

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

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for period January-May 2020 according to preliminary results is 980,0 million EUR, indicating the decrease of 15,5% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 133.1 million EUR, and import was 846.9 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports decreased by 14.3%, while imports decreased by 15.7%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 15.7% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 15.5%.

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 34.2 million EUR (consisted of Non-ferrous metals – 25.4 million EUR, Iron and steel – 5.8 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 188.8 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 51.2 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances – 38.5 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (31.8 million EUR), Slovenia (18.2 million EUR) and Hungary (12.2 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (163.5 million EUR), China (82.6 million EUR) and Germany (77.4 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

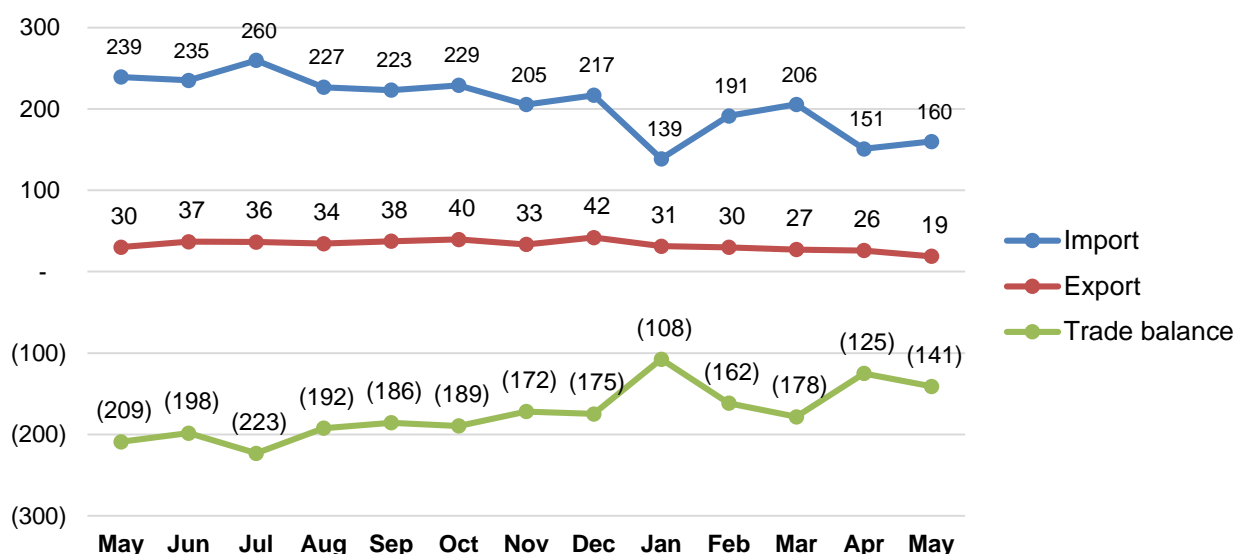


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months ¹

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PERIOD	IMPORT		EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
2019					
January	128 806	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	138 823	31 233	170 056	-107 591	
February	191 271	29 939	221 210	-161 332	
March	205 142	27 429	232 571	-177 714	
April	151 354	25 729	177 083	-125 625	
May	160 335	18 792	179 127	-141 543	

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-May 2019		Jan-May 2020		Jan-May 2019		Jan-May 2020		Jan-May 2019	Jan-May 2020
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	1 004 816	100.0	846 926	100.0	155 245	100.0	133 121	-849 570	-713 804
Europe	84.0	843 990	82.8	700 964	95.6	148 460	90.0	119 813	-695 530	-581 151
EU	48.0	482 289	45.9	388 897	44.8	69 621	45.9	61 106	-412 668	-327 792
CEFTA²	27.9	280 057	28.8	243 937	43.5	67 553	38.5	51 251	-212 504	-192 686
Africa	0.3	3 111	0.4	3 565	0.0	8	0.9	1 236	-3 104	-2 329
Asia	13.5	135 629	14.5	122 603	3.7	5 800	8.4	11 224	-129 829	-111 379
America	2.1	20 793	2.3	19 573	0.6	913	0.6	843	-19 880	-18 730
Oceania	0.1	1 292	0.0	221	0.0	65	0.0	5	-1 227	-216
USA	1.1	10 870	1.0	8 763	0.5	819	0.5	731	-10 050	-8 033
China	8.8	88 630	9.7	82 567	3.1	4 819	7.5	9 938	-83 811	-72 629
Russia	0.3	2 988	0.3	2 410	0.6	859	0.3	399	-2 129	-2 011
Switzerland	1.8	17 694	1.7	14 109	2.1	3 323	2.2	2 907	-14 371	-11 202
Japan	1.0	9 689	0.9	7 430	0.1	154	0.1	143	-9 536	-7 287
Turkey	5.5	54 835	5.7	48 121	3.2	5 000	2.0	2 636	-49 835	-45 485
Brazil	0.4	3 700	0.4	3 747	0.0	17	0.0	10	-3 683	-3 737

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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-May 2019	Jan- May 2020	Jan- May 2019	Jan- May 2020	Jan- May 2019	Jan- May 2020
WORLD	1 004 816	846 926	155 245	133 121	-849 570	-713 804
European Union	482 289	388 897	69 621	61 106	-412 668	-327 792
Austria	17 300	17 166	892	771	-16 407	-16 396
Belgium	8 085	8 755	163	245	-7 921	-8 510
Bulgaria	5 381	5 102	977	269	-4 404	-4 833
Czech Republic	14 531	11 343	11 307	7 833	-3 224	-3 510
Denmark	5 481	3 714	659	440	-4 822	-3 274
Estonia	227	134	0	7	-227	-127
Finland	2 488	1 010	283	6	-2 206	-1 003
France	26 329	20 419	1 194	87	-25 135	-20 333
Greece	53 409	39 026	1 086	1 743	-52 323	-37 283
Netherlands	17 318	19 205	614	546	-16 704	-18 659
Ireland	2 695	2 689	0	5	-2 694	-2 684
Italy	72 616	51 663	5 064	1 634	-67 553	-50 028
Cyprus	323	117	28	18	-296	-99
Latvia	232	333	0	0	-231	-333
Lithuania	415	366	150	81	-265	-285
Luxembourg	315	246	20	33	-295	-214
Hungary	8 020	9 156	19 537	12 251	11 517	3 095
Malta	17	4	145	224	128	220
Germany	93 938	77 439	7 478	7 094	-86 460	-70 345
Poland	17 878	14 984	5 583	5 418	-12 295	-9 567
Portugal	2 070	1 179	14	0	-2 056	-1 179
Croatia	56 580	44 523	1 025	960	-55 555	-43 563
Romania	15 913	8 403	340	393	-15 573	-8 010
Slovakia	3 084	2 500	4	138	-3 080	-2 362
Slovenia	21 776	17 617	8 111	18 170	-13 665	553
Spain	18 512	19 367	456	360	-18 056	-19 006
Sweden	5 756	4 955	1 729	1 131	-4 027	-3 824
United Kingdom	11 601	7 482	2 763	1 250	-8 838	-6 233
CEFTA	280 057	243 937	67 553	51 251	-212 504	-192 686
Albania	17 965	16 057	4 976	3 955	-12 989	-12 102
Bosnia and Herzegovina	64 404	51 652	14 400	6 402	-50 004	-45 251
Moldova	369	113	0	0	-369	-113
North Macedonia	10 429	10 472	1 609	1 446	-8 820	-9 026
Serbia	184 781	163 550	38 143	31 853	-146 638	-131 697
Kosovo	2 108	2 093	8 425	7 597	6 317	5 503
Other countries	242 469	214 091	18 071	20 764	-224 399	-193 327

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

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan- May 2019	Jan- May 2020	Jan- May 2020 Jan- May 2019	Jan- May 2019	Jan- May 2020	Jan- May 2020 Jan- May 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	1 004 816	846 926	84.3	155 245	133 121	85.7
0 Food and live animals	169 631	169 779	100.1	7 254	8 315	114.6
00 Live animals	10 611	10 938	103.1	40	32	79.8
01 Meat and meat preparations	39 085	40 148	102.7	4 410	5 443	123.4
02 Dairy products and eggs	19 199	18 183	94.7	19	23	126.0
03 Fish and preparations	6 664	4 558	68.4	9	6	64.2
04 Cereal and cereal products	24 497	26 488	108.1	213	224	105.5
05 Vegetables and fruit	27 889	28 618	102.6	850	1 104	129.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	3 535	3 813	107.9	29	31	106.7
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	13 775	11 505	83.5	743	760	102.3
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	7 646	8 161	106.7	790	632	80.0
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	16 729	17 368	103.8	151	58	38.6
1 Beverages and tobacco	26 669	21 796	81.7	5 949	4 470	75.1
11 Beverages	22 126	17 398	78.6	4 989	3 347	67.1
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	4 543	4 398	96.8	960	1 123	117.0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	22 024	17 870	81.1	33 711	29 742	88.2
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	1	0	0.0	785	650	82.8
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	513	804	156.9	4	4	81.0
23 Crude rubber	42	35	82.2	4	0	1.9
24 Cork and wood	3 435	2 607	75.9	9 946	9 402	94.5
25 Pulp and waste paper	13	26	203.0	482	288	59.8
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	194	168	86.7	7	2	33.6
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	1 322	1 362	103.0	970	471	48.5
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	11 858	8 587	72.4	21 308	18 700	87.8
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	4 646	4 281	92.1	206	225	109.3
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	103 266	64 324	62.3	36 250	27 770	76.6
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	394	510	129.4	1 757	1 468	83.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	71 890	45 617	63.5	5 006	3 270	65.3
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	3 895	3 124	80.2	0	0	0
35 Electric current	27 087	15 073	55.6	29 487	23 032	78.1
4 Animal oils and fats	3 293	6 026	183.0	168	165	98.1
41 Animal oils and fats	313	254	81.2	109	91	84.1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	2 937	5 740	195.5	32	52	165.2
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	43	32	74.8	27	21	76.4
5 Chemicals	108 815	115 471	106.1	11 200	10 745	95.9
51 Organic chemicals	1 029	973	94.5	45	23	52.3
52 Inorganic chemicals	1 524	2 097	137.6	593	245	41.3
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	12 147	11 289	92.9	17	40	234.3
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	41 881	51 897	123.9	8 765	8 018	91.5
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	20 586	20 008	97.2	922	987	107.0
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	1 725	1 973	114.4	0	3	0
57 Plastics in primary forms	1 391	1 735	124.7	57	22	39.2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	14 922	12 861	86.2	294	615	209.5
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	13,611	12,638	92.8	508	791	155.9

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	Jan- May 2019	Jan- May 2020	Jan- May 2020 Jan- May 2019	Jan- May 2019	Jan- May 2020	Jan- May 2020 Jan- May 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	188 554	152 582	80.9	41 717	34 167	81.9
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	106	69	65.2	29	0	0.0
62 Rubber manufactures	8 107	7 108	87.7	34	14	40.8
63 Cork and wood manufactures	12 173	10 845	89.1	817	587	71.8
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	14 039	13 450	95.8	178	248	139.4
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9 053	8 528	94.2	36	33	89.9
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	54 696	42 551	77.8	1 311	847	64.6
67 Iron and steel	35 158	24 346	69.2	9 777	5 805	59.4
68 Non-ferrous metals	9 350	7 518	80.4	26 503	25 419	95.9
69 Manufactures of metals	45 872	38 166	83.2	3 032	1 215	40.1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	239 295	188 777	78.9	14 317	13 555	94.7
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	6 048	4 033	66.7	73	245	300 ¹
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	25 511	20 823	81.6	1 095	966	88.2
73 Metalworking machinery	1 304	1 013	77.7	118	82	69.8
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	39 550	35 392	89.5	5 273	3 956	75.0
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	8 602	9 047	105.2	148	201	135.4
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	29 882	26 497	88.7	1 088	1 356	124.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	40 803	38 534	94.4	1 523	1 030	67.6
78 Road vehicles	82 948	51 216	61.7	4 604	5 326	115.7
79 Other transport equipment	4 648	2 222	47.8	394	394	100.1
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	143 269	110 285	77.0	4 678	4 192	89.6
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	9 118	10 928	119.9	147	93	63.2
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	29 962	18 949	63.2	265	515	194.3
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	4 169	2 532	60.7	55	28	51.2
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	32 185	23 042	71.6	643	525	81.7
85 Footwear	15 791	13 281	84.1	169	156	92.7
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	9 799	9 140	93.3	354	518	146.2
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	4 049	1 884	46.5	18	39	211.1
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	38 196	30 529	79.9	3 027	2 318	76.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	1	15	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-May 2019	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2020 Jan-May 2019	Jan-May 2019	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2020 Jan-May 2019
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	1 004 816	846 926	84.3	155 245	133 121	85.7
I Live animals, animal products	62 856	61 752	98.2	3 149	3 401	108.0
II Vegetable products	41 517	43 661	105.2	1 049	1 428	136.1
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	3 875	6 632	171.2	69	73	105.7
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	96 569	91 012	94.2	9 314	8 276	88.9
V Mineral products	121 202	79 599	65.7	48 270	43 006	89.1
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	105 595	110 248	104.4	10 863	10 113	93.1
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	40 175	35 390	88.1	1 256	1 279	101.8
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	5 583	3 417	61.2	901	698	77.5
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	15 698	13 524	86.2	10 764	9 988	92.8
X Materials and products of paper industry	15 480	13 849	89.5	1 906	1 435	75.3
XI Textiles and textile articles	38 620	29 388	76.1	652	535	82.0
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	17 449	14 532	83.3	197	169	85.9
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	39 548	29 661	75.0	1 322	854	64.6
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	3 912	1 920	49.1	99	4	4.3
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	90 790	70 401	77.5	49 563	36 377	73.4
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	150 995	134 591	89.1	9 323	8 049	86.3
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	89 156	54 605	61.2	5 015	5 770	115.1
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	14 909	13 090	87.8	403	611	151.7
XIX Arms and ammunition	613	1 032	168.3	491	123	25.0
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	48 749	38 585	79.2	588	925	157.3
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	1 523	37	2.4	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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