

External trade in goods of Montenegro January 2020^(p)

The **total external trade in goods** of Montenegro for January 2020 according to preliminary results is 170.0 million EUR, indicating the growth of 8.3% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 31.2 million EUR, and import was 138.8 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 10.8%, while imports increased by 7.7%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 22.5% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 21.9%.

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 8.9 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 7.4 million EUR, Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials - 974 thousand 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 28.2 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles - 8.4 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances - 6.8 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (7.3 million EUR), Slovenia (5.7 million EUR) and Hungary (3.0 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (21.5 million EUR), China (14.8 million EUR) and Germany (12.8 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

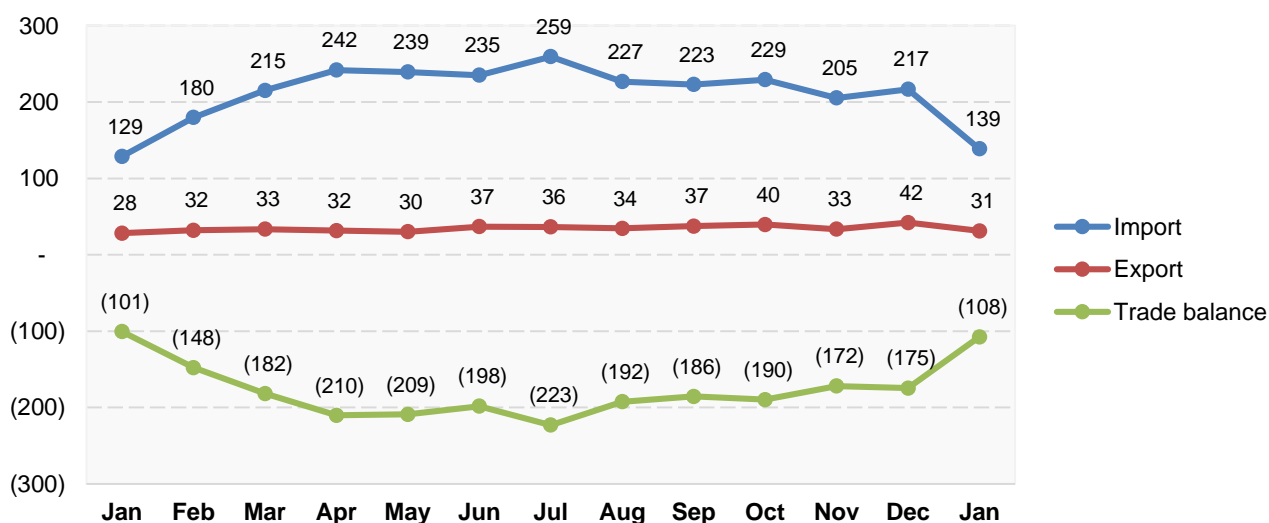


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months ¹

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PERIOD	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
2019				
January	128 809	28 234	157 042	-100 575
February	179 761	32 040	211 801	-147 721
March	215 245	33 405	248 649	-181 840
April	241 718	31 507	273 225	-210 211
May	239 200	30 095	269 295	-209 105
June	235 139	36 796	271 935	-198 343
July	259 460	36 499	295 959	-222 960
August	226 807	34 424	261 231	-192 383
September	223 016	37 492	260 507	-185 524
October	229 225	39 554	268 779	-189 672
November	205 393	33 431	238 824	-171 962
December	216 615	41 998	258 613	-174 616
2020				
January	138 776	31 271	170 047	-107 506

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan 2019		Jan 2020		Jan 2019		Jan 2020		Jan 2019	Jan 2020
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	128 809	100.0	138 776	100.0	28 234	100.0	31 271	-100 575	-107 505
Europe	81.7	105 301	81.3	112 856	98.1	27 697	90.3	28 241	-77 604	-84 615
EU	49.2	63 401	48.0	66 656	55.7	15 721	48.2	15 062	-47 680	-51 594
CEFTA²	23.3	30 025	24.6	34 095	34.9	9 858	34.6	10 811	-20 167	-23 284
Africa	0.2	248	0.3	390	0.0	0	1.0	317	-248	-73
Asia	14.9	19 158	16.1	22 370	1.0	289	7.9	2 469	-18 869	-19 901
America	2.5	3 274	2.2	3 031	0.8	224	0.8	241	-3 050	-2 790
Oceania	0.6	827	0.1	129	0.1	23	0.0	2	-804	-127
USA	1.8	2 257	1.0	1 403	0.7	188	0.7	224	-2 069	-1 179
China	10.0	12 909	10.7	14 796	0.8	233	6.5	2 039	-12 676	-12 757
Russia	0.2	228	0.2	212	0.3	81	0.1	20	-147	-192
Switzerland	2.6	3 317	1.2	1 627	5.8	1 644	1.2	383	-1 673	-1 244
Japan	1.0	1 237	1.0	1 354	0.1	27	0.0	5	-1 210	-1 349
Turkey	5.1	6 565	7.1	9 918	0.0	2	4.2	1 319	-6 563	-8 599
Brazil	0.1	98	0.2	333	0.0	0	0.0	0	-98	-333

¹ Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)² Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, 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 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2019	Jan 2020
WORLD	128 809	138 776	28 234	31 271	-100 575	-107 505
European Union	63 401	66 656	15 721	15 062	-47 680	-51 594
Austria	2 441	2 310	488	30	-1 953	-2 280
Belgium	1 268	1 250	26	49	-1 242	-1 201
Bulgaria	656	643	282	31	-374	-612
Czech Republic	1 313	2 106	2 486	1 603	1 173	-503
Denmark	1 329	241	204	394	-1 125	153
Estonia	24	10	0	0	-24	-10
Finland	369	340	0	0	-369	-340
France	3 643	2 846	317	1	-3 326	-2 845
Greece	6 502	8 979	817	2	-5 685	-8 977
Netherlands	3 465	4 889	165	223	-3 300	-4 666
Ireland	370	445	0	5	-370	-440
Italy	7 739	7 385	1 347	481	-6 392	-6 904
Cyprus	89	12	0	18	-89	6
Latvia	27	65	0	0	-27	-65
Lithuania	57	16	0	45	-57	30
Luxembourg	14	29	0	0	-14	-29
Hungary	1 032	1 162	3 590	2 997	2 558	1 835
Malta	0	3	0	62	0	58
Germany	12 367	12 818	2 058	1 333	-10 309	-11 486
Poland	2 117	1 972	942	887	-1 175	-1 085
Portugal	110	238	0	0	-110	-238
Croatia	8 670	8 226	215	251	-8 455	-7 975
Romania	2 358	1 880	57	66	-2 300	-1 813
Slovakia	332	333	0	0	-331	-333
Slovenia	2 734	2 603	1 688	5 744	-1 046	3 141
Spain	2 455	3 793	1	244	-2 454	-3 550
Sweden	552	789	405	266	-147	-523
United Kingdom	1 367	1 272	632	331	-736	-941
CEFTA	30 025	34 095	9 858	10 811	-20 167	-23 284
Albania	1 823	2 741	460	812	-1 363	-1 928
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6 996	8 235	2 254	913	-4 742	-7 322
Moldova	70	2	0	0	-70	-2
North Macedonia	1 167	1 415	235	346	-932	-1 069
Serbia	19 773	21 472	6 105	7 330	-13 669	-14 142
Kosovo	195	230	804	1 410	609	1 179
Other countries	35 383	38 025	2 655	5 398	-32 728	-32 627

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

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2020 Jan 2019	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2020 Jan 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	128 809	138 776	107.7	28 234	31 271	110.8
0 Food and live animals	22 381	25 378	113.4	1 352	1 768	130.8
00 Live animals	1 660	1 926	116.0	26	13	50.2
01 Meat and meat preparations	6 536	8 124	124.3	875	1 085	124.1
02 Dairy products and eggs	2 365	2 721	115.1	2	14	300 ¹
03 Fish and preparations	735	780	106.1	0	2	300 ¹
04 Cereal and cereal products	2 853	2 829	99.1	27	67	246.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	3 653	3 986	109.1	121	320	265.1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	381	424	111.3	5	8	163.4
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	1 309	1 349	103.0	154	127	82.6
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	1 094	1 181	108.0	138	125	91.0
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1 794	2 059	114.8	4	7	162.3
1 Beverages and tobacco	5 535	4 510	81.5	764	701	91.8
11 Beverages	4 966	4 117	82.9	691	460	66.6
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	569	393	69.1	73	241	300 ¹
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2 382	2 852	119.7	3 401	7 224	212.4
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0	133	201	151.2
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	42	135	300 ¹	0	0	0
23 Crude rubber	5	1	20.0	1	0	0
24 Cork and wood	122	343	281.1	1 065	1 953	183.3
25 Pulp and waste paper	0	0	0	88	54	61.5
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	40	7	17.5	0	0	0
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	174	126	72.3	46	83	181.1
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	1 593	1 788	112.2	2 033	4 819	237.1
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	406	453	111.6	34	114	300 ¹
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	14 253	15 010	105.3	8 444	8 939	105.9
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	60	72	120.0	456	530	116.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	8 980	12 367	137.7	1 011	974	96.4
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	542	812	149.9	0	0	0
35 Electric current	4 671	1 760	37.7	6 977	7 434	106.6
4 Animal oils and fats	360	662	183.9	31	47	152.4
41 Animal oils and fats	60	32	53.5	17	23	140.8
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	297	629	211.8	3	23	300 ¹
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	2	1	50.0	11	1	5.9
5 Chemicals	13 802	14 812	107.3	2 275	1 410	62.0
51 Organic chemicals	69	36	52.3	0	0	0
52 Inorganic chemicals	166	479	288.0	60	0	0.2
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	874	1 244	142.3	0	9	300 ¹
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	7 308	7 852	107.4	1 660	878	52.9
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	2 198	2 019	91.9	483	181	37.4
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	121	195	161.2	0	0	0
57 Plastics in primary forms	162	342	211.2	11	6	58.3
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	1 578	1 364	86.4	51	43	84.8
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	1 327	1 281	96.5	11	292	300 ¹

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	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2020 Jan 2019	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2020 Jan 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	20 749	24 671	118.9	7 832	7 590	96.9
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	7	5	71.4	0	0	0
62 Rubber manufactures	832	803	96.6	3	2	70.3
63 Cork and wood manufactures	1 275	2 047	160.6	114	161	140.3
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	1 903	1 613	84.8	3	51	300 ¹
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	819	1 088	132.8	1	10	300 ¹
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	6 260	7 130	113.9	156	63	40.6
67 Iron and steel	3 418	4 122	120.6	2 306	1 166	50.6
68 Non-ferrous metals	1 203	997	82.9	4 825	5 812	120.5
69 Manufactures of metals	5 033	6 864	136.4	425	324	76.3
7 Machinery and transport equipment	29 505	28 162	95.4	3 450	2 954	85.6
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	444	369	83.1	23	27	114.9
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	1 868	2 579	138.1	28	33	117.8
73 Metalworking machinery	96	153	159.4	1	55	300 ¹
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	4 120	5 269	127.9	1 102	818	74.2
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	1 744	1 585	90.9	11	43	300 ¹
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	4 179	2 831	67.7	495	325	65.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	6 254	6 793	108.6	197	163	82.3
78 Road vehicles	9 660	8 363	86.6	1 535	1 229	80.0
79 Other transport equipment	1 141	219	19.2	57	263	300 ¹
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	19 842	22 719	114.5	685	637	92.9
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	871	4 323	300 ¹	54	15	27.3
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	2 550	3 258	127.8	15	138	300 ¹
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	603	538	89.2	3	2	99.1
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4 205	4 540	108.0	68	48	69.9
85 Footwear	2 451	2 924	119.3	25	30	123.0
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	2 112	1 176	55.7	13	57	300 ¹
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	259	379	146.3	3	4	135.1
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6 791	5 582	82.2	504	342	67.9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Calculated index is higher than 300.0

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

BREAKDOWN BY CN SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	<u>Jan 2020</u> <u>Jan 2019</u>	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	<u>Jan 2020</u> <u>Jan 2019</u>
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	128 809	138 776	107.7	28 234	31 271	110.8
I Live animals, animal products	9 945	11 940	120.1	693	795	114.6
II Vegetable products	5 280	5 385	102.0	155	437	281.5
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	361	717	198.7	14	23	166.2
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	13 144	13 103	99.7	1 318	1 376	104.4
V Mineral products	16 340	17 212	105.3	9 843	11 871	120.6
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	13 843	15 139	109.4	2 217	1 363	61.5
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	4 380	4 453	101.7	194	118	61.0
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	781	599	76.7	137	208	152.0
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	1 403	2 395	170.7	1 180	2 113	179.2
X Materials and products of paper industry	2 184	2 000	91.6	294	277	94.3
XI Textiles and textile articles	4 762	5 331	112.0	68	53	78.5
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	2 610	3 103	118.9	25	31	122.8
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	4 519	5 253	116.3	167	62	37.3
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	1 116	1 252	112.2	89	0	0
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	9 692	12 048	124.3	8 233	9 274	112.6
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	18 744	19 076	101.8	1 857	1 518	81.7
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	10 852	8 694	80.1	1 593	1 492	93.6
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	2 419	2 277	94.1	23	61	266.8
XIX Arms and ammunition	76	417	300 ¹	72	33	46.3
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4 903	8 368	170.7	62	166	265.6
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	1 455	11	0.8	0	0	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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