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External trade in goods of Montenegro

January-July 2026

The **total external trade in goods** of Montenegro for January-July 2026 according to preliminary results is 2 921.1 million EUR, indicating a growth of 2.5% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 312.9 million EUR, and import was 2 608.2 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports decreased by 4.4%, while imports increased by 3.4%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 12.0% and it was lower compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 13.0%.

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 99.3 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 70.5 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)** in amount of 623.7 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 242.5 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (78.7 million EUR), Bosnia and Herzegovina (36.5 million EUR) and Kosovo (24.5 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (449.4 million EUR), China (338.2 million EUR), and Germany (239.7 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

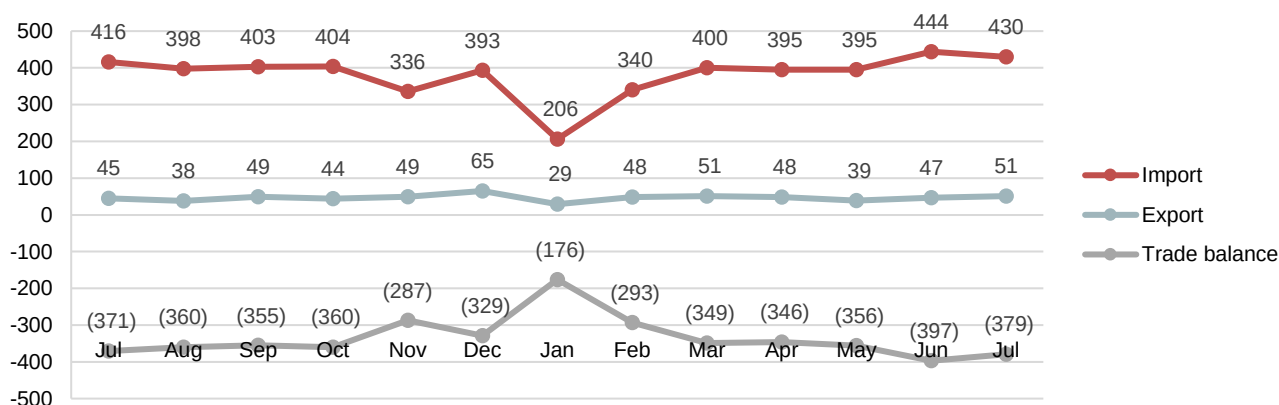


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months ¹

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PERIOD	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
2025				
January	244 108	43 330	287 438	-200 779
February	327 882	53 582	381 464	-274 300
March	373 345	53 216	426 561	-320 129
April	375 727	50 688	426 415	-325 039
May	374 514	36 350	410 864	-338 163
June	411 580	45 225	456 805	-366 354
July	415 970	45 025	460 994	-370 945
August	398 120	38 363	436 483	-359 756
September	403 437	48 679	452 116	-354 758
October	403 890	43 820	447 710	-360 070
November	336 270	49 455	385 726	-286 815
December	393 397	64 607	458 004	-328 789
2026				
January	205 507	29 166	234 673	-176 340
February	340 208	47 598	387 806	-292 610
March	399 569	50 592	450 162	-348 977
April	394 667	48 338	443 005	-346 328
May	394 763	39 064	433 827	-355 699
June	443 518	46 692	490 210	-396 826
July	429 980	51 462	481 443	-378 518

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Jul 2025		Jan-Jul 2026		Jan-Jul 2025		Jan-Jul 2026		Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	2 523 126	100.0	2 608 212	100.0	327 416	100.0	312 914	-2 195 710	-2 295 298
Europe	79.1	1 996 988	79.1	2 062 116	89.7	293 658	93.8	293 603	-1 703 329	-1 768 513
EU-27	43.9	1 107 326	45.2	1 179 769	30.5	99 911	32.1	100 553	-1 007 415	-1 079 216
CEFTA ²	27.0	681 463	26.0	678 012	44.7	146 421	51.1	160 048	-535 043	-517 964
Africa	0.5	11 731	0.5	12 918	0.2	523	0.1	395	-11 207	-12 523
Asia	17.4	438 172	17.9	465 799	8.2	26 952	3.9	12 337	-411 220	-453 462
America	3.0	74 671	2.5	66 361	1.9	6 204	2.0	6 393	-68 467	-59 968
Oceania	0.1	1 564	0.0	1 017	0.0	78	0.1	186	-1 485	-832
USA	1.5	38 597	1.2	30 392	1.2	4 016	1.5	4 788	-34 581	-25 604
China	12.2	308 752	13.0	338 188	6.3	20 644	2.1	6 723	-288 108	-331 465
Russia	0.3	6 457	0.1	2 091	0.1	335.6	0.0	87.5	-6 121	-2 004
Switzerland	2.3	58 968	1.9	49 647	6.6	21 769	2.5	7 880	-37 199	-41 767
Japan	1.1	27 004	0.9	23 870	0.1	213	0.1	232	-26 791	-23 638
Turkey	4.3	108 797	4.5	116 733	2.3	7 627	3.1	9 746	-101 170	-106 987
Brazil	0.6	15 553	0.6	16 093	0.4	1 237	0.4	1 377	-14 316	-14 716
United Kingdom	0.9	21 721	0.8	21 112	0.2	669	1.2	3 649	-21 052	-17 463

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026
WORLD	2 523 126	2 608 212	327 416	312 914	-2 195 710	-2 295 298
EU-27⁴	1 107 326	1 179 769	99 911	100 553	-1 007 415	-1 079 216
Austria	32 425	30 348	5 657	1 181	-26 768	-29 167
Belgium	14 841	15 743	346	238	-14 495	-15 505
Bulgaria	12 964	13 867	822	1 228	-12 142	-12 640
Czech Republic	29 873	34 095	7 306	1 619	-22 567	-32 475
Denmark	11 471	14 003	7 429	11 323	-4 042	-2 680
Estonia	979	789	89	32	-890	-756
Finland	3 146	3 334	20	15	-3 126	-3 319
France	63 698	69 625	1 079	1 401	-62 619	-68 224
Greece	130 656	176 910	2 457	1 776	-128 199	-175 135
Netherlands	47 405	43 266	832	1 119	-46 573	-42 146
Ireland	7 407	7 144	85	95	-7 322	-7 049
Italy	148 597	154 972	10 679	7 486	-137 918	-147 486
Cyprus	338	304	504	460	166	156
Latvia	2 140	2 465	1 919	1 117	-221	-1 348
Lithuania	2 111	2 605	233	19	-1 879	-2 586
Luxembourg	585	571	3 135	12 079	2 550	11 507
Hungary	15 569	18 414	2 113	4 044	-13 456	-14 370
Malta	118	330	271	502	153	172
Germany	250 940	239 726	8 274	8 126	-242 666	-231 600
Poland	51 547	48 783	8 983	13 003	-42 564	-35 780
Portugal	3 669	3 736	135	12	-3 534	-3 724
Croatia	136 823	155 903	5 525	6 312	-131 297	-149 592
Romania	27 470	21 755	574	2 536	-26 895	-19 219
Slovakia	6 998	7 267	2 813	67	-4 185	-7 200
Slovenia	30 974	33 934	24 489	21 591	-6 485	-12 343
Spain	48 827	48 301	2 684	1 872	-46 144	-46 428
Sweden	25 756	31 579	1 458	1 302	-24 298	-30 278
CEFTA	681 463	678 012	146 421	160 048	-535 043	-517 964
Albania	54 144	51 922	15 526	14 875	-38 618	-37 048
Bosnia and Herzegovina	136 992	123 041	26 300	36 536	-110 692	-86 505
Moldova	521	445	1	0	-519	-445
North Macedonia	23 740	26 481	6 219	5 441	-17 520	-21 040
Serbia	441 351	449 374	85 726	78 731	-355 625	-370 643
Kosovo	24 716	26 749	12 648	24 465	-12 068	-2 283
Other countries (Outside EU-27 and CEFTA)	734 336	750 431	81 084	52 313	-653 252	-698 118

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-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	Jan-Jul 2026 Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	Jan-Jul 2026 Jan-Jul 2025
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	2 523 126	2 608 212	103.4	327 416	312 914	95.6
0 Food and live animals	484 596	489 922	101.1	28 011	34 402	122.8
00 Live animals	30 316	32 164	106.1	60	74	124.5
01 Meat and meat preparations	105 592	105 805	100.2	20 871	24 946	119.5
02 Dairy products and eggs	60 385	59 262	98.1	212	328	154.4
03 Fish and preparations	22 944	26 329	114.8	90	95	106.0
04 Cereal and cereal products	63 534	66 859	105.2	441	979	222.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	79 340	75 472	95.1	3 392	3 546	104.6
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	9 341	8 850	94.7	208	172	82.5
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	42 534	40 740	95.8	1 485	1 912	128.8
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	19 349	19 942	103.1	1 012	2 037	201.3
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	51 259	54 500	106.3	242	314	129.8
1 Beverages and tobacco	107 186	116 023	108.2	16 578	19 656	118.6
11 Beverages	80 555	85 614	106.3	16 578	19 656	118.6
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	26 631	30 409	114.2	0	0	0.0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	19 742	18 913	95.8	58 921	49 750	84.4
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	727	607	83.5
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	1 076	975	90.6	10	3	26.9
23 Crude rubber	214	107	50.1	0	0	0.0
24 Cork and wood	4 538	4 343	95.7	18 074	17 864	98.8
25 Pulp and waste paper	7	1	12.2	857	852	99.4
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	508	571	112.5	158	366	231
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	3 292	3 084	93.7	540	755	139.8
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	845	750	88.7	38 072	28 923	76.0
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	9 262	9 082	98.1	484	380	78.6
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	239 301	276 689	115.6	85 264	99 285	116.4
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	763	913	119.6	4 584	3 370	73.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	171 250	246 132	143.7	13 431	25 388	189.0
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	4 585	4 918	107.3	0	0	0.0
35 Electric current	62 703	24 726	39.4	67 248	70 527	104.9
4 Animal oils and fats	12 443	13 072	105.1	999	1 053	105.4
41 Animal oils and fats	545	511	93.8	591	554	93.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	11 726	12 385	105.6	162	168	103.5
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	172	177	103.0	245	331	134.8
5 Chemicals	296 398	313 881	105.9	46 214	38 115	82.5
51 Organic chemicals	4 790	2 986	62.3	2 790	1 482	53.1
52 Inorganic chemicals	3 056	2 766	90.5	8 669	12 233	141.1
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	28 417	29 645	104.3	36	54	149.2
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	135 425	149 501	110.4	24 998	16 422	65.7
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	60 507	63 379	104.7	830	576	69.5
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	2 805	3 388	120.8	0	16	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	3 421	3 083	90.1	223	151	67.9
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	27 654	30 603	110.7	476	648	136.2
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	30 324	28 530	94.1	8 193	6 533	79.7

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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-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	<u>Jan-Jul 2026</u> <u>Jan-Jul 2025</u>	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	<u>Jan-Jul 2026</u> <u>Jan-Jul 2025</u>
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	385 740	376 431	97.6	21 330	24 994	117.2
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	303	232	76.7	16	35	219.8
62 Rubber manufactures	19 487	19 880	102.0	72	76	104.2
63 Cork and wood manufactures	28 529	29 359	102.9	2 678	3 231	120.6
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	32 680	33 903	103.7	270	111	41.0
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	21 219	20 015	94.3	359	164	45.8
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	105 510	103 399	98.0	2 806	2 430	86.6
67 Iron and steel	49 181	43 924	89.3	430	347	80.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	31 682	23 118	73.0	9 013	13 237	146.9
69 Manufactures of metals	97 150	102 600	105.6	5 686	5 364	94.3
7 Machinery and transport equipment	620 626	623 739	100.5	45 452	28 193	62.0
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	10 428	8 788	84.3	1 537	1 007	65.5
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	42 200	44 346	105.1	2 083	1 438	69.0
73 Metalworking machinery	2 734	3 390	124.0	234	82	34.9
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	100 788	99 034	98.3	5 809	6 776	116.6
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	24 861	31 573	127.0	278	434	156.5
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	68 150	71 021	104.2	1 575	1 345	85.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	112 022	113 566	101.4	4 380	3 142	71.7
78 Road vehicles	249 576	242 549	97.2	7 106	6 366	89.6
79 Other transport equipment	9 868	9 471	96.0	22 449	7 602	33.9
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	351 385	373 511	106.3	20 845	17 454	83.7
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	19 239	19 144	99.5	89	182	204.1
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	76 607	71 424	93.2	1 255	1 634	130.2
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	11 817	10 439	88.3	728	382	52.5
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	86 453	91 186	105.5	7 216	5 977	82.8
85 Footwear	34 154	33 553	98.2	983	1 217	123.7
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	18 428	27 835	151.0	953	1 546	162.2
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	11 026	12 964	117.6	165	112	67.7
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	93 662	106 965	114.2	9 455	6 404	67.7
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	5 709	6 030	105.6	3 801	11	0.3

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

BREAKDOWN BY CN SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	Jan-Jul 2026 Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2025	Jan-Jul 2026	Jan-Jul 2026 Jan-Jul 2025
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	2 523 126	2 608 212	103.4	327 416	312 914	95.6
I Live animals, animal products	182 818	183 178	100.2	17 446	21 411	122.7
II Vegetable products	104 858	98 957	94.4	3 660	4 215	115.2
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	14 214	15 025	105.7	440	558	126.7
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	315 151	333 928	106.0	24 537	29 310	119.5
V Mineral products	278 667	312 578	112.2	112 240	118 782	105.8
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	264 940	280 343	105.8	45 527	37 479	82.3
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	90 651	93 875	103.6	3 777	3 077	81.5
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	13 572	12 330	90.9	1 608	1 118	69.5
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	33 447	34 120	102.0	20 758	21 097	101.6
X Materials and products of paper industry	34 760	35 637	102.5	3 618	3 765	104.1
XI Textiles and textile articles	103 236	106 416	103.1	7 505	6 364	84.8
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	38 466	37 888	98.5	1 064	1 322	124.2
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	71 656	72 898	101.7	2 828	2 437	86.2
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	11 741	17 029	145.0	6 965	501	7.2
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	179 190	170 796	95.3	26 563	28 511	107.3
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	356 168	365 205	102.5	15 455	14 094	91.2
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	262 534	260 798	99.3	29 922	14 076	47.0
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	38 688	50 293	130.0	1 337	1 889	141.3
XIX Arms and ammunition	2 343	3 947	168.4	338	156	46.1
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	125 384	122 815	98.0	1 793	2 710	151.1
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	642	157	24.4	36	42	115.6

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

External trade statistics represent 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 the 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 of the 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.

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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](#)