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# External trade in goods of Montenegro

## January-April 2026

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for January-April 2026 according to preliminary results is 1 512.7 million EUR, indicating a decrease of 0.6% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of exports of goods was 175.6 million EUR, and import was 1 337.1 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports decreased by 12.5%, while imports increased by 1.2%.

The coverage of import by export was 13.1% and it was lower compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 15.2%.

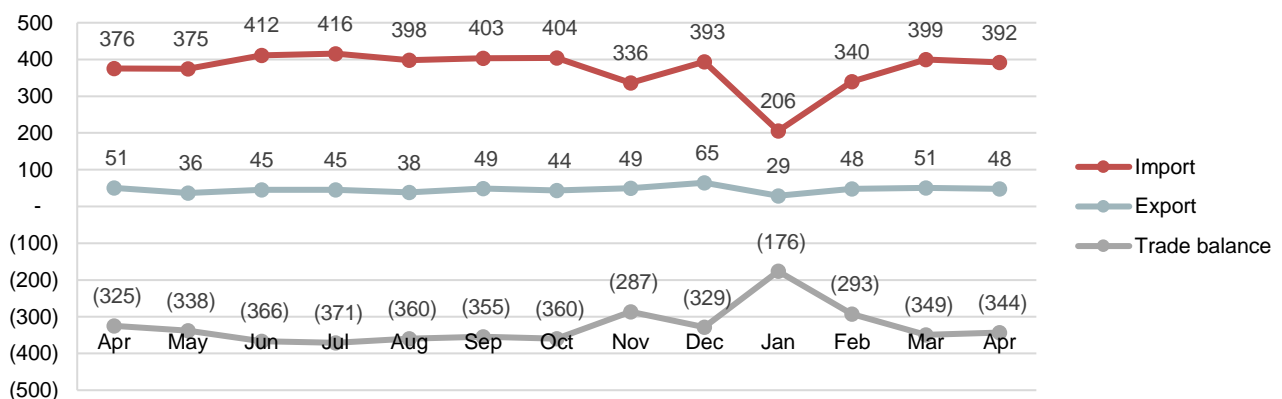
In the structure of exports, in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), the most present products were **Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (Section 3)**, in amount of 63.6 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 57.2 million EUR and other).

In the structure of imports, in accordance with the SITC, the most present products were **Machinery and transport equipment (Section 7)** in amount of 331.3 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 129.8 million EUR and other).

**Main trading partners in exports** on an individual basis were: Serbia (49.7 million EUR), Bosnia and Herzegovina (25.8 million EUR), and Kosovo (15.4 million EUR).

**Main trading partners in imports** on an individual basis were: Serbia (226.0 million EUR), China (183.8 million EUR), and Germany (127.9 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 <sup>1</sup>

in thous. EUR

PERIOD	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
<b>2025</b>				
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
<b>2026</b>				
January	205 507	29 166	234 673	-176 340
February	340 204	47 566	387 770	-292 638
March	399 479	50 592	450 072	-348 887
April	391 885	48 323	440 208	-343 562

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-apr 2025		Jan-apr 2026		Jan-apr 2025		Jan-apr 2026		Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2026
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 321 063</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 337 075</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>200 816</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>175 648</b>	<b>-1 120 247</b>	<b>-1 161 427</b>
Europe	78.4	1 035 490	78.0	1 043 528	89.1	178 951	94.9	166 727	-856 538	-876 801
EU-27	44.0	581 591	43.8	585 507	30.1	60 471	28.9	50 825	-521 120	-534 682
CEFTA <sup>2</sup>	26.1	345 208	26.1	348 530	43.4	87 181	58.9	103 401	-258 027	-245 129
Africa	0.4	4 715	0.5	6 850	0.2	380	0.1	240	-4 335	-6 610
Asia	18.5	244 290	19.0	254 375	9.2	18 450	3.2	5 611	-225 840	-248 764
America	2.7	36 027	2.4	31 829	1.5	2 973	1.7	2 904	-33 055	-28 925
Oceania	0.0	541	0.0	491	0.0	63	0.1	165	-479	-326
USA	1.4	18 773	1.1	14 276	1.1	2 128	1.3	2 223	-16 646	-12 053
China	12.9	170 589	13.7	183 785	8.0	16 077	2.3	4 024	-154 512	-179 761
Russia	0.3	3 785	0.1	1 213	0.0	76	0.0	9	-3 708	-1 204
Switzerland	2.0	25 992	1.9	25 886	10.2	20 572	3.4	6 043	-5 420	-19 844
Japan	1.3	17 072	1.0	13 902	0.0	96	0.1	89	-16 975	-13 813
Turkey	4.6	60 981	4.8	64 225	0.8	1 584	1.9	3 408	-59 397	-60 817
Brazil	0.6	7 348	0.6	7 785	0.3	636	0.3	561	-6 712	-7 223
United Kingdom	0.9	11 239	0.8	10 431	0.2	351	1.1	1 908	-10 888	-8 523

<sup>1</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)<sup>2</sup> Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Kosovo

**Table 3.** External trade in goods by EU member states and CEFTA parties <sup>3</sup>

TRADING PARTNERS	thous. EUR					
	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2026	Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2026	Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2026
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>1 321 063</b>	<b>1 337 075</b>	<b>200 816</b>	<b>175 648</b>	<b>-1 120 247</b>	<b>-1 161 427</b>
<b>EU-27<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>581 591</b>	<b>585 507</b>	<b>60 471</b>	<b>50 825</b>	<b>-521 120</b>	<b>-534 682</b>
Austria	12 716	15 989	445	568	-12 271	-15 421
Belgium	8 131	8 596	122	99	-8 010	-8 498
Bulgaria	6 602	6 982	576	1 074	-6 026	-5 907
Czech Republic	16 305	19 306	6 210	1 605	-10 094	-17 701
Denmark	7 536	6 447	5 555	8 023	-1 982	1 576
Estonia	578	323	89	32	-490	-291
Finland	1 625	584	5	14	-1 620	-570
France	35 051	38 344	676	579	-34 375	-37 765
Greece	67 072	63 873	2 335	944	-64 737	-62 929
Netherlands	26 857	25 738	440	694	-26 417	-25 044
Ireland	3 627	4 166	15	59	-3 612	-4 107
Italy	72 991	72 874	7 347	5 051	-65 644	-67 822
Cyprus	179	125	402	420	223	296
Latvia	1 041	1 120	1 096	518	55	-603
Lithuania	1 067	1 300	121	5	-946	-1 295
Luxembourg	308	368	1 431	5 748	1 123	5 380
Hungary	8 291	9 402	681	1 818	-7 610	-7 585
Malta	112	236	74	257	-38	21
Germany	135 937	127 912	4 538	4 856	-131 399	-123 056
Poland	28 486	25 800	5 739	6 086	-22 747	-19 714
Portugal	1 962	1 858	66	10	-1 896	-1 848
Croatia	69 852	75 641	1 242	2 153	-68 610	-73 488
Romania	16 784	12 381	502	797	-16 282	-11 584
Slovakia	4 116	4 566	38	58	-4 079	-4 508
Slovenia	16 437	18 417	17 816	7 369	1 380	-11 049
Spain	22 933	27 201	2 016	1 129	-20 917	-26 072
Sweden	14 994	15 959	895	859	-14 099	-15 100
<b>CEFTA</b>	<b>345 208</b>	<b>348 530</b>	<b>87 181</b>	<b>103 401</b>	<b>-258 027</b>	<b>-245 129</b>
Albania	27 758	26 197	9 795	9 403	-17 963	-16 795
Bosnia and Herzegovina	74 866	70 056	17 192	25 780	-57 674	-44 276
Moldova	312	271	1	0	-310	-271
North Macedonia	11 762	13 386	3 671	3 123	-8 091	-10 262
Serbia	218 006	225 971	49 844	49 725	-168 161	-176 245
Kosovo	12 505	12 649	6 677	15 370	-5 828	2 721
<b>Other countries (Outside EU-27 and CEFTA)</b>	<b>394 264</b>	<b>403 038</b>	<b>53 164</b>	<b>21 422</b>	<b>-341 100</b>	<b>-381 616</b>

<sup>3</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)<sup>4</sup> 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 sections<sup>4</sup>

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2026	Jan-apr 2026 Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2026	Jan-apr 2026 Jan-apr 2025
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>0-9 TOTAL</b>	<b>1 321 063</b>	<b>1 337 075</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>200 816</b>	<b>175 648</b>	<b>87.5</b>
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>244 758</b>	<b>249 638</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>14 383</b>	<b>18 399</b>	<b>127.9</b>
00 Live animals	16 679	17 251	103.4	42	35	83.5
01 Meat and meat preparations	53 092	55 466	104.5	10 776	14 223	132.0
02 Dairy products and eggs	27 778	26 256	94.5	82	208	253.7
03 Fish and preparations	9 565	11 401	119.2	65	33	51.1
04 Cereal and cereal products	32 026	35 299	110.2	273	472	173.0
05 Vegetables and fruit	41 517	39 897	96.1	1 488	891	59.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	4 923	4 591	93.3	109	93	85.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	22 428	21 765	97.0	847	1 194	140.9
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	10 688	10 822	101.3	595	1 061	178.2
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	26 063	26 891	103.2	106	189	178.5
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>43 262</b>	<b>46 900</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>6 423</b>	<b>8 217</b>	<b>127.9</b>
11 Beverages	30 669	33 545	109.4	6 423	8 217	127.9
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	12 593	13 356	106.1	0	0	0.0
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>11 479</b>	<b>10 627</b>	<b>92.6</b>	<b>37 000</b>	<b>27 910</b>	<b>75.4</b>
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	406	392	96.4
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	788	484	61.4	10	2	18.4
23 Crude rubber	133	51	38.8	0	0	0.0
24 Cork and wood	2 140	2 082	97.3	8 903	9 379	105.3
25 Pulp and waste paper	7	0	0.0	456	509	111.7
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	190	293	154.6	28	99	300 <sup>1</sup>
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	1 721	1 753	101.9	261	340	129.9
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	561	223	39.8	26 744	17 021	63.6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	5 940	5 740	96.6	192	170	88.3
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>117 427</b>	<b>112 058</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>64 729</b>	<b>63 589</b>	<b>98.2</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	424	494	116.5	3 875	1 948	50.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	88 104	98 003	111.2	4 001	4 392	109.8
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	2 687	2 297	85.5	0	0	0.0
35 Electric current	26 213	11 264	43.0	56 853	57 249	100.7
<b>4 Animal oils and fats</b>	<b>6 354</b>	<b>8 207</b>	<b>129.2</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>100.7</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	273	223	81.8	269	284	105.5
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	5 975	7 854	131.4	32	35	109.8
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	107	130	122.2	143	128	89.6
<b>5 Chemicals</b>	<b>166 093</b>	<b>171 847</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>23 418</b>	<b>18 504</b>	<b>79.0</b>
51 Organic chemicals	3 376	1 040	30.8	30	42	139.3
52 Inorganic chemicals	1 039	1 076	103.6	3 364	5 237	155.7
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	14 980	15 553	103.8	15	3	19.6
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	78 528	85 116	108.4	14 096	11 045	78.4
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	32 766	33 698	102.8	567	290	51.1
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	1 983	2 320	117.0	0	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	1 988	1 619	81.5	102	77	75.4
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	15 038	15 935	106.0	314	260	82.9
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	16 396	15 489	94.5	4 930	1 550	31.4

<sup>5</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)

Table 4. External trade in goods of Montenegro by SITC sections

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BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2026	Jan-apr 2026 Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2026	Jan-apr 2026 Jan-apr 2025
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>204 221</b>	<b>204 094</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>13 117</b>	<b>12 802</b>	<b>97.6</b>
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	117	93	79.4	16	21	134.6
62 Rubber manufactures	11 187	11 550	103.2	16	45	286.9
63 Cork and wood manufactures	14 976	15 721	105.0	1 423	1 932	135.8
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	16 662	17 542	105.3	224	59	26.3
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9 836	10 143	103.1	219	61	27.9
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	56 266	56 803	101.0	1 385	1 203	86.9
67 Iron and steel	27 716	26 977	97.3	264	287	108.8
68 Non-ferrous metals	18 002	10 463	58.1	6 802	6 751	99.2
69 Manufactures of metals	49 458	54 802	110.8	2 769	2 442	88.2
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>343 961</b>	<b>331 262</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>30 266</b>	<b>15 770</b>	<b>52.1</b>
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	5 010	4 556	90.9	82	199	242.1
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	21 727	23 926	110.1	1 209	821	67.9
73 Metalworking machinery	1 219	1 769	145.1	137	46	33.6
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	50 091	52 623	105.1	3 053	3 609	118.2
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	13 810	16 547	119.8	192	95	49.3
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	40 259	36 345	90.3	912	700	76.8
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	63 609	62 235	97.8	2 447	1 763	72.0
78 Road vehicles	143 355	129 846	90.6	4 567	5 083	111.3
79 Other transport equipment	4 882	3 416	70.0	17 667	3 456	19.6
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>183 056</b>	<b>197 339</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>11 035</b>	<b>9 997</b>	<b>90.6</b>
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	9 411	9 329	99.1	54	108	200.3
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	34 982	35 352	101.1	668	939	140.7
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	6 645	5 579	84.0	666	262	39.4
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	49 048	53 264	108.6	4 626	4 015	86.8
85 Footwear	22 057	20 947	95.0	654	666	101.9
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	9 668	14 017	145.0	455	659	144.7
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	3 696	5 569	150.7	134	23	17.1
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	47 550	53 281	112.1	3 778	3 325	88.0
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>5 103</b>	<b>300<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>300<sup>1</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated index is higher than 300.0

**Table 5.** External trade in goods of Montenegro by CN sections <sup>6</sup>

BREAKDOWN BY CN SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2026	Jan-apr 2026 Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2025	Jan-apr 2026	Jan-apr 2026 Jan-apr 2025
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
<b>I - XXI TOTAL</b>	<b>1 321 063</b>	<b>1 337 075</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>200 816</b>	<b>175 648</b>	<b>87.5</b>
<b>I</b> Live animals, animal products	90 816	92 706	102.1	8 975	12 379	137.9
<b>II</b> Vegetable products	56 333	53 706	95.3	1 582	1 257	79.5
<b>III</b> Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	7 448	9 100	122.2	194	200	103.2
<b>IV</b> Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	147 574	155 931	105.7	10 701	13 399	125.2
<b>V</b> Mineral products	138 515	131 409	94.9	84 867	75 344	88.8
<b>VI</b> Products of the chemical or allied industries	149 093	155 099	104.0	23 014	18 167	78.9
<b>VII</b> Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	48 607	49 198	101.2	1 874	1 501	80.1
<b>VIII</b> Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	7 710	6 649	86.2	1 163	741	63.7
<b>IX</b> Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	17 283	18 013	104.2	10 326	11 313	109.6
<b>X</b> Materials and products of paper industry	17 152	17 541	102.3	1 993	2 105	105.6
<b>XI</b> Textiles and textile articles	56 479	60 747	107.6	4 751	4 078	85.8
<b>XII</b> Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	24 377	23 538	96.6	701	705	100.4
<b>XIII</b> Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	38 268	40 375	105.5	1 387	1 203	86.8
<b>XIV</b> Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewelleries; coins	3 454	12 632	300 <sup>1</sup>	569	261	45.8
<b>XV</b> Base metals and articles of base metal	95 905	92 728	96.7	16 596	14 847	89.5
<b>XVI</b> Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	192 087	193 800	100.9	7 722	7 047	91.3
<b>XVII</b> Vehicles and associated transport equipment	149 766	138 255	92.3	22 499	8 586	38.2
<b>XVIII</b> Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	19 384	25 674	132.4	703	855	121.7
<b>XIX</b> Arms and ammunition	1 870	625	33.5	238	61	25.7
<b>XX</b> Miscellaneous manufactured articles	58 716	59 289	101.0	954	1 566	164.1
<b>XXI</b> Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	224	57	25.4	6	33	300 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated index is higher than 300.0

<sup>6</sup> Data on more detail level are available in External trade in goods database, link: [Data](#)

## 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](#)**