

## External trade in goods of Montenegro January - September 2020<sup>(p)</sup>

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for period January-September 2020 according to preliminary results is 1 818.5 million EUR, indicating the decrease of 19.2% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 254.6 million EUR, and import was 1 563.9 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports decreased by 15.3%, while imports decreased by 19.8%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 16.3% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 15.4%.

In the **structure of exports**, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (Section 2)**, in amount of 58.4 million EUR (consisted of Metalliferous ores and metal scrap – 34.2 million EUR, Cork and wood – 20.8 million EUR and other).

In the **structure of imports**, in accordance with the SITC, the most present products were **Machinery and transport equipment (Section 7)** with 362.1 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 93.9 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances – 80.5 million EUR and other).

**Main trading partners in exports** on an individual basis were: Serbia (65.3 million EUR), Slovenia (24.8 million EUR) and Hungary (18.4 million EUR).

**Main trading partners in imports** on an individual basis were: Serbia (305.7 million EUR), China (158.0 million EUR) and Germany (147.0 million EUR). The highest external trade was with CEFTA parties and the EU member states.



**Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months <sup>1</sup>**

thous. EUR

PERIOD	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
<b>2019</b>				
January	128 806	28 236	157 042	-100 570
February	179 763	32 041	211 804	-147 722
March	215 266	33 408	248 674	-181 858
April	241 764	31 462	273 226	-210 301
May	239 217	30 098	269 315	-209 119
June	235 143	36 796	271 939	-198 347
July	259 711	36 499	296 210	-223 211
August	226 740	34 436	261 176	-192 304
September	223 038	37 501	260 539	-185 537
October	229 042	39 555	268 597	-189 487
November	205 368	33 432	238 800	-171 936
December	216 914	42 020	258 934	-174 894
<b>2020</b>				
January	138 828	31 233	170 060	-107 595
February	191 274	29 939	221 213	-161 335
March	205 144	27 419	232 563	-177 725
April	151 368	25 729	177 096	-125 639
May	160 499	18 792	179 291	-141 707
June	192 641	34 786	227 428	-157 855
July	180 507	32 113	212 620	-148 394
August	164 936	30 739	195 676	-134 197
September	178 717	23 838	202 556	-154 879

**Table 2. External trade in goods of Montenegro by the continents and selected countries**

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Sep 2019		Jan-Sep 2020		Jan-Sep 2019		Jan-Sep 2020		Jan-Sep 2019	Jan-Sep 2020
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
<b>WORLD</b>	100.0	1 949 447	100.0	1 563 914	100.0	300 477	100.0	254 589	-1 648 970	-1 309 326
<b>Europe</b>	84.3	1 644 191	82.3	1 286 907	94.7	284 594	90.6	230 539	-1 359 597	-1 056 369
<b>EU</b>	47.9	934 079	45.4	710 760	40.4	121 487	40.5	103 073	-812 592	-607 687
<b>CEFTA<sup>2</sup></b>	28.8	561 985	28.8	450 438	42.7	128 296	42.6	108 440	-433 690	-341 998
<b>Africa</b>	0.3	6 567	0.4	5 606	0.2	697	1.1	2 877	-5 870	-2 730
<b>Asia</b>	13.1	255 891	14.9	232 516	4.5	13 667	7.8	19 758	-242 224	-212 758
<b>America</b>	2.1	41 122	2.4	38 230	0.5	1 409	0.5	1 360	-39 713	-36 870
<b>Oceania</b>	0.1	1 677	0.0	655	0.0	111	0.0	55	-1 566	-600
<b>USA</b>	1.0	19 126	1.1	17 575	0.4	1 262	0.5	1 242	-17 864	-16 333
<b>China</b>	8.5	164 817	10.1	157 981	4.0	12 026	6.9	17 459	-152 791	-140 522
<b>Russia</b>	0.3	6 460	0.4	5 854	0.5	1 621	0.4	1 034	-4 838	-4 819
<b>Switzerland</b>	1.6	30 863	1.9	29 506	2.1	6 413	2.0	5 181	-24 449	-24 325
<b>Japan</b>	0.9	17 426	0.8	13 015	0.1	199	0.1	317	-17 227	-12 698
<b>Turkey</b>	5.1	99 947	5.3	83 496	4.1	12 236	4.2	10 666	-87 711	-72 830
<b>Brazil</b>	0.4	7 637	0.4	6 805	0.0	23	0.0	10	-7 614	-6 794

<sup>1</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)

<sup>2</sup> Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Kosovo

**Table 3. External trade in goods by EU member states and CEFTA parties <sup>3</sup>**

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TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2020	Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2020	Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2020
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>1 949 447</b>	<b>1 563 914</b>	<b>300 477</b>	<b>254 589</b>	<b>-1 648 970</b>	<b>-1 309 326</b>
<b>European Union</b>	<b>934 079</b>	<b>710 760</b>	<b>121 487</b>	<b>103 073</b>	<b>-812 592</b>	<b>-607 687</b>
Austria	34 122	33 268	2 013	9 837	-32 109	-23 431
Belgium	13 203	14 757	723	376	-12 480	-14 381
Bulgaria	10 879	8 504	1 594	359	-9 284	-8 145
Czech Republic	30 136	18 399	15 714	8 072	-14 422	-10 328
Denmark	7 549	6 105	965	580	-6 584	-5 525
Estonia	824	267	2	17	-822	-250
Finland	3 608	2 352	372	7	-3 236	-2 345
France	44 017	34 243	1 434	289	-42 583	-33 954
Greece	119 667	71 106	1 215	2 471	-118 452	-68 635
Netherlands	30 926	30 344	1 184	1 580	-29 741	-28 764
Ireland	4 805	4 102	2	5	-4 803	-4 097
Italy	141 661	99 854	8 756	6 711	-132 904	-93 144
Cyprus	561	173	202	38	-359	-135
Latvia	724	504	1	1	-723	-503
Lithuania	913	766	421	81	-492	-685
Luxembourg	636	367	68	154	-568	-213
Hungary	17 682	16 675	34 836	18 453	17 153	1 778
Malta	24	4	331	620	307	615
Germany	177 665	146 985	12 343	12 057	-165 322	-134 929
Poland	37 289	27 693	10 630	8 820	-26 659	-18 872
Portugal	4 234	1 955	17	0	-4 216	-1 955
Croatia	112 782	85 396	2 093	2 012	-110 689	-83 384
Romania	26 482	16 596	487	1 065	-25 994	-15 531
Slovakia	5 719	4 859	46	158	-5 673	-4 701
Slovenia	40 818	30 826	17 911	24 763	-22 907	-6 063
Spain	34 784	31 472	831	369	-33 954	-31 103
Sweden	11 035	8 756	2 355	1 789	-8 680	-6 967
United Kingdom	21 334	14 432	4 941	2 390	-16 393	-12 043
<b>CEFTA</b>	<b>561 985</b>	<b>450 438</b>	<b>128 296</b>	<b>108 440</b>	<b>-433 690</b>	<b>-341 998</b>
Albania	31 031	29 018	10 014	8 487	-21 018	-20 531
Bosnia and Herzegovina	122 574	91 931	22 943	14 622	-99 631	-77 308
Moldova	544	177	0	0	-544	-177
North Macedonia	22 580	18 709	3 678	3 368	-18 902	-15 341
Serbia	381 212	305 681	72 109	65 333	-309 104	-240 349
Kosovo	4 044	4 922	19 552	16 630	15 508	11 708
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>453 383</b>	<b>402 716</b>	<b>50 695</b>	<b>43 076</b>	<b>-402 689</b>	<b>-359 640</b>

<sup>3</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)

**Table 4. External trade in goods of Montenegro by SITC sections<sup>4</sup>**

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2020	Jan- Sep 2020 Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2020	Jan- Sep 2020 Jan- Sep 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>0-9 TOTAL</b>	<b>1 949 447</b>	<b>1 563 914</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>300 477</b>	<b>254 589</b>	<b>84.7</b>
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>356 965</b>	<b>291 995</b>	<b>81.8</b>	<b>17 105</b>	<b>19 670</b>	<b>115.0</b>
00 Live animals	20 267	18 333	90.5	55	67	121.9
01 Meat and meat preparations	80 946	66 523	82.2	8 794	10 470	119.1
02 Dairy products and eggs	44 721	32 890	73.5	101	82	81.0
03 Fish and preparations	17 238	8 315	48.2	55	59	108.9
04 Cereal and cereal products	50 103	43 999	87.8	389	422	108.5
05 Vegetables and fruit	59 004	47 963	81.3	4 688	5 671	121.0
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	7 618	6 928	90.9	63	56	88.4
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	27 330	20 625	75.5	1 305	1 450	111.1
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	14 710	15 961	108.5	1 348	1 116	82.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	35 028	30 456	86.9	307	277	90.3
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>65 319</b>	<b>45 722</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>12 079</b>	<b>10 493</b>	<b>86.9</b>
11 Beverages	54 597	36 409	66.7	10 404	8 390	80.6
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	10 722	9 313	86.9	1 675	2 103	125.6
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>40 049</b>	<b>30 969</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>66 501</b>	<b>58 419</b>	<b>87.8</b>
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	1	0	0.0	1 768	1 132	64.0
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	1 103	1 362	123.5	23	6	25.7
23 Crude rubber	112	106	95.1	5	0	9.3
24 Cork and wood	7 153	4 299	60.1	21 928	20 773	94.7
25 Pulp and waste paper	26	27	104.2	920	541	58.8
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	476	354	74.2	18	29	160.9
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	2 621	2 722	103.8	1 840	1 041	56.6
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	21 316	15 644	73.4	39 553	34 225	86.5
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	7 241	6 456	89.2	447	671	150.3
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>219 675</b>	<b>125 910</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>67 895</b>	<b>37 257</b>	<b>54.9</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	657	743	113.0	2 683	2 279	85.0
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	160 935	87 016	54.1	19 973	4 570	22.9
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	7 516	5 270	70.1	0	1	0.0
35 Electric current	50 567	32 882	65.0	45 239	30 406	67.2
<b>4 Animal oils and fats</b>	<b>8 224</b>	<b>9 064</b>	<b>110.2</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>74.6</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	682	409	59.9	253	213	84.1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	7 465	8 604	115.3	186	118	63.3
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	76	51	66.6	59	41	69.2
<b>5 Chemicals</b>	<b>203 906</b>	<b>200 637</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>21 130</b>	<b>20 842</b>	<b>98.6</b>
51 Organic chemicals	1 916	1 926	100.5	59	47	80.5
52 Inorganic chemicals	3 302	3 799	115.1	795	908	114.2
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	22 096	20 825	94.2	61	91	147.9
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	77 719	86 389	111.2	16 524	16 132	97.6
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	42 494	35 326	83.1	1 418	1 654	116.7
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	2 168	2 335	107.7	0	3	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	2 604	2 953	113.4	102	55	54.4
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	28 194	23 517	83.4	546	1 070	195.8
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	23 414	23 567	100.7	1 625	882	54.3

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**Table 4. External trade in goods of Montenegro by SITC sections**

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BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2020	Jan- Sep 2020 Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2020	Jan- Sep 2020 Jan- Sep 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>346 187</b>	<b>277 368</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>73 862</b>	<b>57 858</b>	<b>78.3</b>
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	201	152	75.4	34	0	0.1
62 Rubber manufactures	15 251	13 133	86.1	50	31	62.5
63 Cork and wood manufactures	22 371	19 434	86.9	1 593	1 193	74.9
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	28 696	23 208	80.9	299	371	123.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	16 814	16 633	98.9	206	480	232.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	97 489	76 009	78.0	2 779	1 548	55.7
67 Iron and steel	62 771	42 205	67.2	15 055	9 895	65.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	15 917	12 913	81.1	47 578	41 913	88.1
69 Manufactures of metals	86 677	73 680	85.0	6 268	2 427	38.7
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>429 163</b>	<b>362 083</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>26 915</b>	<b>25 385</b>	<b>94.3</b>
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	11 809	6 799	57.6	282	437	155.3
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	44 696	35 364	79.1	3 492	3 191	91.4
73 Metalworking machinery	2 775	3 265	117.6	375	112	30.0
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	77 273	68 408	88.5	8 439	7 502	88.9
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	17 207	19 451	113.0	239	276	115.4
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	54 632	47 979	87.8	2 217	2 449	110.5
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	77 845	80 547	103.5	3 185	2 284	71.7
78 Road vehicles	135 696	93 943	69.2	6 857	8 432	123.0
79 Other transport equipment	7 230	6 328	87.5	1 830	701	38.3
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>279 951</b>	<b>216 229</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>14 492</b>	<b>16 292</b>	<b>112.4</b>
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	18 245	17 815	97.6	214	287	134.5
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	58 184	38 157	65.6	574	1 071	186.6
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	7 497	4 777	63.7	77	71	92.1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	62 292	48 122	77.3	1 158	1 285	111.0
85 Footwear	29 785	24 215	81.3	301	373	123.8
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	17 906	18 896	105.5	806	1 538	190.7
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	9 536	6 172	64.7	128	484	300 <sup>1</sup>
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	76 506	58 075	75.9	11 234	11 182	99.5
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3 937</b>	<b>300<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8 000</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated index is higher than 300.0

**Table 5. External trade in goods of Montenegro by CN sections <sup>5</sup>**

BREAKDOWN BY CN SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2020	Jan- Sep 2020 Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2019	Jan- Sep 2020	Jan- Sep 2020 Jan- Sep 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>I - XXI TOTAL</b>	<b>1 949 447</b>	<b>1 563 914</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>300 477</b>	<b>254 589</b>	<b>84.7</b>
<b>I</b> Live animals, animal products	135 211	104 037	76.9	6 276	6 707	106.9
<b>II</b> Vegetable products	81 741	71 490	87.5	5 191	6 547	126.1
<b>III</b> Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	9 148	10 126	110.7	284	159	55.9
<b>IV</b> Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	212 869	169 448	79.6	18 401	17 801	96.7
<b>V</b> Mineral products	253 147	155 052	61.2	93 868	63 581	67.7
<b>VI</b> Products of the chemical or allied industries	196 699	191 248	97.2	20 552	19 740	96.0
<b>VII</b> Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	76 599	65 442	85.4	2 494	2 243	89.9
<b>VIII</b> Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	9 827	6 130	62.4	1 915	1 286	67.2
<b>IX</b> Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	29 686	23 864	80.4	23 522	21 969	93.4
<b>X</b> Materials and products of paper industry	32 322	24 940	77.2	3 539	2 656	75.0
<b>XI</b> Textiles and textile articles	74 674	60 454	81.0	1 341	1 695	126.4
<b>XII</b> Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	32 732	26 345	80.5	359	397	110.4
<b>XIII</b> Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	69 159	51 430	74.4	2 752	1 572	57.1
<b>XIV</b> Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	8 404	6 368	75.8	4 243	13 780	300 <sup>1</sup>
<b>XV</b> Base metals and articles of base metal	166 430	129 579	77.9	84 304	63 168	74.9
<b>XVI</b> Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	285 029	259 627	91.1	18 228	16 361	89.8
<b>XVII</b> Vehicles and associated transport equipment	146 171	102 593	70.2	8 723	9 311	106.7
<b>XVIII</b> Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	29 369	29 175	99.3	991	2 137	215.5
<b>XIX</b> Arms and ammunition	936	2 075	221.6	1 809	1 330	73.5
<b>XX</b> Miscellaneous manufactured articles	97 726	74 418	76.1	1 131	2 136	188.9
<b>XXI</b> Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	1 567	73	4.7	554	15	2.6

<sup>1</sup> Calculated index is higher than 300.0

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## METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS

External trade statistics represents an important source which is needed for economic policy makers, as well as for decision makers. It serves as the basic source of information for compilation balance of payments, national accounts statistics, for preparation multilateral and bilateral negotiations, as well as for enterprises for market research and business analysis.

Data collection on external trade is based on recommendations UN and EU statistics contained in the following publications:

- International merchandise Trade Statistics, Concept and Definitions, UN
- Statistics on the Trade of Goods, User Guide, EUROSTAT.

It is harmonized with regulations of COMMUNITY LEGISLATION applicable to the STATISTICS RELATING TO THE TRADE OF GOODS, related to EXTRASTAT

- Regulation (EC) No. 471/2009 of the European Parliament and Council
- Commission Regulation (EC) No. 92/2010
- Commission Regulation (EC) No. 113/2010.

The names of the countries are in accordance with the Geonomenclature used in the European statistics on foreign trade in goods.

### Data source

Data source for external trade of Montenegro is customs declarations on export and import of goods. Customs declaration is a document applied in customs procedure. It contains data important for the very customs procedure, but also for needs of statistics and other users. MONSTAT takes over the data in electronic form from Customs Administration of Montenegro with monthly periodicity, and further processes and publishes the results.

Since 2002 under customs procedure when using tariffs of products, Combined Nomenclature harmonized with EU Combined Nomenclature is used. It is published in the Official Gazette of Montenegro for the current year.

### External trade coverage

**Export** covers the goods leaving the statistical territory of Montenegro in accordance with the following customs procedures:

- a) Export
- b) Outward processing
- c) Re-export that was in the procedure of inward processing and manufacture of goods under customs control

**Import** covers all goods entering the statistical territory of Montenegro in accordance with the following customs procedures:

- a) Import for free trade
- b) Inward processing
- c) Manufacture of goods under customs control

Classification of export-import is performed in accordance with Nomenclature for External Trade Statistics which is based on Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), rev. 4. The code of every product classified by SITC has the following structure: one digit means sector, two digit – section, three digit – group, four digit – subgroup, and five digit – position, i.e. product.

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