

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

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for period January - February 2020 according to preliminary results is 391.6 million EUR, indicating the growth of 6.2% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 61.2 million EUR, and import was 330.4 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 1.6%, while imports increased by 7.1%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 18.5% and it was lower compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 19.5%.

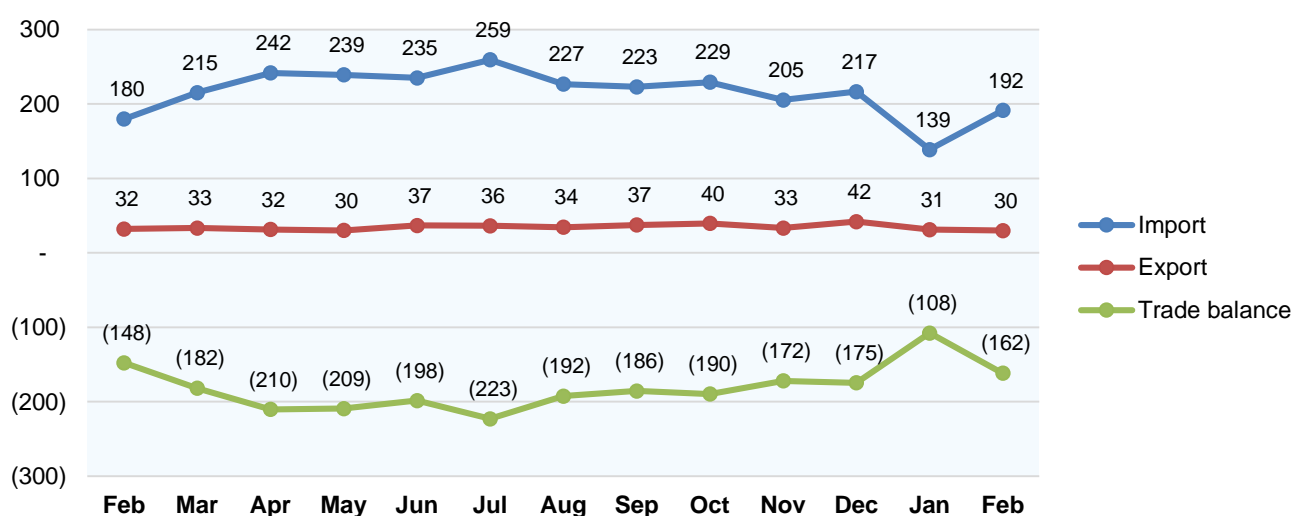
In the **structure of exports**, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (Section 3)**, in amount of 17.2 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 14.3 million EUR, Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials – 1.9 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 76.8 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 25.5 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances – 16.1 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (14.4 million EUR), Slovenia (8.9 million EUR) and Hungary (5.5 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (54.5 million EUR), China (33.0 million EUR) and Germany (30.8 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
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	138 831	31 273	170 105	-107 558
February	191 546	29 939	221 485	-161 607

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Feb 2019		Jan-Feb 2020		Jan-Feb 2019		Jan-Feb 2020		Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	308 570	100.0	330 378	100.0	60 274	100.0	61 213	-248 296	-269 165
Europe	83.3	257 117	81.9	270 450	97.6	58 801	90.9	55 626	-198 316	-214 824
EU	48.3	149 059	48.3	159 602	50.1	30 198	47.1	28 824	-118 861	-130 778
CEFTA²	26.6	82 114	25.5	84 174	39.6	23 888	36.7	22 469	-58 226	-61 705
Africa	0.2	638	0.3	1 035	0.0	2	0.5	317	-636	-718
Asia	14.0	43 077	15.8	52 049	1.6	940	8.0	4 911	-42 137	-47 138
America	2.2	6 852	2.0	6 692	0.8	502	0.6	354	-6 350	-6 338
Oceania	0.3	886	0.0	151	0.0	28	0.0	5	-858	-146
USA	1.2	3 844	1.0	3 209	0.7	420	0.5	328	-3 424	-2 881
China	9.1	28 153	10.0	32 974	0.6	358	7.2	4 391	-27 795	-28 583
Russia	0.2	710	0.3	840	0.3	156	0.2	133	-554	-707
Switzerland	2.2	6 840	1.1	3 748	3.7	2 253	2.6	1 575	-4 587	-2 173
Japan	0.9	2 830	0.8	2 775	0.1	66	0.0	26	-2 764	-2 749
Turkey	5.1	15 706	6.3	20 944	2.6	1 584	2.6	1 616	-14 122	-19 328
Brazil	0.3	958	0.3	905	0.0	16	0.0	0	-942	-905

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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-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020
WORLD	308 570	330 378	60 274	61 213	-248 296	-269 165
European Union	149 059	159 602	30 198	28 824	-118 861	-130 778
Austria	5 029	4 494	586	177	-4 443	-4 317
Belgium	3 891	5 349	50	89	-3 841	-5 261
Bulgaria	1 775	1 782	715	82	-1 059	-1 700
Czech Republic	4 716	5 967	5 056	4 554	340	-1 412
Denmark	2 923	919	210	403	-2 712	-516
Estonia	53	60	0	0	-53	-60
Finland	1 140	588	255	0	-885	-588
France	7 603	8 592	614	11	-6 989	-8 580
Greece	12 347	18 008	841	1 704	-11 506	-16 304
Netherlands	6 732	9 750	276	312	-6 456	-9 438
Ireland	834	1 240	0	5	-834	-1 235
Italy	20 670	19 668	2 620	956	-18 049	-18 712
Cyprus	197	54	16	18	-181	-36
Latvia	103	119	0	0	-102	-119
Lithuania	105	100	0	45	-105	-55
Luxembourg	135	170	1	15	-134	-155
Hungary	2 286	2 911	7 788	5 476	5 503	2 565
Malta	0	3	0	124	0	121
Germany	29 183	30 764	3 595	2 327	-25 588	-28 437
Poland	5 681	5 880	2 030	1 553	-3 651	-4 327
Portugal	325	469	1	0	-323	-469
Croatia	18 267	18 254	400	480	-17 867	-17 775
Romania	5 430	3 650	126	111	-5 305	-3 539
Slovakia	841	770	0	0	-840	-770
Slovenia	7 978	6 680	3 391	8 917	-4 587	2 238
Spain	5 335	8 567	7	320	-5 328	-8 247
Sweden	1 561	1 876	430	530	-1 131	-1 346
United Kingdom	3 918	2 919	1 185	614	-2 733	-2 305
CEFTA	82 114	84 174	23 888	22 469	-58 226	-61 705
Albania	4 759	6 225	1 403	1 897	-3 356	-4 328
Bosnia and Herzegovina	20 630	19 292	5 863	2 861	-14 768	-16 431
Moldova	90	21	0	0	-90	-21
North Macedonia	3 123	3 511	512	711	-2 611	-2 800
Serbia	52 945	54 523	14 249	14 358	-38 696	-40 165
Kosovo	566	602	1 861	2 642	1 295	2 040
Other countries	77 397	86 601	6 188	9 919	-71 208	-76 682

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

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2020 Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2020 Jan-Feb 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	308 570	330 378	107.1	60 274	61 213	101.6
0 Food and live animals	53 223	59 228	111.3	2 519	3 370	133.8
00 Live animals	3 451	4 022	116.6	32	13	40.3
01 Meat and meat preparations	13 807	17 179	124.4	1 508	2 058	136.5
02 Dairy products and eggs	5 351	5 856	109.4	5	17	300 ¹
03 Fish and preparations	1 770	1 593	90.0	0	5	300 ¹
04 Cereal and cereal products	7 981	7 895	98.9	43	96	221.1
05 Vegetables and fruit	8 339	9 438	113.2	255	523	204.8
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	992	1 225	123.4	8	19	245.8
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	4 214	4 032	95.7	258	369	143.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	2 446	2 822	115.4	332	254	76.5
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	4 872	5 164	106.0	77	16	20.7
1 Beverages and tobacco	9 703	8 747	90.2	1 883	1 514	80.4
11 Beverages	8 313	7 604	91.5	1 281	1 193	93.1
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1 389	1 143	82.3	602	322	53.4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7 303	6 368	87.2	9 091	12 610	138.7
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0	316	414	131.1
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	164	320	195.7	0	4	0
23 Crude rubber	10	5	50.9	3	0	0
24 Cork and wood	507	1 002	197.6	2 350	3 257	138.6
25 Pulp and waste paper	3	22	300 ¹	191	100	52.0
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	50	18	35.2	0	2	300 ¹
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	375	372	99.4	125	201	161.5
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	4 947	3 253	65.8	6 030	8 512	141.2
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	1 249	1 375	110.1	77	121	158.4
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	31 945	31 015	97.1	17 823	17 220	96.6
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	127	159	124.7	982	964	98.2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	17 547	24 485	139.5	1 895	1 915	101.0
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	1 238	1 579	127.5	0	0	0
35 Electric current	13 033	4 792	36.8	14 946	14 341	96.0
4 Animal oils and fats	821	1 627	198.2	56	70	124.1
41 Animal oils and fats	83	70	84.3	29	42	143.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	721	1 550	215.0	15	27	182.8
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	17	7	40.2	12	1	8.0
5 Chemicals	34 256	37 299	108.9	4 258	2 878	67.6
51 Organic chemicals	338	184	54.3	0	6	300 ¹
52 Inorganic chemicals	598	659	110.1	152	87	57.2
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	2 775	3 654	131.7	10	12	126.5
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	15 483	17 272	111.6	3 285	1 772	54.0
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	6 144	6 384	103.9	577	524	90.9
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	537	467	87.0	0	0	0
57 Plastics in primary forms	473	725	153.3	20	13	64.6
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	4 403	4 273	97.0	149	159	106.2
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	3 505	3 682	105.0	66	304	300 ¹

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BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020	<u>Jan-Feb 2020</u> <u>Jan-Feb 2019</u>	Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020	<u>Jan-Feb 2020</u> <u>Jan-Feb 2019</u>
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	54 541	58 619	107.5	16 625	14 448	86.9
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	31	23	74.3	0	0	0
62 Rubber manufactures	2 501	2 638	105.5	11	3	25.6
63 Cork and wood manufactures	3 375	4 262	126.3	261	280	107.1
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	4 493	4 271	95.1	16	87	300 ¹
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	2 123	2 703	127.3	4	13	300 ¹
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	15 999	16 540	103.4	347	310	89.2
67 Iron and steel	10 112	9 463	93.6	4 477	1 998	44.6
68 Non-ferrous metals	2 671	2 961	110.8	10 577	11 167	105.6
69 Manufactures of metals	13 235	15 757	119.1	933	592	63.4
7 Machinery and transport equipment	72 085	76 823	106.6	6 065	7 185	118.5
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	1 329	2 209	166.2	33	96	291.2
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	7 029	7 927	112.8	137	321	233.8
73 Metalworking machinery	520	330	63.4	102	61	60.0
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	10 780	10 833	100.5	1 806	2 018	111.7
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	3 147	3 168	100.7	32	98	300 ¹
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	9 543	10 100	105.8	632	466	73.8
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	13 299	16 147	121.4	487	521	107.0
78 Road vehicles	24 665	25 475	103.3	2 723	3 336	122.5
79 Other transport equipment	1 773	634	35.7	114	269	237.0
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	44 691	50 644	113.3	1 953	1 917	98.2
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	2 380	6 286	264.1	60	46	76.4
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	6 845	7 623	111.4	74	257	300 ¹
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	1 390	1 380	99.3	25	14	58.6
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	10 290	12 263	119.2	198	213	107.4
85 Footwear	5 970	7 274	121.8	66	92	139.0
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	3 429	2 834	82.6	154	350	228.1
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	615	852	138.6	3	27	300 ¹
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	13 771	12 132	88.1	1 373	917	66.8
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	1	8	300¹	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-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2020 Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2019	Jan-Feb 2020	Jan-Feb 2020 Jan-Feb 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	308 570	330 378	107.1	60 274	61 213	101.6
I Live animals, animal products	20 841	25 251	121.2	1 157	1 414	122.3
II Vegetable products	13 177	13 709	104.0	329	678	206.0
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	972	1 877	193.2	27	28	102.7
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	30 191	30 476	100.9	3 022	2 959	97.9
V Mineral products	37 014	36 425	98.4	20 603	23 034	111.8
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	34 732	36 032	103.7	4 094	2 710	66.2
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	11 964	12 544	104.8	467	370	79.1
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	1 807	2 089	115.6	344	439	127.5
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	3 901	5 277	135.3	2 611	3 536	135.4
X Materials and products of paper industry	4 984	4 865	97.6	747	631	84.4
XI Textiles and textile articles	11 709	13 704	117.0	197	216	109.6
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	6 279	7 687	122.4	68	93	136.0
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	11 833	11 918	100.7	359	313	87.3
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	2 346	1 565	66.7	89	4	4.7
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	26 194	28 355	108.3	19 357	16 659	86.1
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	45 443	50 024	110.1	3 224	3 703	114.9
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	26 845	26 494	98.7	2 842	3 622	127.4
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	4 419	4 808	108.8	171	391	229.1
XIX Arms and ammunition	162	557	300 ¹	344	92	26.8
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	12 303	16 696	135.7	175	314	179.3
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	1 456	24	1.6	46	6	12.7

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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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