

External trade in goods of Montenegro January - June 2021^(p)

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for January - June 2021, according to preliminary results is 1 289.3 million EUR, indicating the growth of 6.8% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 202.4 million EUR, and import was 1 086.9 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 20.6%, while imports increased by 4.5%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 18.6% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 16.1%.

In the **structure of exports**, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (Section 3)**, in amount of 48.4 million EUR (consisted of Electric current - 44.7 million EUR, Coal, coke and briguettes - 2.7 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 241.3 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles - 69.2 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances - 50.5 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (53.7 million EUR), Bosnia and Hercegovina (15.9 million EUR) and Switzerland (15.8 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (216.5 million EUR), China (110.4 million EUR) and Germany (108.5 million EUR). The highest external trade was with CEFTA parties and the EU member states.

Chart 1. Total external trade in goods by months, in millions EUR

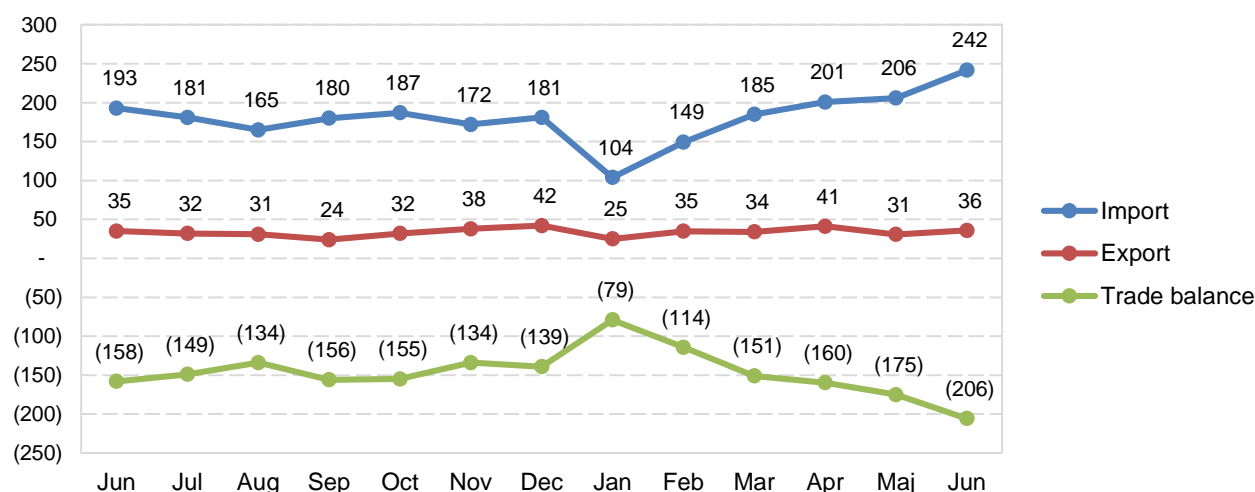


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months ¹

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PERIOD	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
2020				
January	138 807	31 233	170 040	-107 574
February	191 250	29 939	221 189	-161 310
March	205 152	27 419	232 571	-177 733
April	151 434	25 693	177 127	-125 740
May	160 531	18 792	179 323	-141 739
June	192 536	34 786	227 322	-157 749
July	180 507	32 113	212 620	-148 395
August	164 878	30 739	195 618	-134 139
September	179 620	23 838	203 458	-155 782
October	186 945	32 064	219 010	-154 881
November	172 008	37 893	209 901	-134 115
December	181 502	41 618	223 119	-139 884
2021				
January	103 774	25 319	129 093	-78 454
February	149 210	34 902	184 112	-114 309
March	185 479	34 245	219 724	-151 234
April	200 813	41 198	242 011	-159 615
May	205 944	30 807	236 751	-175 137
June	241 645	35 934	277 578	-205 711

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Jun 2020		Jan-Jun 2021		Jan-Jun 2020		Jan-Jun 2021		Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	1 039 709	100.0	1 086 865	100.0	167 863	100.0	202 405	-871 847	-884 460
Europe	82.8	860 816	81.7	888 358	89.9	150 951	94.0	190 284	-709 865	-698 074
Eu-27	45.4	472 141	45.2	490 776	45.1	75 673	36.7	74 272	-396 468	-416 505
CEFTA²	28.6	297 489	28.4	308 213	38.7	64 913	43.4	87 829	-232 577	-220 384
Africa	0.4	4 091	0.3	3 706	1.0	1 654	1.2	2 427	-2 436	-1 279
Asia	14.5	151 108	15.2	164 957	8.5	14 318	3.4	6 811	-136 790	-158 146
America	2.2	23 227	2.7	29 406	0.6	923	1.4	2 787	-22 303	-26 619
Oceania	0.0	467	0.0	438	0.0	15	0.0	96	-452	-342
USA	1.0	10 133	1.3	14 590	0.5	811	0.8	1 539	-9 321	-13 051
China	9.9	103 034	10.2	110 400	7.6	12 808	0.7	1 388	-90 226	-109 012
Russia	0.3	2 999	0.4	3 944	0.4	596	0.6	1 209	-2 403	-2 735
Switzerland	1.7	17 386	1.8	19 940	1.9	3 221	7.8	15 765	-14 165	-4 175
Japan	0.8	8 513	0.7	7 878	0.1	199	0.0	78	-8 314	-7 800
Turkey	5.5	57 681	4.7	50 607	2.0	3 330	4.5	9 188	-54 351	-41 419
Brazil	0.4	4 568	0.5	5 170	0.0	10	0.0	13	-4 558	-5 157
United Kingdom	0.8	8 799	0.9	9 631	1.0	1 701	0.3	671	-7 098	-8 960

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

² Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Kosovo

Table 3. External trade in goods by EU member states and CEFTA parties ³

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TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021
WORLD	1 039 709	1 086 865	167 863	202 405	-871 847	-884 460
Eu-27⁴	472 141	490 776	75 673	74 272	-396 468	-416 505
Austria	25 613	12 225	8 984	816	-16 629	-11 409
Belgium	9 579	8 976	277	302	-9 302	-8 674
Bulgaria	6 130	5 355	277	409	-5 853	-4 946
Czech Republic	13 447	11 688	7 834	8 011	-5 613	-3 677
Denmark	3 985	4 000	440	608	-3 544	-3 392
Estonia	210	214	7	29	-203	-186
Finland	1 356	1 826	6	2	-1 349	-1 825
France	24 090	21 951	87	658	-24 003	-21 292
Greece	50 560	55 518	2 026	8 373	-48 535	-47 144
Netherlands	22 442	22 320	774	843	-21 668	-21 477
Ireland	2 890	11 536	5	7	-2 885	-11 529
Italy	66 173	70 960	2 828	13 035	-63 344	-57 925
Cyprus	143	86	18	61	-124	-25
Latvia	408	396	0	1	-408	-395
Lithuania	464	467	45	1	-419	-466
Luxembourg	286	192	115	753	-171	561
Hungary	11 402	9 822	14 309	6 128	2 907	-3 693
Malta	4	2	393	286	389	284
Germany	93 885	108 457	8 786	8 852	-85 100	-99 605
Poland	18 792	19 430	5 542	7 332	-13 249	-12 098
Portugal	1 350	1 570	0	5	-1 350	-1 565
Croatia	54 730	58 264	1 116	1 489	-53 614	-56 774
Romania	10 148	12 026	781	128	-9 367	-11 898
Slovakia	3 212	3 707	157	725	-3 055	-2 983
Slovenia	21 676	19 137	19 162	12 722	-2 514	-6 415
Spain	22 859	22 546	365	1 726	-22 494	-20 819
Sweden	6 307	8 104	1 338	967	-4 970	-7 137
CEFTA	297 489	308 213	64 913	87 829	-232 577	-220 384
Albania	19 809	21 113	5 257	6 987	-14 552	-14 126
Bosnia and Herzegovina	62 827	53 759	8 042	15 881	-54 785	-37 877
Moldova	124	83	0	0	-124	-82
North Macedonia	12 499	13 203	1 892	1 952	-10 607	-11 251
Serbia	199 682	216 474	39 724	53 723	-159 958	-162 751
Kosovo	2 547	3 581	9 996	9 284	7 449	5 704
Other countries (Outside Eu-27 and CEFTA)	270 079	287 875	27 277	40 304	-242 802	-247 571

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⁴ From January 2021, data on foreign trade with United Kingdom are excluded from the data of the European Union. Data on foreign trade with the United Kingdom are shown in Table 2.

Table 4. External trade in goods of Montenegro by SITC sections⁴

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021	Jan-Jun 2021 Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021	Jan-Jun 2021 Jan-Jun 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	1 039 709	1 086 865	104.5	167 863	202 405	120.6
0 Food and live animals	201 750	206 456	102.3	10 387	11 177	107.6
00 Live animals	13 084	14 029	107.2	37	50	134.2
01 Meat and meat preparations	47 167	40 777	86.5	6 681	7 146	107.0
02 Dairy products and eggs	21 687	24 273	111.9	41	88	212.8
03 Fish and preparations	5 523	7 311	132.4	9	116	300 ¹
04 Cereal and cereal products	30 911	30 157	97.6	248	243	98.0
05 Vegetables and fruit	34 195	33 655	98.4	1 558	1 895	121.6
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	4 542	5 058	111.4	37	39	104.2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	13 889	16 283	117.2	964	955	99.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	9 992	12 228	122.4	731	539	73.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	20 758	22 686	109.3	80	106	133.0
1 Beverages and tobacco	28 869	36 216	125.4	6 104	9 356	153.3
11 Beverages	23 464	27 579	117.5	4 573	4 727	103.4
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	5 405	8 637	159.8	1 531	4 629	300 ¹
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	21 348	23 163	108.5	37 808	43 898	116.1
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	704	1 086	154.2
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	936	1 149	122.8	4	21	300 ¹
23 Crude rubber	41	106	261.6	0	0	0.0
24 Cork and wood	3 079	2 132	69.2	12 242	12 893	105.3
25 Pulp and waste paper	26	22	85.1	366	550	150.4
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	259	160	62.0	2	12	300 ¹
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	1 543	2 069	134.1	691	882	127.6
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	10 429	11 648	111.7	23 452	27 917	119.0
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	5 036	5 876	116.7	346	537	155.2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	81 959	92 809	113.2	28 630	48 404	169.1
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	622	2 068	300 ¹	1 557	2 655	170.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	57 333	68 649	119.7	3 306	1 076	32.5
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	3 618	4 341	120.0	0	1	0.0
35 Electric current	20 385	17 751	87.1	23 767	44 672	188.0
4 Animal oils and fats	6 710	7 890	117.6	209	330	158.2
41 Animal oils and fats	300	320	106.9	113	203	178.9
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	6 371	7 524	118.1	74	75	101.8
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	39	45	116.7	22	52	243.0
5 Chemicals	138 129	147 592	106.9	14 114	15 468	109.6
51 Organic chemicals	1 166	1 469	126.0	26	25	97.5
52 Inorganic chemicals	2 607	2 083	79.9	476	1 371	288.2
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	14 171	14 257	100.6	55	21	37.5
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	60 506	66 822	110.4	10 886	11 999	110.2
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	24 459	23 725	97.0	1 111	590	53.1
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	2 076	2 108	101.5	3	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	2 055	2 772	134.9	22	101	300 ¹
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	15 865	15 740	99.2	724	630	86.9
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	15 225	18 617	122.3	811	731	90.2

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BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021	Jan-Jun 2021 Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021	Jan-Jun 2021 Jan-Jun 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	187 582	182 943	97.5	41 871	44 950	107.4
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	101	207	205.0	0	52	0.0
62 Rubber manufactures	8 720	8 919	102.3	17	40	231.1
63 Cork and wood manufactures	13 489	13 206	97.9	735	882	120.0
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	16 201	16 231	100.2	278	225	80.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	11 340	11 522	101.6	121	258	212.6
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	51 602	42 604	82.6	1 018	1 692	166.3
67 Iron and steel	28 700	37 427	130.4	7 630	5 141	67.4
68 Non-ferrous metals	8 970	8 652	96.5	30 596	34 875	114.0
69 Manufactures of metals	48 460	44 174	91.2	1 476	1 786	120.9
7 Machinery and transport equipment	232 540	241 342	103.8	15 106	20 533	135.9
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	5 215	4 226	81.0	254	189	74.5
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	24 376	25 482	104.5	1 129	5 924	300 ¹
73 Metalworking machinery	1 696	1 682	99.2	88	240	272.7
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	45 256	37 206	82.2	4 503	5 819	129.2
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	11 236	12 150	108.1	205	234	114.3
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	32 581	28 841	88.5	1 648	1 841	111.7
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	46 950	50 464	107.5	1 190	2 616	219.8
78 Road vehicles	62 510	69 218	110.7	5 687	2 775	48.8
79 Other transport equipment	2 720	12 074	300 ¹	402	893	222.2
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	136 898	148 386	108.4	5 634	8 289	147.1
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	12 828	7 670	59.8	95	184	192.8
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	24 440	24 964	102.1	705	906	128.5
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2 997	3 367	112.4	43	75	171.7
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	28 942	34 734	120.0	734	1 112	151.4
85 Footwear	15 400	15 692	101.9	210	239	113.7
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	11 573	9 962	86.1	663	1 108	167.1
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	2 606	4 736	181.8	54	70	130.4
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	38 113	47 262	124.0	3 130	4 597	146.9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	3 925	68	1.7	8 000	0	0.0

¹ Calculated index is higher than 300.0

Table 5. External trade in goods of Montenegro by CN sections ⁶

BREAKDOWN BY CN SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021	Jan-Jun 2021 Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2021	Jan-Jun 2021 Jan-Jun 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	1 039 709	1 086 865	104.5	167 863	202 405	120.6
I Live animals, animal products	72 732	70 897	97.5	4 119	5 157	125.2
II Vegetable products	51 191	49 723	97.1	2 003	2 167	108.2
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	7 460	8 774	117.6	95	128	133.9
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	112 308	128 355	114.3	10 832	13 970	129.0
V Mineral products	100 541	108 947	108.4	47 217	62 656	132.7
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	131 661	141 185	107.2	13 379	14 749	110.2
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	43 615	46 550	106.7	1 587	1 803	113.6
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	3 959	3 939	99.5	774	1 237	159.8
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	16 657	15 481	92.9	12 977	13 776	106.2
X Materials and products of paper industry	16 391	16 633	101.5	1 837	2 093	113.9
XI Textiles and textile articles	37 548	43 834	116.7	822	1 336	162.4
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	16 979	17 122	100.8	226	261	115.5
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	35 710	29 742	83.3	1 025	1 701	166.0
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	5 949	1 681	28.3	8 005	75	0.9
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	86 601	91 714	105.9	45 258	56 313	124.4
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	166 433	157 779	94.8	9 237	16 712	180.9
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	66 682	82 605	123.9	6 146	3 881	63.1
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	16 452	18 436	112.1	773	1 338	173.1
XIX Arms and ammunition	1 341	6 267	300 ¹	399	1 486	300 ¹
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	49 449	47 094	95.2	1 137	1 556	136.9
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	50	108	214.0	13	10	74.8

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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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