

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

The **total external trade in goods** of Montenegro for January - December 2021 according to preliminary results is 2 941.4 million EUR, indicating the growth of 19.0% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 437.0 million EUR, and import was 2 504.4 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 19.4%, while imports increased by 19.0%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 17.5% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 17.4%.

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 101.6 million EUR (consisted of Non-ferrous metals – 81.8 million EUR, Iron and steel – 6.7 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 513.4 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles - 147.8 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances – 107.6 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (107.3 million EUR), Switzerland (50.7 million EUR) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (33.4 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (500.8 million EUR), China (245.2 million EUR) and Germany (231.2 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

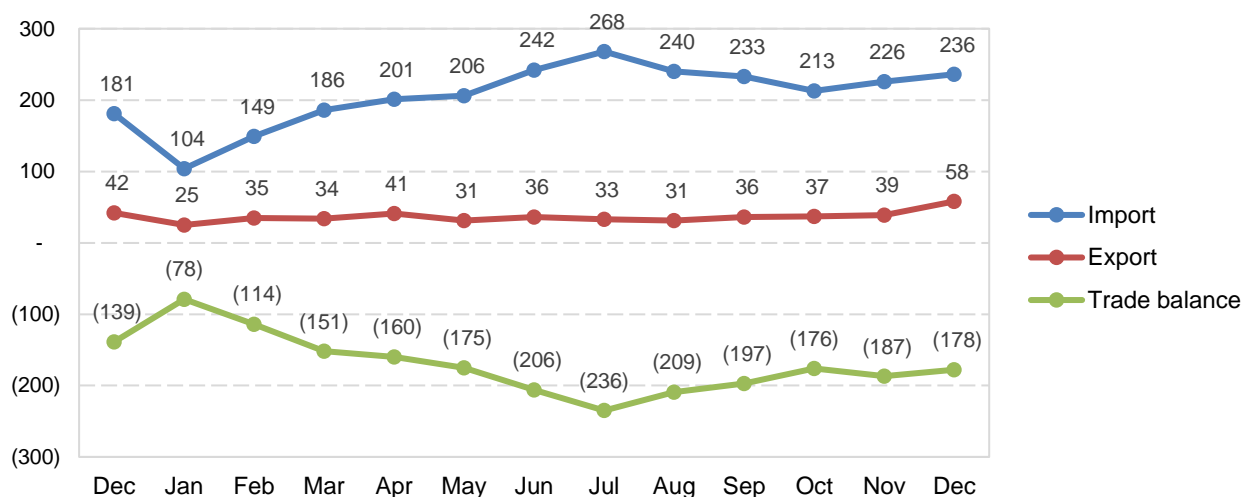


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months ¹

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PERIOD	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
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	103 740	25 318	129 059	-78 422
February	149 190	34 901	184 091	-114 289
March	185 514	34 195	219 708	-151 319
April	200 882	41 380	242 263	-159 502
May	206 002	30 810	236 812	-175 192
June	242 276	35 928	278 205	-206 348
July	268 122	32 620	300 741	-235 502
August	240 321	31 095	271 415	-209 226
September	232 765	35 873	268 638	-196 892
October	212 910	37 317	250 227	-175 592
November	226 478	39 178	265 656	-187 299
Decembar	236 153	58 437	294 589	-177 716

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Dec 2020		Jan-Dec 2021		Jan-Dec 2020		Jan-Dec 2021		Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	2 105 170	100.0	2 504 353	100.0	366 128	100.0	437 051	-1 739 042	-2 067 302
Europe	81.9	1 723 134	82.8	2 072 583	90.5	331 435	94.1	411 098	-1 391 698	-1 661 486
Eu-27	44.1	929 418	45.7	1 143 753	37.6	137 707	31.1	136 103	-791 710	-1 007 650
CEFTA²	28.8	606 694	28.5	713 411	45.1	165 074	43.2	188 850	-441 620	-524 561
Africa	0.3	7 325	0.4	9 359	1.2	4 379	1.3	5 759	-2 946	-3 600
Asia	15.0	316 025	14.2	355 787	7.4	27 123	3.5	15 448	-288 902	-340 339
America	2.7	57 875	2.6	65 578	0.8	3 097	1.1	4 619	-54 778	-60 959
Oceania	0.0	811	0.0	1 047	0.0	93	0.0	127	-718	-920
USA	1.5	31 955	1.2	29 752	0.6	2 164	0.7	2 907	-29 791	-26 846
China	10.4	218 000	9.8	245 172	6.0	22 136	1.3	5 683	-195 863	-239 489
Russia	0.4	9 298	0.4	10 596	0.4	1 406	0.5	2 348	-7 892	-8 247
Switzerland	1.9	40 041	2.1	53 352	2.1	7 836	11.6	50 666	-32 205	-2 686
Japan	0.8	17 125	0.6	16 049	0.1	360	0.0	175	-16 765	-15 874
Turkey	5.2	108 462	4.4	110 579	3.7	13 477	5.5	24 180	-94 985	-86 399
Brazil	0.4	8 372	0.5	11 929	0.0	11	0.0	15	-8 361	-11 914
United Kingdom	0.9	19 421	0.9	22 424	0.9	3 346	0.3	1 389	-16 075	-21 035

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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-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021
WORLD	2 105 170	2 504 353	366 128	437 051	-1 739 042	-2 067 302
Eu-27⁴	929 418	1 143 753	137 707	136 103	-791 710	-1 007 650
Austria	41 068	34 827	10 625	2 115	-30 443	-32 712
Belgium	17 575	23 348	402	434	-17 173	-22 914
Bulgaria	11 300	15 195	458	820	-10 842	-14 374
Czech Republic	23 789	32 090	11 524	11 237	-12 265	-20 853
Denmark	7 270	11 136	748	697	-6 522	-10 439
Estonia	341	447	41	432	-300	-16
Finland	2 857	3 326	9	3	-2 848	-3 323
France	44 242	48 572	597	2 187	-43 645	-46 386
Greece	91 615	147 968	4 340	11 208	-87 275	-136 761
Netherlands	39 661	49 182	2 186	1 552	-37 476	-47 630
Ireland	5 736	23 032	6	9	-5 730	-23 023
Italy	134 557	155 448	10 172	25 293	-124 385	-130 155
Cyprus	279	241	146	333	-133	92
Latvia	713	974	1	11	-712	-963
Lithuania	1 186	1 035	49	4	-1 137	-1 032
Luxembourg	569	550	203	3 753	-365	3 203
Hungary	21 879	24 362	22 513	6 540	635	-17 821
Malta	7	15	877	807	870	791
Germany	204 073	231 156	17 279	20 311	-186 794	-210 845
Poland	37 888	43 930	12 086	15 163	-25 803	-28 767
Portugal	2 677	3 881	2	12	-2 675	-3 869
Croatia	114 963	138 137	2 959	3 702	-112 004	-134 435
Romania	21 640	30 273	1 157	547	-20 484	-29 726
Slovakia	6 255	8 000	196	899	-6 059	-7 101
Slovenia	40 750	46 211	35 832	22 017	-4 918	-24 194
Spain	43 673	53 804	931	3 761	-42 742	-50 043
Sweden	12 854	16 613	2 368	2 257	-10 485	-14 356
CEFTA	606 694	713 411	165 074	188 850	-441 620	-524 561
Albania	39 726	42 783	12 969	19 954	-26 757	-22 829
Bosnia and Herzegovina	119 352	128 892	22 364	33 386	-96 988	-95 507
Moldova	336	325	38	0	-298	-325
North Macedonia	25 708	31 835	5 117	4 661	-20 591	-27 174
Serbia	414 899	500 831	100 997	107 291	-313 902	-393 540
Kosovo	6 674	8 745	23 589	23 558	16 916	14 813
Other countries (Outside Eu-27 and CEFTA)	569 058	647 189	63 346	112 098	-505 712	-535 091

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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-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Jan- Dec 2021 Jan- Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Jan- Dec 2021 Jan- Dec 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	2 105 170	2 504 353	119.0	366 128	437 051	119.4
0 Food and live animals	394 854	479 425	121.4	28 634	32 981	115.2
00 Live animals	24 254	30 978	127.7	692	94	13.6
01 Meat and meat preparations	89 439	101 632	113.6	15 530	17 520	112.8
02 Dairy products and eggs	43 097	54 765	127.1	152	176	115.5
03 Fish and preparations	10 503	18 522	176.3	115	123	107.2
04 Cereal and cereal products	60 691	72 430	119.3	527	981	186.1
05 Vegetables and fruit	61 996	71 980	116.1	7 524	9 422	125.2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	9 522	11 743	123.3	78	97	124.6
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	30 426	38 005	124.9	2 264	3 445	152.2
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	22 023	26 825	121.8	1 427	884	61.9
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	42 904	52 546	122.5	326	239	73.3
1 Beverages and tobacco	60 293	88 812	147.3	19 081	24 646	129.2
11 Beverages	46 515	68 260	146.7	15 128	16 946	112.0
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	13 778	20 552	149.2	3 953	7 701	194.8
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	41 674	50 798	121.9	81 233	101 071	124.4
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	1 556	2 188	140.7
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	1 766	2 202	124.7	14	29	203.6
23 Crude rubber	133	194	146.0	2	3	149.4
24 Cork and wood	5 747	5 238	91.1	30 000	35 139	117.1
25 Pulp and waste paper	27	30	109.9	750	1 342	178.9
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	502	564	112.4	30	230	300 ¹
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	3 798	5 930	156.1	1 526	2 010	131.7
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	20 879	25 685	123.0	46 478	58 962	126.9
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	8 823	10 955	124.2	876	1 168	133.4
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	166 583	283 795	170.4	59 718	80 882	135.4
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	901	6 760	300 ¹	4 408	6 860	155.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	117 518	194 898	165.8	5 585	9 879	176.9
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	7 393	11 734	158.7	1	1	100.0
35 Electric current	40 772	70 403	172.7	49 723	64 142	129.0
4 Animal oils and fats	12 251	18 846	153.8	536	817	152.5
41 Animal oils and fats	497	599	120.5	344	543	158.1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	11 681	18 162	155.5	127	158	124.5
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	73	86	117.3	65	116	177.8
5 Chemicals	271 642	329 005	121.1	30 432	29 811	98.0
51 Organic chemicals	2 315	3 538	152.9	59	52	88.8
52 Inorganic chemicals	4 698	4 337	92.3	1 381	1 650	119.4
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	28 091	29 205	104.0	99	73	73.3
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	116 377	154 814	133.0	24 086	22 867	94.9
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	47 782	53 704	112.4	2 397	2 063	86.1
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	2 660	3 033	114.0	3	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	3 864	6 403	165.7	65	324	300 ¹
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	31 345	34 313	109.5	1 392	1 020	73.3
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	34 510	39 658	114.9	949	1 762	185.7

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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-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Jan- Dec 2021 Jan- Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Jan- Dec 2021 Jan- Dec 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	371 511	409 626	110.3	77 919	101 603	130.4
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	233	346	148.7	24	102	300 ¹
62 Rubber manufactures	19 089	22 044	115.5	44	107	243.0
63 Cork and wood manufactures	26 001	28 476	109.5	1 599	2 401	150.2
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	31 603	37 095	117.4	431	1 056	245.1
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	23 920	23 148	96.8	886	429	48.4
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	99 876	93 603	93.7	2 255	3 799	168.4
67 Iron and steel	55 923	75 983	135.9	12 765	6 723	52.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	17 026	28 408	166.9	56 291	81 800	145.3
69 Manufactures of metals	97 841	100 525	102.7	3 624	5 186	143.1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	485 015	513 366	105.8	37 639	46 304	123.0
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	9 325	9 194	98.6	476	468	98.2
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	47 458	45 905	96.7	5 455	12 628	231.5
73 Metalworking machinery	4 828	3 906	80.9	141	483	300 ¹
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	89 046	87 007	97.7	10 752	11 073	103.0
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	26 775	26 140	97.6	470	582	123.9
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	67 744	61 266	90.4	3 248	4 351	134.0
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	110 672	107 610	97.2	3 498	5 714	163.3
78 Road vehicles	122 209	147 759	120.9	11 814	9 427	79.8
79 Other transport equipment	6 959	24 579	300 ¹	1 786	1 579	88.4
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	297 378	330 596	111.2	22 937	18 936	82.6
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	22 135	18 557	83.8	394	264	67.1
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	50 099	53 807	107.4	1 578	1 916	121.4
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	5 841	7 677	131.4	131	499	300 ¹
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	66 546	80 959	121.7	2 034	2 322	114.2
85 Footwear	29 859	32 036	107.3	526	546	103.9
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	25 306	22 446	88.7	1 892	2 387	126.2
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	8 006	11 224	140.2	908	233	25.6
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	89 586	103 890	116.0	15 474	10 769	69.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	3 970	83	2.1	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-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Jan- Dec 2021 Jan- Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Jan- Dec 2021 Jan- Dec 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	2 105 170	2 504 353	119.0	366 128	437 051	119.4
I Live animals, animal products	140 047	173 621	124.0	10 740	13 224	123.1
II Vegetable products	93 676	107 153	114.4	8 585	11 136	129.7
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	13 873	21 348	153.9	192	277	144.2
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	230 975	298 432	129.2	29 626	35 005	118.2
V Mineral products	205 676	319 538	155.4	94 341	106 611	113.0
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	259 274	315 204	121.6	29 018	28 504	98.2
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	89 398	103 657	115.9	3 671	3 659	99.7
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	7 552	9 015	119.4	1 899	2 889	152.2
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	31 901	33 987	106.5	31 602	37 542	118.8
X Materials and products of paper industry	34 927	39 979	114.5	3 680	5 513	149.8
XI Textiles and textile articles	84 625	98 881	116.8	2 732	2 849	104.3
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	32 459	34 876	107.4	564	587	104.1
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	66 937	66 443	99.3	2 276	3 810	167.4
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewelries; coins	6 817	3 203	47.0	13 805	802	5.8
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	172 218	208 103	120.8	86 087	128 869	149.7
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	353 986	337 446	95.3	24 172	35 282	146.0
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	139 137	175 702	126.3	13 785	11 265	81.7
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	38 858	40 148	103.3	2 999	2 936	97.9
XIX Arms and ammunition	3 631	9 773	269.2	2 976	2 722	91.5
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	99 122	107 666	108.6	3 354	3 518	104.9
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	81	177	219.3	27	51	187.9

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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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