

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

The **total external trade in goods** of Montenegro for January - May 2021, according to preliminary results is 1 010.6 million EUR, indicating the growth of 3.1% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 166.3 million EUR, and import was 844.3 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 25.0%, while imports decreased by 0.3%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 19.7% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 15.7%.

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 45.2 million EUR (consisted of Electric current - 42.2 million EUR, Coal, coke and briquettes - 2.4 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 191.8 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles - 52.7 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances - 41.3 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (45.0 million EUR), Bosnia and Hercegovina (14.1 million EUR) and Slovenia (11.7 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (167.6 million EUR), China (92.2 million EUR) and Germany (85.5 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

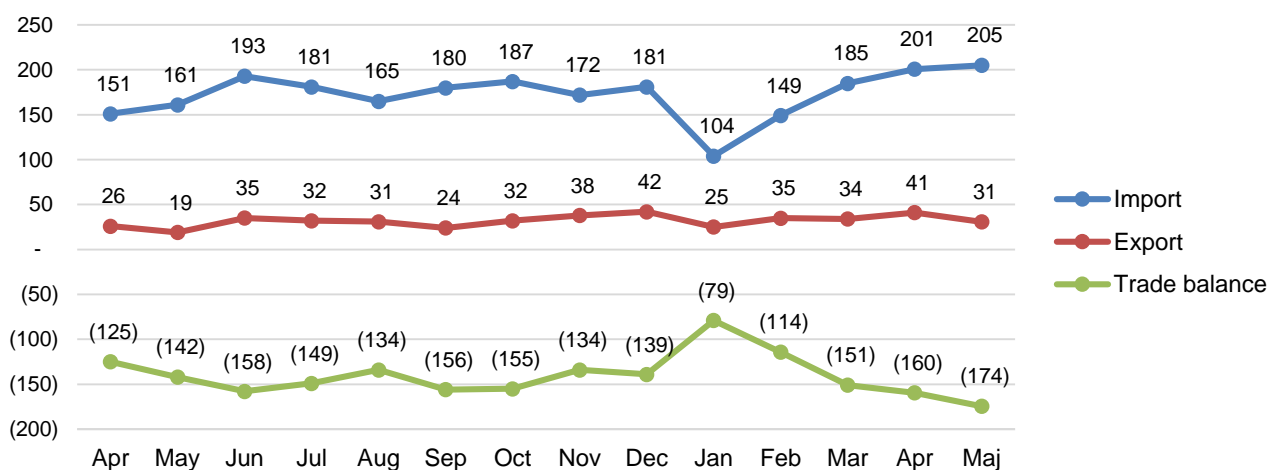


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months ¹

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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	103 820	25 318	129 138	-78 502
February	149 219	34 901	184 120	-114 317
March	185 419	34 195	219 614	-151 225
April	200 747	41 197	241 944	-159 550
Maj	205 136	30 702	235 837	-174 434

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-May 2020		Jan-May 2021		Jan-May 2020		Jan-May 2021		Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2021
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	847 173	100.0	844 341	100.0	133 076	100.0	166 313	-714 097	-678 028
Europe	82.8	701 204	81.1	684 599	90.0	119 768	93.8	156 079	-581 436	-528 519
Eu-27	45.0	381 601	44.7	377 593	45.0	59 821	37.8	62 849	-321 780	-314 745
CEFTA²	28.8	244 004	28.2	238 299	38.5	51 251	43.7	72 598	-192 752	-165 701
Africa	0.4	3 565	0.3	2 667	0.9	1 236	1.1	1 826	-2 329	-841
Asia	14.5	122 609	15.9	134 570	8.4	11 224	3.5	5 791	-111 385	-128 780
America	2.3	19 574	2.6	22 183	0.6	843	1.6	2 583	-18 732	-19 599
Oceania	0.0	221	0.0	322	0.0	5	0.0	34	-216	-288
USA	1.0	8 765	1.3	10 982	0.5	731	0.8	1 359	-8 035	-9 624
China	9.7	82 567	10.9	92 173	7.5	9 938	0.5	760	-72 629	-91 414
Russia	0.3	2 410	0.4	3 165	0.3	399	0.6	935	-2 011	-2 230
Switzerland	1.7	14 109	1.8	14 835	2.2	2 897	6.7	11 122	-11 212	-3 714
Japan	0.9	7 425	0.7	6 020	0.1	143	0.0	76	-7 282	-5 944
Turkey	5.7	48 109	4.6	38 954	2.0	2 636	4.7	7 799	-45 473	-31 155
Brazil	0.4	3 747	0.5	4 152	0.0	10	0.0	12	-3 737	-4 140
United Kingdom	0.9	7 482	0.9	7 399	0.9	1 250	0.3	563	-6 233	-6 835

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-May 2020	Jan-May 2021	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2021	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2021
WORLD	847 173	844 341	133 076	166 313	-714 097	-678 028
Eu-27⁴	381 601	377 593	59 821	62 849	-321 780	-314 745
Austria	17 166	9 923	771	627	-16 396	-9 296
Belgium	8 755	7 293	245	246	-8 510	-7 047
Bulgaria	5 102	4 359	269	407	-4 833	-3 952
Czech Republic	11 344	8 411	7 833	7 339	-3 511	-1 072
Denmark	3 714	2 460	440	607	-3 274	-1 853
Estonia	134	151	7	22	-127	-129
Finland	1 010	1 693	6	2	-1 003	-1 692
France	20 420	16 571	87	596	-20 333	-15 975
Greece	39 145	36 782	1 743	6 768	-37 402	-30 014
Netherlands	19 271	18 055	546	726	-18 725	-17 329
Ireland	2 689	11 155	5	7	-2 684	-11 147
Italy	51 641	55 107	1 634	10 177	-50 007	-44 930
Cyprus	117	54	18	60	-99	6
Latvia	333	269	0	1	-333	-269
Lithuania	366	313	45	0	-320	-313
Luxembourg	246	160	33	171	-214	11
Hungary	9 156	7 655	12 251	5 773	3 095	-1 882
Malta	4	2	224	222	220	220
Germany	77 488	85 541	7 094	7 250	-70 394	-78 291
Poland	14 984	15 365	5 418	5 935	-9 567	-9 431
Portugal	1 179	1 251	0	3	-1 179	-1 247
Croatia	44 523	45 318	960	1 081	-43 563	-44 237
Romania	8 403	9 376	393	127	-8 010	-9 249
Slovakia	2 500	2 708	138	562	-2 362	-2 145
Slovenia	17 589	15 657	18 170	11 721	581	-3 935
Spain	19 367	16 000	360	1 539	-19 006	-14 461
Sweden	4 955	5 963	1 131	880	-3 824	-5 083
CEFTA	244 004	238 299	51 251	72 598	-192 752	-165 701
Albania	16 058	16 519	3 955	4 931	-12 103	-11 588
Bosnia and Herzegovina	51 681	41 583	6 402	14 061	-45 279	-27 522
Moldova	113	64	0	0	-113	-64
North Macedonia	10 472	10 131	1 446	1 599	-9 026	-8 532
Serbia	163 587	167 607	31 853	44 968	-131 734	-122 639
Kosovo	2 093	2 395	7 597	7 038	5 503	4 643
Other countries (Outside Eu-27 and CEFTA)	221 569	228 448	22 004	30 866	-199 565	-197 582

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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-May 2020	Jan-May 2021	Jan-May 2021 Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2021	Jan-May 2021 Jan-May 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	847 173	844 341	99.7	133 076	166 313	125.0
0 Food and live animals	169 922	163 519	96.2	8 315	8 759	105.3
00 Live animals	10 965	11 281	102.9	32	35	107.2
01 Meat and meat preparations	40 250	32 906	81.8	5 443	5 682	104.4
02 Dairy products and eggs	18 183	18 278	100.5	23	36	153.2
03 Fish and preparations	4 558	5 350	117.4	6	84	300 ¹
04 Cereal and cereal products	26 496	24 163	91.2	224	120	53.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	28 618	26 091	91.2	1 104	1 339	121.3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	3 813	4 086	107.2	31	34	107.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	11 511	13 055	113.4	760	881	116.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	8 161	10 089	123.6	632	459	72.6
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	17 368	18 221	104.9	58	90	154.6
1 Beverages and tobacco	21 776	24 725	113.5	4 470	7 688	172.0
11 Beverages	17 378	18 393	105.8	3 347	3 674	109.8
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	4 398	6 332	144.0	1 123	4 014	300 ¹
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	17 870	12 550	70.2	29 742	33 995	114.3
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	650	825	127.0
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	804	1 005	124.9	4	18	300 ¹
23 Crude rubber	35	34	97.9	0	0	279.9
24 Cork and wood	2 607	1 720	66.0	9 402	9 655	102.7
25 Pulp and waste paper	26	15	57.3	288	451	156.4
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	168	137	81.3	2	9	300 ¹
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	1 362	1 515	111.2	471	655	139.2
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	8 587	3 120	36.3	18 700	22 029	117.8
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	4 281	5 005	116.9	225	354	157.1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	64 443	67 654	105.0	27 770	45 191	162.7
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	510	1 903	300 ¹	1 468	2 356	160.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	45 736	50 342	110.1	3 270	586	17.9
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	3 124	3 461	110.8	0	0	0.0
35 Electric current	15 073	11 948	79.3	23 032	42 248	183.4
4 Animal oils and fats	6 026	6 722	111.5	165	273	165.6
41 Animal oils and fats	254	284	111.9	91	167	183.2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	5 740	6 397	111.4	52	53	101.4
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	32	41	128.3	21	52	249.9
5 Chemicals	115 471	119 359	103.4	10 745	12 763	118.8
51 Organic chemicals	973	1 108	113.9	23	19	79.8
52 Inorganic chemicals	2 097	1 707	81.4	245	1 236	300 ¹
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	11 289	10 893	96.5	40	8	21.3
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	51 897	55 001	106.0	8 018	10 049	125.3
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	20 008	18 936	94.6	987	574	58.2
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	1 973	1 970	99.9	3	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	1 735	2 153	124.1	22	56	250.5
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	12 861	12 495	97.2	615	563	91.4
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	12 638	15 096	119.5	791	258	32.6

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	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2021	Jan-May 2021 Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2021	Jan-May 2021 Jan-May 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	152 589	141 403	92.7	34 167	35 490	103.9
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	69	158	228.8	0	52	0.0
62 Rubber manufactures	7 112	7 394	104.0	14	37	267.7
63 Cork and wood manufactures	10 845	10 023	92.4	587	678	115.6
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	13 451	12 982	96.5	248	179	72.3
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	8 528	9 525	111.7	33	219	300 ¹
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	42 562	33 383	78.4	847	1 260	148.8
67 Iron and steel	24 323	27 451	112.9	5 805	4 497	77.5
68 Non-ferrous metals	7 518	6 458	85.9	25 419	27 216	107.1
69 Manufactures of metals	38 180	34 030	89.1	1 215	1 352	111.3
7 Machinery and transport equipment	188 776	191 767	101.6	13 520	15 983	118.2
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	4 033	3 587	89.0	245	145	59.2
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	20 823	18 921	90.9	966	4 765	300 ¹
73 Metalworking machinery	993	1 542	155.3	82	231	280.3
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	35 402	28 568	80.7	3 956	4 335	109.6
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	9 047	10 019	110.7	201	177	88.3
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	26 497	24 037	90.7	1 356	1 636	120.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	38 535	41 259	107.1	1 030	2 108	204.7
78 Road vehicles	51 224	52 671	102.8	5 291	2 022	38.2
79 Other transport equipment	2 222	11 162	300 ¹	394	565	143.3
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	110 286	116 588	105.7	4 183	6 171	147.5
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	10 928	5 754	52.7	93	171	184.0
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	18 949	18 261	96.4	515	719	139.8
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2 532	2 456	97.0	28	64	226.3
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	23 043	28 205	122.4	525	930	176.9
85 Footwear	13 281	13 642	102.7	156	212	135.9
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	9 140	8 012	87.7	518	653	126.2
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	1 884	3 687	195.7	39	55	140.1
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	30 529	36 572	119.8	2 309	3 367	145.8
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	15	52	300¹	0	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-May 2020	Jan-May 2021	Jan-May 2021 Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2020	Jan-May 2021	Jan-May 2021 Jan-May 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	847 173	844 341	99.7	133 076	166 313	125.0
I Live animals, animal products	61 881	56 274	90.9	3 401	4 026	118.4
II Vegetable products	43 675	39 934	91.4	1 428	1 596	111.8
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	6 632	7 459	112.5	73	105	144.0
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	90 992	97 436	107.1	8 276	11 364	137.3
V Mineral products	79 719	80 588	101.1	43 006	56 001	130.2
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	110 248	108 562	98.5	10 113	12 153	120.2
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	35 395	36 954	104.4	1 269	1 466	115.5
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	3 418	2 900	84.8	698	964	138.0
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	13 524	11 862	87.7	9 988	10 335	103.5
X Materials and products of paper industry	13 849	13 420	96.9	1 435	1 637	114.1
XI Textiles and textile articles	29 388	35 897	122.2	535	1 123	210.1
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	14 532	14 764	101.6	169	226	133.4
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	29 669	22 929	77.3	854	1 270	148.7
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewelleryes; coins	1 920	1 352	70.4	4	58	300 ¹
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	70 393	68 776	97.7	36 377	44 918	123.5
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	134 582	125 923	93.6	8 049	13 250	164.6
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	54 612	64 910	118.9	5 734	2 769	48.3
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	13 090	14 900	113.8	611	859	140.5
XIX Arms and ammunition	1 032	3 641	300 ¹	123	852	300 ¹
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	38 585	35 804	92.8	925	1 333	144.1
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	37	54	146.3	7	9	118.2

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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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