oxford Economics	2.2	2.0	2.6	2.2
Torino Capital	2.0	-	2.3	-
Public Forecasts				
IMF	2.3	1.3	2.5	1.5
World Bank	-	-	2.5	1.5
Summary				
Minimum	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.3
Maximum	3.2	3.5	3.1	2.7
Median	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.0
Consensus	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.0
History				
30 days ago	2.0	2.0	2.4	1.9
60 days ago	2.1	2.0	2.4	1.9
90 days ago	2.0	1.8	2.5	1.9









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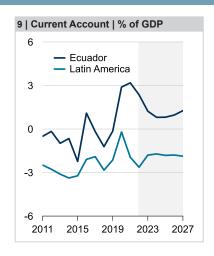
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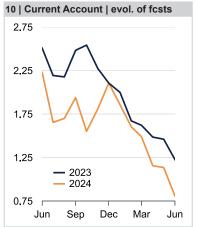
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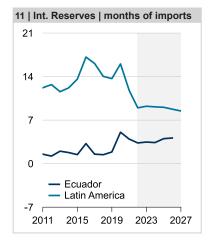
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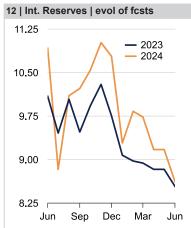
# **External Sector | Current Account and International Reserves**

	Current Acc		International Re	
	% of GD	P	USD bn	
ndividual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024
Barclays Capital	1.1	0.7	8.3	-
CABI	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	-	-	-	-
Citigroup Global Mkts	2.0	1.0	9.0	9.0
EIU	-1.0	-1.2	10.0	11.1
EmergingMarketWatch	-	-	-	-
EMFI	-	-	-	-
Euromonitor Int.	1.0	0.5	7.1	6.8
Fitch Ratings	1.7	1.8	7.5	6.1
Fitch Solutions	1.4	1.1	9.2	9.3
FrontierView	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	-0.3	-1.1	8.7	9.4
Humboldt Management	1.3	1.5	-	-
JPMorgan	1.4	0.6	-	-
Moody's Analytics	2.7	-0.4	-	-
Oxford Economics	1.6	2.5	-	-
Torino Capital	0.3	-	-	-
Public Forecasts				
MF	2.0	2.0	-	-
World Bank	1.8	1.5	-	-
Summary				
Minimum	-1.0	-1.2	7.1	6.1
Maximum	2.7	2.5	10.0	11.1
Median	1.4	1.0	8.7	9.2
Consensus	1.2	0.8	8.5	8.6
History				
30 days ago	1.5	1.1	8.8	9.2
60 days ago	1.5	1.2	8.8	9.2
90 days ago	1.6	1.5	8.9	9.7









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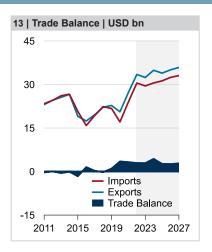
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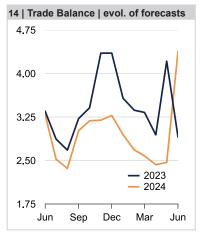
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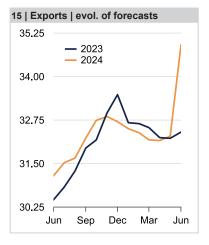
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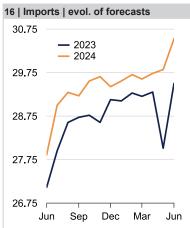
# External Sector | Exports and Imports

Exports and Imports				
	Expo USD		Impo USD	
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024
Barclays Capital	-	-	-	-
CABI	34.1	34.8	24.5	31.1
Capital Economics	-	-	-	-
Citigroup Global Mkts	30.0	28.4	27.6	28.4
EIU	35.1	37.8	31.5	34.0
EmergingMarketWatch	-	-	-	-
EMFI	32.7	58.5	30.1	34.8
Euromonitor Int.	-	-	-	-
Fitch Ratings	33.0	32.5	30.8	29.9
Fitch Solutions	29.9	28.5	28.7	27.6
FrontierView	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	32.7	34.7	31.4	33.3
Humboldt Management	30.8	31.9	28.7	29.5
JPMorgan	32.1	33.1	29.6	30.8
Moody's Analytics	-	-	-	-
Oxford Economics	29.4	28.9	27.5	25.9
Torino Capital	36.6	-	34.1	-
Summary				
Minimum	29.4	28.4	24.5	25.9
Maximum	36.6	58.5	34.1	34.8
Median	32.7	32.8	29.6	30.4
Consensus	32.4	34.9	29.5	30.5
History				
30 days ago	32.2	32.3	28.0	29.8
60 days ago	32.2	32.2	29.3	29.7
90 days ago	32.5	32.2	29.2	29.6









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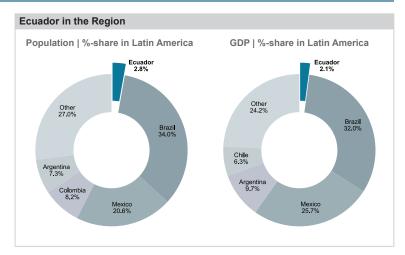
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- 13 Trade balance, exports and imports, in USD.
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<sup>\*</sup> Forecasts are not in the Consensus and are shown for illustrative purposes only.

#### **Fact Sheet**

**General Data** Official name: Republic of Ecuador Capital: Quito (1.8m) Other cities: Guayaquil (2.9m) Cuenca (0.3m) Area (km2): 283,561 Population (million, 2019 est.): 17.8 Population density (per km2, 2019): 62.6 Population growth rate (%, 2019 est.): 1.2 Life expectancy (years, 2019 est.): 77.5 Illiteracy rate (%, 2017): 72 Language: Spanish, Quechua Measures: Metric system Time: GMT-5



#### **Economic Infrastructure**

#### Telecommunication (2018)

Telephones - main lines (per 100 inhabitants):	13.8
Telephones - mobile cellular (per 100 inhabit.):	92
Internet Users (per 100 inhabitants):	57.3
Broadband Subscriptions (per 100 inhabitants):	11.4

#### Energy (2017)

Primary Energy Production (trillion Btu):	1,369
Primary Energy Consumption (trillion Btu):	715
Electricity Generation (billion kW-h):	28.6
Electricity Consumption (billion kW-h):	24.9
Oil Supply (thousand bpd):	533
Oil Consumption (thousand bpd):	256
CO2 Emissions (million metric tons):	39.6

#### Transportation (2018)

Airports:	432
Railways (km):	965
Roadways (km):	43,216
Waterways (km):	1,500
Chief Ports:	Guayaquil, Manta

# **Political Data**

President: Guillermo Lasso
Last elections: 11 April 2021
Next elections: 20 August 2023
Central Bank Governor: Guillermo Avellán Solines

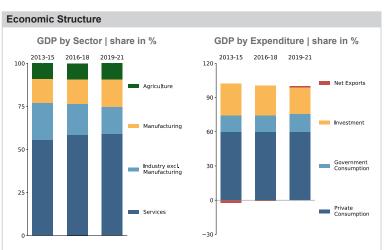
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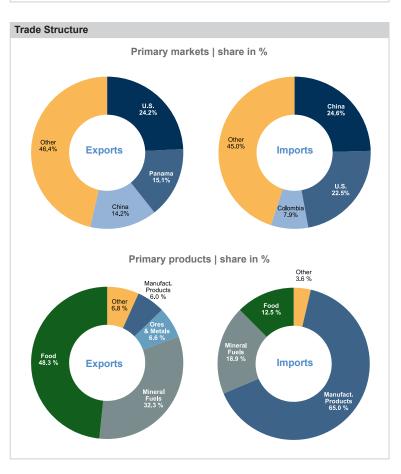
Agency	Rating	Outlook
Moody's:	Caa3	Stable
S&P Global Ratings:	B-	Stable
Fitch Ratings:	B-	Negative

#### Strengths

# Weaknesses

- Substantial oil and gas wealth
- Tourism potential
- Diverse climate enables a wide range of crops
- Dollarization limits scope to adjust to external shocks
- Polarized political system
- High dependence on oil exports





# Economic Release Calendar

Date	Country	Event
12 June	Uruguay	April Industrial Production
14 June	Argentina	May Consumer Prices
15 June	Ecuador	April Economic Activity
16 June	Brazil	April Economic Activity
	Peru	April Economic Activity
19 June	Chile	Central Bank Meeting
20 June	Argentina	June Consumer Confidence (E)
	Colombia	April Economic Activity
21 June	Brazil	Central Bank Meeting
	Mexico	Q1 2023 National Accounts (by expenditure)
22 June	Argentina	Q1 2023 National Accounts
	Mexico	Central Bank Meeting
23 June	Uruguay	Q1 2023 National Accounts
25 June	Brazil	June Economic Sentiment (E)
26 June	Brazil	May Balance of Payments
	Mexico	April Economic Activity
27 June	Mexico	May Merchandise Trade
28 June	Argentina	May Merchandise Trade
30 June	Argentina	April Economic Activity
	Colombia	Central Bank Meeting
	Ecuador	Q1 2023 National Accounts
1 July	Chile	June Business Confidence (E)
3 July	Brazil	June S&P Global Manufacturing PMI
	Chile	May Economic Activity
	Mexico	June IMEF PMI
4 July	Colombia	June Davivienda Manufacturing PMI
5 July	Brazil	June S&P Global Services PMI
	Colombia	June Consumer Prices
	Colombia	June Merchandise Trade (E)
	Mexico	June Consumer Confidence
	Uruguay	June Consumer Prices
6 July	Ecuador	June Consumer Prices
	Uruguay	Central Bank Meeting
7 July	Argentina	May Industrial Production
	Chile	June Consumer Prices
	Colombia	June Consumer Confidence
	Mexico	June Consumer Prices
	Peru	Central Bank Meeting
	Peru	June Consumer Prices

<sup>(</sup>P) Preliminary estimate. (E) Approximate date.

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Central America and Caribbean (13 countries): Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico and Trinidad and Tobago.

**Mercosur (4 countries):** Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

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