

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

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for January - July 2021 according to preliminary results is 1 590.7 million EUR, indicating the growth of 12.0% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 235.2 million EUR, and import was 1 355.5 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 17.6%, while imports increased by 11.1%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 17.3% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 16.4%.

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 52.2 million EUR (consisted of Electric current - 46.9 million EUR, Coal, coke and briguettes - 3.0 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 298.0 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles - 85.4 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances - 59.8 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (63.1 million EUR), Switzerland (18.7 million EUR) and Bosnia and Hercegovina (18.2 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (268.0 million EUR), China (140.9 million EUR) and Germany (130.1 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

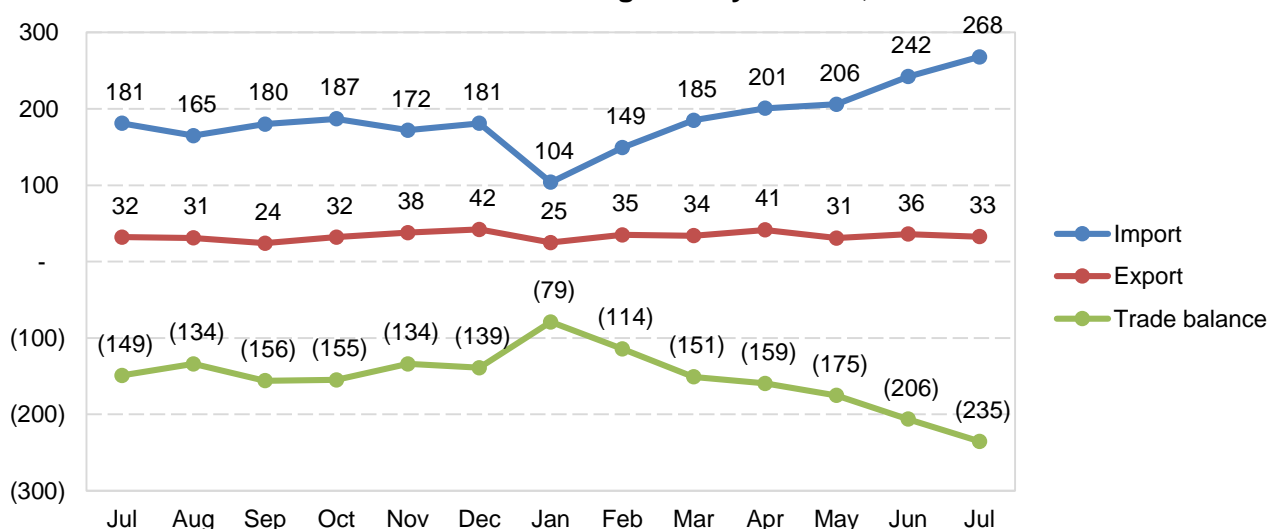


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months¹

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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	103 763	25 318	129 081	-78 445
February	149 198	34 901	184 099	-114 297
March	185 445	34 195	219 640	-151 251
April	200 825	41 380	242 206	-159 445
May	205 960	30 810	236 770	-175 150
June	242 234	35 928	278 162	-206 306
July	268 088	32 620	300 707	-235 468

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Jul 2020		Jan-Jul 2021		Jan-Jul 2020		Jan-Jul 2021		Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	1 220 217	100.0	1 355 514	100.0	199 975	100.0	235 152	-1 020 241	-1 120 362
Europe	82.7	1 008 853	81.9	1 110 688	91.0	182 015	93.9	220 834	-826 838	-889 854
Eu-27	45.2	551 525	45.7	618 832	41.6	83 124	35.7	83 909	-468 402	-534 923
CEFTA²	28.7	349 729	28.1	381 390	40.5	81 019	44.2	104 047	-268 710	-277 343
Africa	0.4	4 526	0.3	4 592	0.9	1 860	1.4	3 241	-2 666	-1 351
Asia	14.7	179 104	15.2	205 470	7.5	15 016	3.3	7 762	-164 088	-197 708
America	2.2	27 230	2.5	34 218	0.5	1 069	1.4	3 211	-26 161	-31 007
Oceania	0.0	503	0.0	546	0.0	15	0.0	103	-488	-443
USA	1.0	11 877	1.2	16 461	0.5	957	0.8	1 931	-10 920	-14 530
China	10.0	122 092	10.4	140 924	6.6	13 245	0.8	1 784	-108 848	-139 140
Russia	0.3	3 552	0.4	4 775	0.4	751	0.7	1 637	-2 801	-3 137
Switzerland	1.7	20 489	1.8	23 890	1.9	3 884	8.0	18 720	-16 604	-5 171
Japan	0.8	9 699	0.7	9 319	0.1	261	0.0	101	-9 438	-9 218
Turkey	5.5	67 381	4.5	60 688	4.9	9 875	4.1	9 637	-57 506	-51 051
Brazil	0.4	5 336	0.5	6 278	0.0	10	0.0	13	-5 325	-6 265
United Kingdom	0.9	11 102	0.9	12 157	0.9	1 808	0.3	709	-9 295	-11 448

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 parties³

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TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021
WORLD	1 220 217	1 355 514	199 975	235 152	-1 020 241	-1 120 362
Eu-27⁴	551 525	618 832	83 124	83 909	-468 402	-534 923
Austria	28 472	14 825	9 074	922	-19 398	-13 903
Belgium	12 048	10 644	311	323	-11 736	-10 321
Bulgaria	7 064	6 609	288	429	-6 775	-6 180
Czech Republic	15 452	14 128	7 973	8 489	-7 479	-5 639
Denmark	5 169	5 541	576	609	-4 593	-4 932
Estonia	232	247	8	69	-224	-178
Finland	2 160	1 975	6	2	-2 153	-1 973
France	28 052	26 807	95	659	-27 957	-26 148
Greece	54 911	74 152	2 306	8 376	-52 605	-65 775
Netherlands	25 349	27 239	913	944	-24 437	-26 295
Ireland	3 369	20 915	5	7	-3 364	-20 907
Italy	79 047	89 026	4 449	16 554	-74 598	-72 472
Cyprus	147	88	18	61	-129	-27
Latvia	422	473	1	5	-421	-468
Lithuania	516	613	45	1	-470	-612
Luxembourg	322	209	118	785	-204	576
Hungary	13 235	12 446	15 449	6 192	2 214	-6 254
Malta	4	5	455	348	451	343
Germany	111 713	130 072	9 913	10 680	-101 800	-119 392
Poland	22 751	23 485	6 655	8 583	-16 096	-14 902
Portugal	1 509	2 067	0	7	-1 509	-2 060
Croatia	65 152	73 326	1 327	1 864	-63 824	-71 462
Romania	11 913	15 178	1 035	133	-10 878	-15 046
Slovakia	3 967	4 306	157	888	-3 809	-3 418
Slovenia	24 841	25 351	20 143	13 750	-4 698	-11 601
Spain	26 531	28 812	369	2 092	-26 162	-26 721
Sweden	7 179	10 294	1 435	1 138	-5 744	-9 156
CEFTA	349 729	381 390	81 019	104 047	-268 710	-277 343
Albania	22 870	24 423	6 336	8 688	-16 534	-15 735
Bosnia and Herzegovina	73 571	67 750	10 520	18 244	-63 051	-49 506
Moldova	139	110	0	0	-139	-110
North Macedonia	14 139	16 393	2 348	2 197	-11 791	-14 197
Serbia	235 989	268 016	49 560	63 111	-186 429	-204 905
Kosovo	3 021	4 699	12 255	11 807	9 234	7 109
Other countries (Outside Eu-27 and CEFTA)	318 962	355 291	35 833	47 195	-283 129	-308 096

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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 sections⁵

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2021 Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2021 Jan-Jul 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	1 220 217	1 355 514	111.1	199 975	235 152	117.6
0 Food and live animals	231 809	257 023	110.9	13 367	14 913	111.6
00 Live animals	14 899	16 923	113.6	46	50	108.8
01 Meat and meat preparations	53 035	50 180	94.6	7 932	8 595	108.4
02 Dairy products and eggs	25 964	32 139	123.8	42	99	237.5
03 Fish and preparations	6 340	10 515	165.9	20	117	300 ¹
04 Cereal and cereal products	35 385	37 371	105.6	280	418	149.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	38 503	40 975	106.4	2 817	3 770	133.8
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	5 359	6 152	114.8	48	42	88.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	16 309	19 479	119.4	1 151	1 133	98.4
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	11 834	14 466	122.2	863	553	64.0
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	24 181	28 824	119.2	171	136	79.6
1 Beverages and tobacco	34 862	49 593	142.3	7 923	11 368	143.5
11 Beverages	28 212	38 690	137.1	6 076	6 019	99.1
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	6 650	10 903	164.0	1 847	5 349	289.6
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	24 677	27 179	110.1	43 910	50 963	116.1
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	782	1 317	168.5
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	1 106	1 263	114.2	4	21	300 ¹
23 Crude rubber	61	114	188.1	0	0	0.0
24 Cork and wood	3 556	2 488	70.0	15 128	16 279	107.6
25 Pulp and waste paper	26	22	85.3	434	658	151.7
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	286	292	101.9	14	16	118.3
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	1 853	2 615	141.1	792	1 173	148.0
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	12 276	14 014	114.2	26 224	30 817	117.5
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	5 513	6 372	115.6	533	681	127.9
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	94 284	129 520	137.4	31 603	52 219	165.2
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	669	2 790	300.0 ¹	1 691	2 983	176.4
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	63 212	92 944	147.0	3 438	2 289	66.6
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	4 064	5 328	131.1	1	1	100.0
35 Electric current	26 339	28 457	108.0	26 474	46 946	177.3
4 Animal oils and fats	7 737	8 939	115.5	243	391	160.7
41 Animal oils and fats	324	379	116.8	147	259	176.2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	7 365	8 511	115.6	74	79	107.3
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	47	49	104.5	22	53	235.2
5 Chemicals	160 444	185 790	115.8	17 096	19 210	112.4
51 Organic chemicals	1 426	2 039	143.0	28	26	92.7
52 Inorganic chemicals	2 968	2 461	82.9	476	1 380	290.1
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	16 424	16 870	102.7	56	23	40.9
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	69 764	87 194	125.0	13 653	15 319	112.2
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	28 615	29 853	104.3	1 183	676	57.2
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	2 165	2 175	100.5	3	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	2 387	3 471	145.4	30	122	300 ¹
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	18 577	18 689	100.6	835	687	82.2
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	18 119	23 037	127.1	833	978	117.5

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	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2021 Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	Jan-Jul 2021 Jan-Jul 2020
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	219 233	219 065	99.9	46 973	52 142	111.0
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	136	218	159.9	0	52	0.0
62 Rubber manufactures	10 150	10 357	102.0	19	53	283.2
63 Cork and wood manufactures	15 458	16 030	103.7	892	1 091	122.2
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	18 609	19 980	107.4	305	256	83.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	13 305	14 035	105.5	214	266	124.2
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	59 814	50 815	85.0	1 122	2 174	193.8
67 Iron and steel	33 814	43 099	127.5	8 253	5 619	68.1
68 Non-ferrous metals	10 251	10 869	106.0	34 398	40 226	116.9
69 Manufactures of metals	57 695	53 662	93.0	1 770	2 406	136.0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	279 691	297 978	106.5	18 122	24 022	132.6
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	5 689	5 348	94.0	365	256	70.1
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	28 318	28 722	101.4	1 504	7 478	300 ¹
73 Metalworking machinery	2 257	1 872	83.0	93	243	262.6
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	53 525	45 756	85.5	5 488	6 589	120.1
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	13 744	14 878	108.3	225	250	111.2
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	38 647	34 693	89.8	1 741	2 187	125.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	57 550	59 802	103.9	1 433	2 843	198.5
78 Road vehicles	76 569	85 441	111.6	6 678	3 229	48.4
79 Other transport equipment	3 391	21 465	300.0 ¹	596	946	158.6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	163 556	180 356	110.3	12 737	9 923	77.9
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	14 384	9 336	64.9	97	197	202.8
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	29 553	31 410	106.3	835	974	116.7
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	3 569	4 324	121.2	49	85	176.0
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	34 179	41 398	121.1	851	1 293	151.9
85 Footwear	17 266	18 004	104.3	263	254	96.8
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	15 172	12 843	84.6	1 211	1 546	127.6
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	3 256	6 086	186.9	132	78	58.8
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	46 178	56 955	123.3	9 300	5 497	59.1
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	3 925	70	1.8	8 000	0	0.0

¹ Calculated index is higher than 300.0

Table 5. External trade in goods of Montenegro by CN sections⁶

BREAKDOWN BY CN SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	<u>Jan-Jul 2021</u> <u>Jan-Jul 2020</u>	Jan-Jul 2020	Jan-Jul 2021	<u>Jan-Jul 2021</u> <u>Jan-Jul 2020</u>
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	1 220 217	1 355 514	111.1	199 975	235 152	117.6
I Live animals, animal products	82 536	89 390	108.3	4 938	6 172	125.0
II Vegetable products	58 071	59 382	102.3	3 490	4 183	119.8
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	8 579	10 026	116.9	96	132	137.3
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	132 287	164 562	124.4	13 546	16 887	124.7
V Mineral products	116 333	148 785	127.9	51 713	68 141	131.8
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	152 863	178 247	116.6	16 246	18 417	113.4
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	51 235	55 406	108.1	1 776	2 030	114.3
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	4 702	4 977	105.8	874	1 487	170.2
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	19 125	18 678	97.7	16 021	17 372	108.4
X Materials and products of paper industry	19 872	20 436	102.8	2 137	2 509	117.4
XI Textiles and textile articles	44 234	52 736	119.2	1 026	1 520	148.1
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	19 113	19 738	103.3	282	278	98.5
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	41 020	35 627	86.9	1 129	2 183	193.4
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	6 142	2 102	34.2	13 774	84	0.6
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	102 376	109 403	106.9	51 325	64 272	125.2
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	198 569	188 621	95.0	11 063	19 695	178.0
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	81 808	108 379	132.5	7 332	4 387	59.8
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	20 998	22 832	108.7	1 416	1 849	130.5
XIX Arms and ammunition	1 890	7 156	300 ¹	399	1 857	300 ¹
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	58 411	58 895	100.8	1 377	1 685	122.4
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	52	138	264.6	14	11	74.1

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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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