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External trade in goods of Montenegro

January 2022

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for January 2022 according to preliminary results is 208.8 million EUR, indicating the growth of 61.8% in comparison with the same month of the previous year.

The value of exports of goods was 64.3 million EUR, and import was 144.4 million EUR. Compared to the same month last year, exports increased by 154.1%, while imports increased by 39.2%.

The coverage of import by export was 44.6% and it was higher compared to the coverage for the same month of the previous year when it was 24.4%.

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 26.9 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 25.6 million EUR and other).

In the structure of imports, in accordance with the SITC, the most present products were **Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Section 6)** with 31.4 million EUR (consisted of: Non-ferrous metals – 9.8 million EUR, Iron and steel – 5.7 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Switzerland (16.3 million EUR), Serbia (10.9 million EUR) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (7.5 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (24.0 million EUR), China (16.6 million EUR) and Germany (11.5 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

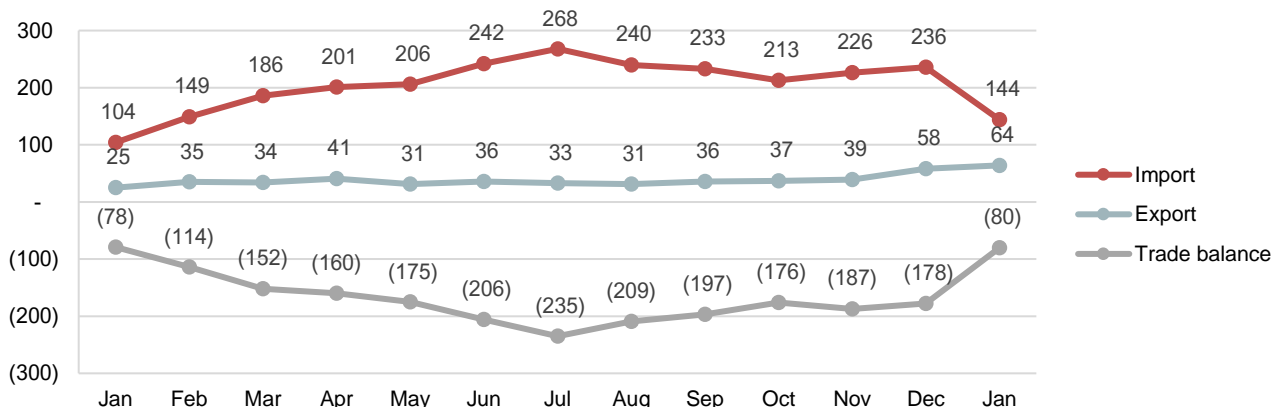


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months ¹

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PERIOD	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
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
December	236 153	58 437	294 589	-177 716
2022				
January	144 416	64 343	208 759	-80 073

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan 2021		Jan 2022		Jan 2021		Jan 2022		Jan 2021	Jan 2022
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	103 740	100.0	144 416	100.0	25 318	100.0	64 343	-78 422	-80 073
Europe	78.3	81 196	75.6	109 137	96.5	24 439	98.8	63 587	-56 757	-45 550
Eu-27	40.6	42 116	41.7	60 160	42.4	10 735	32.1	20 677	-31 381	-39 483
CEFTA ²	28.5	29 554	25.0	36 149	42.5	10 754	36.4	23 391	-18 799	-12 757
Africa	0.2	187	0.4	592	0.0	2	0.0	7	-185	-584
Asia	18.8	19 494	21.6	31 129	2.9	735	1.0	659	-18 759	-30 470
America	2.7	2 844	2.4	3 520	0.5	136	0.1	79	-2 708	-3 441
Oceania	0.0	19	0.0	39	0.0	5	0.0	12	-14	-27
USA	1.4	1 488	0.7	1 033	0.2	61	0.1	56	-1 427	-977
China	13.0	13 523	11.5	16 595	0.0	12	0.3	198	-13 511	-16 397
Russia	0.3	326	0.3	481	0.1	35	0.1	44	-291	-438
Switzerland	2.8	2 938	2.8	4 012	6.0	1 510	25.3	16 296	-1 428	12 284
Japan	0.7	733	0.7	1 043	0.0	8	0.0	16	-725	-1 026
Turkey	4.9	5 064	4.2	6 086	4.4	1 116	3.5	2 223	-3 948	-3 863
Brazil	0.5	472	1.0	1 380	0.0	1	0.0	1	-472	-1 379
United Kingdom	0.7	716	0.7	978	0.9	220	0.5	353	-496	-626

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 2021	Jan 2022	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	Jan 2021	Jan 2022
WORLD	103 740	144 416	25 318	64 343	-78 422	-80 073
Eu-27⁴	42 116	60 160	10 735	20 677	-31 381	-39 483
Austria	1 204	1 298	94	13	-1 110	-1 285
Belgium	694	1 535	60	85	-633	-1 450
Bulgaria	387	1 105	84	24	-304	-1 080
Czech Republic	1 378	1 523	1 280	5 038	-98	3 515
Denmark	413	627	223	1 139	-191	512
Estonia	13	18	11	90	-2	72
Finland	155	186	0	0	-155	-186
France	1 867	2 726	82	26	-1 785	-2 700
Greece	2 931	7 783	1 031	12	-1 900	-7 771
Netherlands	3 094	3 603	59	97	-3 035	-3 505
Ireland	161	593	7	0	-153	-593
Italy	4 780	6 545	1 135	1 223	-3 645	-5 322
Cyprus	7	24	14	0	7	-24
Latvia	16	93	0	0	-16	-93
Lithuania	25	65	0	3	-25	-61
Luxembourg	11	70	19	1 685	8	1 615
Hungary	803	856	634	26	-169	-831
Malta	0	3	21	48	21	45
Germany	10 364	11 539	1 241	1 988	-9 122	-9 551
Poland	1 916	2 563	1 125	1 182	-791	-1 380
Portugal	175	298	1	0	-173	-298
Croatia	6 163	8 274	176	164	-5 987	-8 111
Romania	688	1 654	16	3	-672	-1 650
Slovakia	261	411	7	4	-255	-407
Slovenia	1 885	1 860	2 820	7 119	936	5 259
Spain	1 796	3 301	392	491	-1 404	-2 810
Sweden	928	1 608	202	215	-726	-1 392
CEFTA	29 554	36 149	10 754	23 391	-18 799	-12 757
Albania	1 716	2 285	1 186	3 348	-530	1 063
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6 002	7 656	1 974	7 547	-4 028	-110
Moldova	6	13	0	0	-6	-13
North Macedonia	1 231	1 730	290	242	-941	-1 487
Serbia	20 499	24 040	6 050	10 944	-14 449	-13 096
Kosovo	100	424	1 254	1 310	1 155	886
Other countries (Outside Eu-27 and CEFTA)	32 071	48 108	3 829	20 275	-28 242	-27 832

³ Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)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 2021	Jan 2022	Jan 2022 Jan 2021	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	Jan 2022 Jan 2021
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	103 740	144 416	139.2	25 318	64 343	254.1
0 Food and live animals	22 764	27 853	122.4	1 598	1 529	95.7
00 Live animals	2 089	2 170	103.9	0	0	0.0
01 Meat and meat preparations	5 772	6 402	110.9	974	1 116	114.6
02 Dairy products and eggs	2 760	3 081	111.6	8	26	300 ¹
03 Fish and preparations	519	730	140.7	14	0	0.0
04 Cereal and cereal products	2 960	4 388	148.2	23	19	80.6
05 Vegetables and fruit	3 594	4 168	116.0	286	178	62.3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	443	426	96.2	6	5	75.8
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	1 228	2 527	205.8	183	100	54.8
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	1 274	1 312	103.0	98	66	67.6
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	2 126	2 649	124.6	7	20	286.4
1 Beverages and tobacco	2 866	3 923	136.9	656	393	59.9
11 Beverages	2 311	2 509	108.5	419	336	80.2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	555	1 414	255.0	237	57	24.0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1 122	1 096	97.7	5 576	7 020	125.9
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	74	91	123.1
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	165	14	8.6	1	2	201.6
23 Crude rubber	1	8	300 ¹	0	0	0.0
24 Cork and wood	167	252	151.2	1 706	2 086	122.3
25 Pulp and waste paper	5	0	0.0	70	114	163.2
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	27	90	300 ¹	0	3	300 ¹
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	183	148	80.7	60	345	300 ¹
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	95	78	82.1	3 601	4 379	121.6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	479	505	105.6	64	0	0.1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	8 950	15 493	173.1	8 454	26 867	300¹
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	62	40	63.6	599	872	145.7
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	5 042	11 729	232.6	174	392	225.0
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	608	962	158.3	0	0	0.0
35 Electric current	3 238	2 763	85.3	7 681	25 603	300 ¹
4 Animal oils and fats	445	414	93.2	64	83	128.5
41 Animal oils and fats	51	76	148.9	63	82	128.9
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	394	338	85.7	0	0	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	0	1	300 ¹	1	1	56.6
5 Chemicals	14 768	19 579	132.6	1 608	2 166	134.7
51 Organic chemicals	52	85	165.1	1	0	0.0
52 Inorganic chemicals	368	118	32.0	6	140	300 ¹
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	802	1 185	147.8	1	4	293.3
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	8 535	11 472	134.4	1 169	1 933	165.4
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	1 823	2 694	147.8	194	23	11.7
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	144	94	65.6	0	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	78	213	273.7	3	16	300 ¹
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	1 149	2 086	181.6	67	27	40.0
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	1 817	1 631	89.7	167	23	14.0

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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 2021	Jan 2022	Jan 2022 Jan 2021	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	Jan 2022 Jan 2021
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	16 971	31 417	185.1	4 690	20 827	300¹
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	29	10	34.3	0	29	0.0
62 Rubber manufactures	793	1 476	186.1	1	49	300 ¹
63 Cork and wood manufactures	1 029	1 239	120.4	110	243	221.2
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	1 634	2 259	138.2	12	10	84.0
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	1 003	889	88.7	20	6	28.0
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	3 972	5 206	131.1	49	129	264.3
67 Iron and steel	3 456	5 730	165.8	815	120	14.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	1 077	9 806	300 ¹	3 511	19 734	300 ¹
69 Manufactures of metals	3 977	4 802	120.7	173	508	293.9
7 Machinery and transport equipment	22 939	28 458	124.1	1 971	4 243	215.3
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	256	374	146.1	26	20	78.5
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	1 332	1 954	146.7	319	827	259.2
73 Metalworking machinery	220	121	55.1	91	3	2.8
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	2 818	3 910	138.7	835	1 257	150.7
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	1 773	1 871	105.5	43	41	94.6
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	4 402	6 801	154.5	233	265	113.8
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	6 338	5 757	90.8	67	130	192.5
78 Road vehicles	5 763	7 564	131.2	248	1 424	300 ¹
79 Other transport equipment	36	105	294.2	109	276	254.0
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	12 910	16 181	125.3	700	1 215	173.6
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	566	1 091	192.6	31	9	29.0
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	1 644	2 799	170.3	60	113	189.2
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	274	377	137.2	16	4	23.8
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4 048	4 323	106.8	131	487	300 ¹
85 Footwear	2 003	1 729	86.3	19	10	53.8
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	746	1 361	182.4	23	65	281.4
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	241	332	137.7	1	5	300 ¹
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3 387	4 170	123.1	420	522	124.4
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	8	2	28.1	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 2021	Jan 2022	Jan 2022 Jan 2021	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	Jan 2022 Jan 2021
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	103 740	144 416	139.2	25 318	64 343	254.1
I Live animals, animal products	9 909	10 972	110.7	531	984	185.2
II Vegetable products	5 373	7 259	135.1	353	169	47.9
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	525	444	84.6	1	1	100.0
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	10 926	14 036	128.5	1 498	852	56.9
V Mineral products	10 247	16 963	165.5	9 921	28 560	287.9
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	13 763	17 598	127.9	1 538	2 125	138.1
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	3 666	6 086	166.0	217	319	146.5
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	354	447	126.4	95	513	300 ¹
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	1 203	1 503	125.0	1 816	2 329	128.3
X Materials and products of paper industry	1 911	2 257	118.1	239	323	135.1
XI Textiles and textile articles	4 878	4 761	97.6	143	107	74.8
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	2 075	1 816	87.5	21	10	49.3
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	2 931	4 085	139.3	49	129	264.3
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewelries; coins	133	101	75.7	0	13	300 ¹
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	8 659	20 391	235.5	6 713	23 381	300 ¹
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	17 023	20 532	120.6	1 563	2 580	165.1
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	5 830	7 806	133.9	427	1 700	300 ¹
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	1 233	2 162	175.3	68	71	103.9
XIX Arms and ammunition	55	68	123.2	19	1	2.9
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3 047	5 129	168.3	105	176	167.4
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	0	2	300 ¹	0	0	0

¹ Calculated index is higher than 300.0

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METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

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:

- Export
- Outward processing
- 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:

- Import for free trade
- Inward processing
- 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.

When using the data, state:

"Data source: Statistical Office - MONSTAT"

More data, as well as detailed methodological notes can be found in the section: [Foreign trade](#)