

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

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for January - August 2021 according to preliminary results is 1 862.1 million EUR, indicating the growth of 15.2% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 266.2 million EUR, and import was 1 595.9 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 15.4%, while imports increased by 15.2%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 16.7% and it is the same compared to the same period last year.

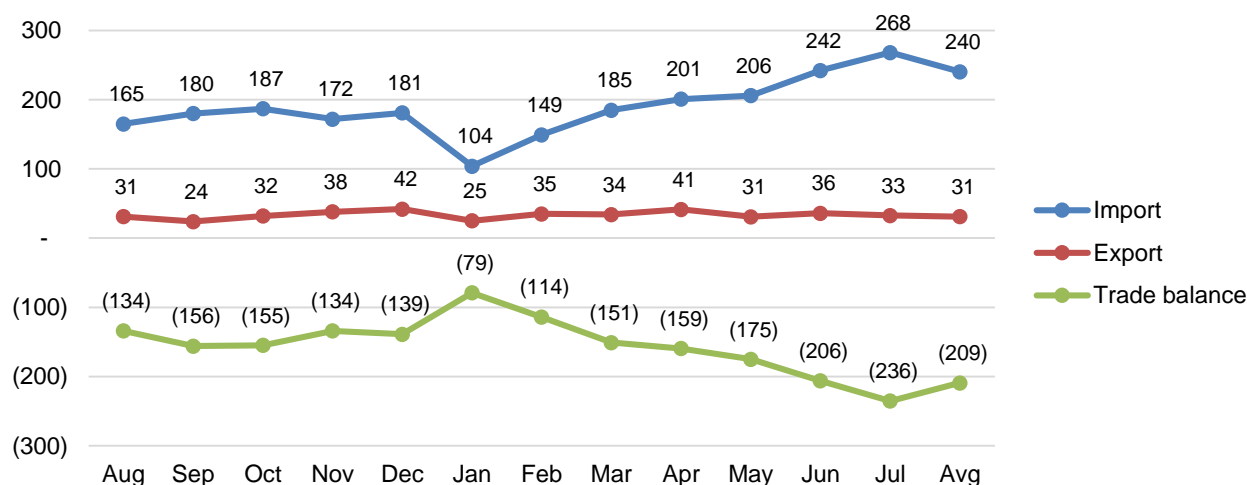
In the **structure of exports**, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Crude materials, inedible, except fuels (Section 2)**, in amount of 60.1 million EUR (consisted of Metalliferous ores and metal scrap - 35.5 million EUR, Cork and wood - 20.3 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 338.5 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles - 95.4 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances - 68.8 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (69.1 million EUR), Switzerland (21.5 million EUR) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (21.3 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (321.2 million EUR), China (160.0 million EUR) and Germany (148.8 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



^(p) – Preliminary data

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	103 763	25 318	129 081	-78 445
February	149 198	34 901	184 099	-114 297
March	185 445	34 195	219 640	-151 251
April	200 825	41 380	242 206	-159 445
May	205 960	30 810	236 770	-175 150
June	242 235	35 928	278 163	-206 307
July	268 122	32 620	300 742	-235 503
August	240 322	31 085	271 407	-209 237

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Aug 2020		Jan-Aug 2021		Jan-Aug 2020		Jan-Aug 2021		Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	1 385 095	100.0	1 595 871	100.0	230 715	100.0	266 237	-1 154 380	-1 329 634
Europe	82.4	1 140 665	82.3	1 313 194	90.0	207 645	94.2	250 818	-933 020	-1 062 376
Eu-27	44.9	621 401	45.8	731 661	40.4	93 233	34.9	92 959	-528 168	-638 702
CEFTA²	28.6	396 606	28.2	450 680	40.9	94 365	44.3	117 914	-302 241	-332 766
Africa	0.4	5 125	0.4	5 614	1.2	2 848	1.3	3 517	-2 277	-2 097
Asia	15.0	207 835	14.7	234 361	8.2	18 951	3.1	8 350	-188 884	-226 011
America	2.2	30 932	2.6	42 012	0.5	1 251	1.3	3 438	-29 681	-38 574
Oceania	0.0	538	0.0	690	0.0	20	0.0	114	-518	-576
USA	1.0	13 822	1.2	18 776	0.5	1 139	0.8	2 016	-12 683	-16 759
China	10.1	140 377	10.0	159 973	7.3	16 923	0.9	2 270	-123 455	-157 703
Russia	0.3	4 225	0.4	6 087	0.4	905	0.7	1 898	-3 320	-4 189
Switzerland	1.8	24 453	1.9	29 717	2.0	4 635	8.1	21 543	-19 818	-8 174
Japan	0.9	11 872	0.7	10 410	0.1	261	0.0	103	-11 611	-10 307
Turkey	5.4	75 450	4.5	71 059	4.6	10 576	4.5	11 867	-64 873	-59 192
Brazil	0.4	5 867	0.5	7 864	0.0	10	0.0	13	-5 857	-7 850
United Kingdom	0.9	12 717	0.9	13 685	0.9	2 151	0.3	851	-10 566	-12 834

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 parties³

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TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021
WORLD	1 385 095	1 595 871	230 715	266 237	-1 154 380	-1 329 634
Eu-27⁴	621 401	731 661	93 233	92 959	-528 168	-638 702
Austria	30 802	21 054	9 569	1 185	-21 233	-19 869
Belgium	13 512	12 200	353	359	-13 160	-11 841
Bulgaria	7 779	8 245	313	454	-7 466	-7 791
Czech Republic	16 965	18 356	8 037	8 544	-8 928	-9 812
Denmark	5 732	6 382	576	615	-5 156	-5 767
Estonia	258	286	13	69	-245	-217
Finland	2 223	2 117	6	2	-2 216	-2 115
France	30 883	30 994	130	935	-30 753	-30 060
Greece	63 295	93 161	2 419	8 405	-60 876	-84 756
Netherlands	28 051	31 515	1 171	1 012	-26 880	-30 503
Ireland	3 906	21 202	5	7	-3 901	-21 195
Italy	88 990	102 610	5 782	18 116	-83 208	-84 494
Cyprus	173	88	31	327	-142	240
Latvia	475	574	1	5	-475	-569
Lithuania	600	728	45	1	-554	-727
Luxembourg	353	273	119	1 068	-234	795
Hungary	15 031	14 987	17 755	6 279	2 724	-8 708
Malta	4	10	558	410	554	400
Germany	128 103	148 800	10 696	12 892	-117 408	-135 908
Poland	24 945	27 660	7 615	9 816	-17 330	-17 844
Portugal	1 692	2 530	0	7	-1 691	-2 523
Croatia	75 222	87 731	1 746	2 345	-73 476	-85 387
Romania	13 404	17 674	1 035	150	-12 369	-17 524
Slovakia	4 336	5 094	157	889	-4 179	-4 205
Slovenia	27 837	29 978	23 139	15 353	-4 698	-14 625
Spain	29 238	36 377	369	2 229	-28 869	-34 147
Sweden	7 592	11 035	1 594	1 486	-5 998	-9 549
CEFTA	396 606	450 680	94 365	117 914	-302 241	-332 766
Albania	25 790	27 044	7 499	10 589	-18 291	-16 455
Bosnia and Herzegovina	82 561	77 696	11 973	21 341	-70 589	-56 355
Moldova	163	147	0	0	-163	-147
North Macedonia	15 737	19 130	2 753	2 505	-12 984	-16 625
Serbia	268 493	321 213	57 576	69 140	-210 917	-252 073
Kosovo	3 861	5 450	14 564	14 338	10 703	8 888
Other countries (Outside Eu-27 and CEFTA)	367 088	413 529	43 116	55 364	-323 972	-358 166

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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-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2021 Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2021 Jan-Aug 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	1 385 095	1 595 871	115.2	230 715	266 237	115.4
0 Food and live animals	259 653	309 690	119.3	16 737	18 737	111.9
00 Live animals	16 636	19 691	118.4	52	50	95.7
01 Meat and meat preparations	59 560	61 620	103.5	9 244	10 151	109.8
02 Dairy products and eggs	29 141	39 458	135.4	81	99	122.7
03 Fish and preparations	7 364	13 595	184.6	43	117	271.0
04 Cereal and cereal products	39 038	45 012	115.3	320	448	139.9
05 Vegetables and fruit	42 591	48 740	114.4	4 382	5 779	131.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	6 041	7 417	122.8	49	44	88.8
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	18 079	23 037	127.4	1 307	1 271	97.3
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	13 975	16 777	120.0	996	618	62.0
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	27 228	34 344	126.1	263	160	61.0
1 Beverages and tobacco	40 353	62 977	156.1	8 805	12 874	146.2
11 Beverages	32 813	49 899	152.1	6 834	7 143	104.5
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	7 540	13 078	173.4	1 970	5 730	290.8
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	27 914	31 224	111.9	52 780	60 119	113.9
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	810	1 471	181.5
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	1 247	1 348	108.2	5	21	300 ¹
23 Crude rubber	96	122	127.0	0	2	300 ¹
24 Cork and wood	4 007	2 826	70.5	17 856	20 343	113.9
25 Pulp and waste paper	26	29	111.1	484	794	163.9
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	333	358	107.3	25	31	126.7
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	2 300	3 101	134.8	942	1 316	139.7
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	13 935	16 402	117.7	32 072	35 460	110.6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	5 969	7 038	117.9	586	682	116.3
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	108 904	165 645	152.1	34 806	56 262	161.6
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	699	3 444	300 ¹	1 945	3 318	170.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	74 105	119 957	161.9	3 890	4 591	118.0
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	4 603	6 633	144.1	1	1	56.9
35 Electric current	29 497	35 610	120.7	28 969	48 353	166.9
4 Animal oils and fats	8 317	10 662	128.2	296	516	174.7
41 Animal oils and fats	371	434	116.9	188	320	170.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	7 897	10 166	128.7	84	114	136.6
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	49	63	126.8	24	82	300 ¹
5 Chemicals	179 220	212 235	118.4	19 101	21 082	110.4
51 Organic chemicals	1 647	2 378	144.4	43	26	60.6
52 Inorganic chemicals	3 272	2 852	87.1	562	1 391	247.5
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	18 502	19 024	102.8	89	56	62.7
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	77 932	99 069	127.1	14 932	16 624	111.3
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	31 572	35 426	112.2	1 603	1 114	69.5
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	2 193	2 234	101.8	3	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	2 619	4 139	158.0	52	137	264.7
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	20 960	21 008	100.2	963	728	75.6
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	20 522	26 105	127.2	856	1 007	117.6

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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-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2021 Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2021 Jan-Aug 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	246 734	254 731	103.2	54 336	57 621	106.0
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	146	255	174.2	0	81	0.0
62 Rubber manufactures	11 536	12 288	106.5	23	61	268.6
63 Cork and wood manufactures	17 625	17 978	102.0	1 028	1 387	135.0
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	20 971	23 807	113.5	309	258	83.6
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	15 114	15 824	104.7	395	279	70.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	67 140	58 331	86.9	1 330	2 654	199.6
67 Iron and steel	37 630	49 761	132.2	8 817	6 042	68.5
68 Non-ferrous metals	11 418	14 340	125.6	40 370	44 015	109.0
69 Manufactures of metals	65 153	62 147	95.4	2 066	2 844	137.6
7 Machinery and transport equipment	320 331	338 516	105.7	21 193	27 908	131.7
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	6 328	6 041	95.5	437	340	77.8
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	31 865	31 712	99.5	2 018	8 653	300 ¹
73 Metalworking machinery	3 047	2 043	67.1	108	249	229.5
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	59 452	55 884	94.0	6 419	7 442	115.9
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	15 693	16 857	107.4	243	271	111.7
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	43 675	39 562	90.6	2 035	2 297	112.9
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	70 469	68 797	97.6	1 773	3 368	190.0
78 Road vehicles	85 701	95 446	111.4	7 459	4 024	53.9
79 Other transport equipment	4 102	22 174	300 ¹	701	1 265	180.6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	189 744	210 110	110.7	14 661	11 118	75.8
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	16 294	10 689	65.6	276	208	75.3
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	34 011	35 809	105.3	954	1 141	119.6
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	4 119	5 308	128.9	64	103	161.2
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	40 396	48 554	120.2	1 088	1 407	129.3
85 Footwear	20 797	21 241	102.1	309	279	90.3
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	17 332	14 636	84.4	1 239	1 566	126.5
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	4 896	8 243	168.4	140	104	74.3
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	51 900	65 629	126.5	10 592	6 310	59.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	3 925	80	2.0	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-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021	<u>Jan-Aug 2021</u> <u>Jan-Aug 2020</u>	Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2021	<u>Jan-Aug 2021</u> <u>Jan-Aug 2020</u>
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	1 385 095	1 595 871	115.2	230 715	266 237	115.4
I Live animals, animal products	92 743	109 986	118.6	5 806	7 191	123.9
II Vegetable products	64 183	69 759	108.7	5 157	6 192	120.1
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	9 250	12 000	129.7	108	196	181.7
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	149 851	200 160	133.6	15 358	19 251	125.3
V Mineral products	134 390	187 796	139.7	59 697	73 731	123.5
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	170 875	204 397	119.6	18 106	20 235	111.8
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	58 279	63 980	109.8	2 031	2 353	115.9
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	5 339	6 115	114.5	919	1 689	183.8
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	21 758	20 983	96.4	18 884	21 732	115.1
X Materials and products of paper industry	22 407	25 171	112.3	2 375	2 910	122.5
XI Textiles and textile articles	51 625	61 092	118.3	1 447	1 658	114.6
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	22 771	23 124	101.6	332	305	91.8
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	45 544	40 898	89.8	1 345	2 665	198.2
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	6 246	2 342	37.5	13 774	84	0.6
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	114 867	128 193	111.6	59 369	72 164	121.6
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	228 654	218 311	95.5	13 230	22 495	170.0
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	91 831	119 571	130.2	8 257	5 506	66.7
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	25 542	26 876	105.2	1 469	1 898	129.2
XIX Arms and ammunition	1 988	7 252	300 ¹	1 330	2 086	156.8
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	66 883	67 723	101.3	1 707	1 885	110.4
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	70	142	204.9	14	11	74.7

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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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