

Latin America & Caribbean Financial Crossroads: Market Trends, Lithium Boom

Finance · Answer Key · 19 Questions

1. According to ECLAC projections, what is the expected GDP growth rate for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2026?

- A) 1.3%
- B) 2.3%**
- C) 3.2%
- D) 8.2%

2. Which Latin American country is projected to see its lithium output rise by over 30% by 2026, with a focus on sustainable mining and water management?

- A) Argentina
- B) Chile
- C) Bolivia**
- D) Brazil

3. In 2026, which subregion is forecast to have the highest GDP growth rate within Latin America and the Caribbean, primarily driven by oil activity in Guyana?

- A) Mexico
- B) South America
- C) Central America
- D) The Caribbean**

4. Which of the following countries has signed free trade agreements with China as of 2024, according to recent reports?

- A) Brazil, Mexico, and Colombia
- B) Argentina, Chile, and Peru
- C) Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Peru
- D) Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Peru**

5. What is the projected inflation rate for Argentina to end 2026, according to a Reuters poll of economists?

- A) 16.4%
- B) 17.6%
- C) 30.0%**
- D) 41.7%

6. In 2026, what is the projected fiscal deficit for Chile as a percentage of GDP?

- A) 3.0%
- B) 1.0%**
- C) 4.5%
- D) 8.0%

7. Which of the following sectors is identified as a key driver for Chile's economic growth in 2026, alongside rising real wages and domestic demand recovery?

- A) Technology Services
- B) Manufacturing
- C) Copper Exports**
- D) Tourism

8. What is the projected GDP growth rate for Chile in 2026, according to IMF estimates?

- A) 2.3%
- B) 2.4%**
- C) 2.5%
- D) 3.0%

9. Latin America has become a significant global hub for venture capital, with over \$4.5 billion deployed in 2024. Which sectors are expanding rapidly within this growth?

- A) Agriculture and Mining
- B) Renewable Energy and Infrastructure
- C) Mobile Banking, Fintech, and E-commerce**
- D) Manufacturing and Logistics

10. According to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and Finnovista, what has been the percentage growth of the fintech ecosystem in Latin America and the Caribbean from 2017 to 2023?

- A) 150%
- B) 220%
- C) 340%**
- D) 500%

11. What is the projected total commercial debt stock in Latin America and the Caribbean as a percentage of regional GDP in 2026?

- A) 40%
- B) 52%
- C) 54%**
- D) 70%

12. As of 2024, how many countries in Latin America and the Caribbean have joined China's Belt and Road Initiative?

- A) 10
- B) 15
- C) 20**
- D) 25

13. According to the OECD, what is the projected inflation rate for Argentina in 2026, based on their revised estimates?

- A) 10%
- B) 16.5%
- C) 17.6%**
- D) 41.7%

14. What is the projected GDP growth for Peru in 2026, according to projections made in January 2026?

- A) 2.5%
- B) 3.0%**
- C) 3.2%
- D) 3.5%

15. In 2026, what is the projected growth rate for the digital payments market in Latin America, encompassing digital wallets, real-time transfers, and card payments?

- A) 5%
- B) 8%
- C) 12%**
- D) 15%

16. According to Fitch Ratings, what is the expected median fiscal deficit for Latin America as a percentage of GDP in 2026?

- A) 1.5%
- B) 2.2%**
- C) 3.0%
- D) 4.0%

17. Which of the following countries is expected to have a negative GDP growth forecast in 2026, according to ECLAC projections?

- A) Guyana
- B) Mexico**
- C) Panama
- D) Paraguay

18. What is the projected inflation rate for Argentina at the end of 2026, as forecasted by Itaú Unibanco analysts in April 2026?

A) 16.4%

B) 27.5%

C) 30.0%

D) 32.6%

19. As of April 2026, what is the general sentiment for the USD/COP exchange rate according to technical analysis indicators?

A) Bearish

B) Neutral

C) Bullish

D) Volatile