

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

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for period January-April 2020 according to preliminary results is 801.8 million EUR, indicating the decrease of 10,0% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 114.4 million EUR, and import was 687.4 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports decreased by 8.6%, while imports decreased by 10.2%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 16.6% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 16.3%.

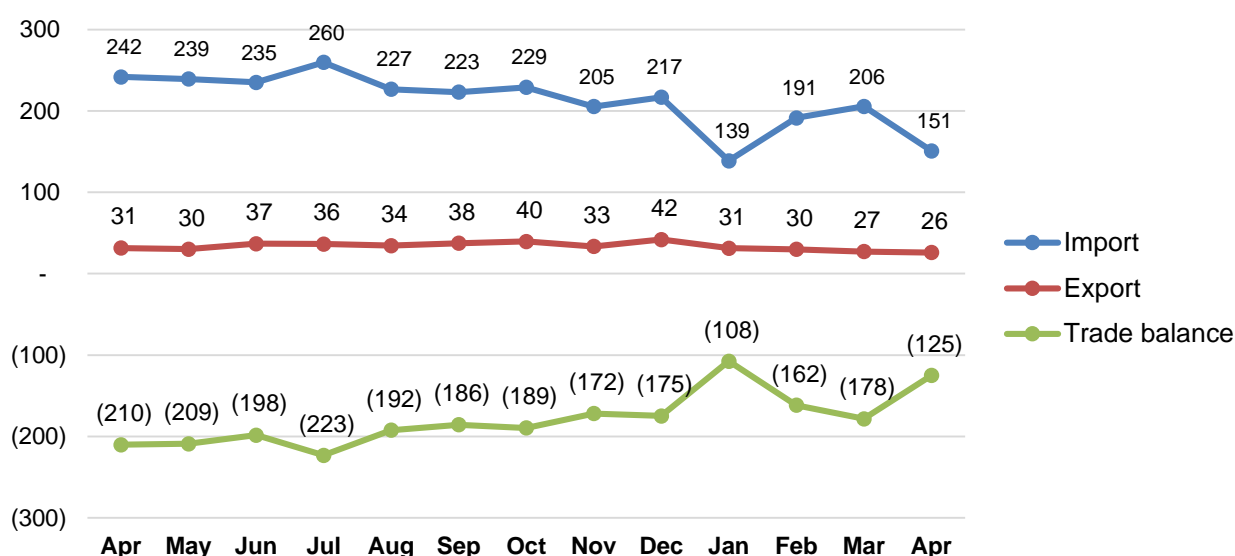
In the **structure of exports**, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Section 6)**, in amount of 27.8 million EUR (consisted of Non-ferrous metals – 21.5 million EUR, Iron and steel – 4.0 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 147.9 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 42.4 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances – 32.3 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (27.2 million EUR), Slovenia (15.4 million EUR) and Hungary (11.0 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (131.0 million EUR), Germany (65.0 million EUR) and China (61.3 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	128 806	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
2020				
January	138 752	31 273	170 025	-107 478
February	191 433	29 939	221 372	-161 494
March	205 907	27 429	233 336	-178 479
April	151 287	25 729	177 015	-125 558

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Apr 2019		Jan-Apr 2020		Jan-Apr 2019		Jan-Apr 2020		Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	765 599	100.0	687 379	100.0	125 148	100.0	114 370	-640 451	-573 009
Europe	83.4	638 678	83.4	573 528	96.3	120 526	89.0	101 811	-518 153	-471 718
EU	47.7	365 295	46.7	321 340	46.7	58 493	45.7	52 221	-306 803	-269 119
CEFTA²	27.5	210 166	28.6	196 332	42.8	53 619	37.5	42 921	-156 547	-153 411
Africa	0.3	2 354	0.4	2 785	0.0	7	0.8	883	-2 347	-1 902
Asia	13.9	106 330	13.9	95 249	2.9	3 648	9.5	10 914	-102 682	-84 336
America	2.2	17 151	2.3	15 613	0.7	903	0.7	757	-16 249	-14 857
Oceania	0.1	1 085	0.0	202	0.1	64	0.0	5	-1 020	-197
USA	1.2	9 143	1.1	7 450	0.6	809	0.6	655	-8 333	-6 795
China	8.9	68 124	8.9	61 266	2.2	2 753	8.7	9 938	-65 371	-51 328
Russia	0.3	2 114	0.3	1 931	0.5	594	0.2	254	-1 519	-1 677
Switzerland	1.7	13 053	1.6	11 086	2.4	2 944	2.3	2 683	-10 109	-8 403
Japan	1.0	7 596	0.9	5 981	0.1	143	0.1	85	-7 453	-5 896
Turkey	5.6	43 095	5.8	40 144	2.8	3 510	2.0	2 261	-39 584	-37 883
Brazil	0.4	3 208	0.4	2 636	0.0	17	0.0	0	-3 191	-2 635

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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 parties³

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	Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020	Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020	Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020
WORLD	765 599	687 379	125 148	114 370	-640 451	-573 009
European Union	365 295	321 340	58 493	52 221	-306 803	-269 119
Austria	11 795	10 263	807	549	-10 988	-9 714
Belgium	6 852	7 625	53	182	-6 799	-7 442
Bulgaria	4 231	4 451	889	235	-3 342	-4 216
Czech Republic	10 404	9 930	10 367	7 793	-37	-2 136
Denmark	4 669	2 229	658	440	-4 011	-1 789
Estonia	210	111	0	7	-210	-104
Finland	1 810	831	283	6	-1 527	-825
France	21 064	18 075	963	46	-20 101	-18 029
Greece	37 328	34 414	1 078	1 740	-36 250	-32 673
Netherlands	13 643	17 523	390	460	-13 253	-17 063
Ireland	1 852	2 079	0	5	-1 851	-2 074
Italy	54 412	40 642	4 109	1 235	-50 303	-39 408
Cyprus	266	96	16	18	-250	-77
Latvia	178	296	0	0	-178	-296
Lithuania	298	268	13	81	-286	-187
Luxembourg	253	229	17	31	-236	-197
Hungary	5 855	7 563	16 005	10 995	10 150	3 432
Malta	1	4	81	203	80	200
Germany	73 109	65 004	6 445	5 277	-66 665	-59 727
Poland	13 212	12 098	4 445	3 967	-8 768	-8 131
Portugal	1 642	904	14	0	-1 628	-904
Croatia	43 010	37 476	786	815	-42 224	-36 662
Romania	12 279	7 316	185	230	-12 094	-7 086
Slovakia	2 182	2 092	4	3	-2 178	-2 089
Slovenia	17 398	13 763	6 824	15 446	-10 574	1 682
Spain	13 790	16 521	247	360	-13 543	-16 160
Sweden	4 246	3 339	1 531	862	-2 715	-2 477
United Kingdom	9 303	6 199	2 282	1 233	-7 021	-4 966
CEFTA	210 166	196 332	53 619	42 921	-156 547	-153 411
Albania	13 202	12 228	3 936	3 210	-9 266	-9 018
Bosnia and Herzegovina	46 718	42 504	12 090	5 455	-34 628	-37 050
Moldova	263	54	0	0	-263	-54
North Macedonia	7 942	8 829	1 296	1 284	-6 647	-7 544
Serbia	140 423	131 051	30 678	27 218	-109 745	-103 833
Kosovo	1 618	1 667	5 619	5 754	4 001	4 087
Other countries	190 138	169 706	13 036	19 228	-177 101	-150 478

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

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020	Jan-Apr 2020 Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020	Jan-Apr 2020 Jan-Apr 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	765 599	687 379	89.8	125 148	114 370	91.4
0 Food and live animals	128 056	141 231	110.3	5 534	6 769	122.3
00 Live animals	7 869	8 888	112.9	39	32	83.0
01 Meat and meat preparations	30 640	34 072	111.2	3 409	4 208	123.4
02 Dairy products and eggs	14 156	14 691	103.8	13	23	185.1
03 Fish and preparations	5 055	3 991	78.9	1	6	300 ¹
04 Cereal and cereal products	18 602	22 420	120.5	173	139	80.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	20 683	23 365	113.0	588	1 086	184.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	2 656	3 185	119.9	17	29	173.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	10 291	9 485	92.2	552	679	123.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	5 794	6 490	112.0	619	543	87.7
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	12 310	14 644	119.0	124	24	19.3
1 Beverages and tobacco	20 123	17 427	86.6	4 544	3 812	83.9
11 Beverages	16 762	13 624	81.3	3 647	2 902	79.6
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	3 361	3 803	113.1	897	910	101.5
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	16 188	13 951	86.2	24 897	25 819	103.7
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	1	0	0.0	641	571	89.1
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	423	681	161.0	2	4	154.4
23 Crude rubber	22	33	147.8	4	0	1.9
24 Cork and wood	2 066	2 047	99.1	7 112	7 210	101.4
25 Pulp and waste paper	11	26	235.2	368	220	59.8
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	141	154	109.1	5	2	44.6
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	1 014	1 162	114.6	591	362	61.3
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	8 764	6 777	77.3	16 052	17 258	107.5
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	3 747	3 070	82.0	120	192	159.2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	73 151	53 386	73.0	32 410	27 151	83.8
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	321	382	119.1	1 614	1 412	87.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	50 635	40 809	80.6	3 621	3 218	88.9
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	3 064	2 696	88.0	0	0	0
35 Electric current	19 131	9 499	49.7	27 175	22 521	82.9
4 Animal oils and fats	2 347	5 261	224.1	122	140	115.1
41 Animal oils and fats	249	208	83.5	80	77	96.4
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	2 067	5 023	243.0	17	44	263.1
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	31	30	96.4	26	20	76.8
5 Chemicals	85 165	96 187	112.9	8 795	8 276	94.1
51 Organic chemicals	666	745	112.0	2	16	300.0 ¹
52 Inorganic chemicals	1 226	1 666	135.9	439	213	48.6
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	9 381	8 534	91.0	11	25	226.5
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	33 624	44 745	133.1	6 760	6 155	91.0
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	15 327	16 704	109.0	846	815	96.3
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	1 527	1 775	116.2	0	3	0
57 Plastics in primary forms	1 054	1 330	126.1	31	22	69.8
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	11 915	10 305	86.5	244	477	195.6
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	10 446	10 383	99.4	462	551	119.2

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	Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020	<u>Jan-Apr 2020</u> <u>Jan-Apr 2019</u>	Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020	<u>Jan-Apr 2020</u> <u>Jan-Apr 2019</u>
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	142 554	123 549	86.7	33 707	27 824	82.5
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	67	61	91.4	0	0	0
62 Rubber manufactures	6 441	5 836	90.6	33	12	36.9
63 Cork and wood manufactures	9 292	9 129	98.2	548	475	86.6
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	10 678	10 990	102.9	136	225	165.0
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	6 624	6 187	93.4	28	31	110.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	42 038	34 266	81.5	1 004	645	64.3
67 Iron and steel	25 239	19 830	78.6	7 948	3 960	49.8
68 Non-ferrous metals	7 245	6 191	85.4	21 723	21 507	99.0
69 Manufactures of metals	34 931	31 061	88.9	2 287	969	42.4
7 Machinery and transport equipment	185 363	147 900	79.8	11 394	11 456	100.5
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	4 168	3 438	82.5	57	144	252.4
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	20 307	17 221	84.8	940	701	74.6
73 Metalworking machinery	937	854	91.2	106	69	65.3
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	30 316	23 219	76.6	4 329	3 402	78.6
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	6 642	6 575	99.0	85	150	176.0
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	22 692	20 106	88.6	972	1 195	123.0
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	31 575	32 308	102.3	1 049	885	84.3
78 Road vehicles	64 633	42 357	65.5	3 669	4 542	123.8
79 Other transport equipment	4 092	1 822	44.5	187	368	197.0
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	112 650	88 472	78.5	3 745	3 122	83.4
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	6 851	9 713	141.8	108	92	85.2
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	21 907	14 455	66.0	175	423	242.0
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	3 267	2 047	62.7	52	28	54.0
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	25 767	18 298	71.0	552	402	72.8
85 Footwear	13 705	10 913	79.6	129	108	83.5
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	7 938	7 660	96.5	288	369	128.2
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	2 913	1 505	51.6	14	27	197.9
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	30 301	23 882	78.8	2 427	1 673	68.9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	1	15	300.0¹	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-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020	<u>Jan-Apr 2020</u> <u>Jan-Apr 2019</u>	Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2020	<u>Jan-Apr 2020</u> <u>Jan-Apr 2019</u>
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	765 599	687 379	89.8	125 148	114 370	91.4
I Live animals, animal products	48 025	52 020	108.3	2 486	2 661	107.0
II Vegetable products	31 653	36 084	114.0	702	1 309	186.4
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	2 727	5 764	211.4	46	64	136.9
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	72 341	74 081	102.4	7 088	6 883	97.1
V Mineral products	86 885	65 621	75.5	40 702	41 088	100.9
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	81 950	92 001	112.3	8 530	7 783	91.2
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	31 524	28 270	89.7	992	906	91.3
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	4 417	2 867	64.9	712	619	87.0
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	11 424	11 233	98.3	7 660	7 684	100.3
X Materials and products of paper industry	11 606	11 106	95.7	1 552	1 148	74.0
XI Textiles and textile articles	30 313	22 739	75.0	564	413	73.2
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	15 038	11 745	78.1	156	111	71.0
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	30 544	24 015	78.6	1 016	652	64.2
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	3 678	1 891	51.4	99	4	4.3
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	67 740	57 370	84.7	40 303	30 122	74.7
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	116 078	102 993	88.7	7 549	6 760	89.5
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	69 971	45 109	64.5	3 868	4 960	128.2
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	11 599	11 109	95.8	316	448	141.9
XIX Arms and ammunition	520	641	123.4	344	123	35.8
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	36 061	30 692	85.1	414	624	150.9
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	1 505	27	1.8	49	7	15.0

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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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