

External trade in goods of Montenegro *January-december 2019*

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for period January-December 2019 according to final results is 3 016.2 million EUR, indicating the growth of 2.1% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of **exports of goods** was 415.5 million EUR, and import was 2 600.7 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports increased by 3.8%, while imports increased by 1.8%.

The **coverage of import by export** was 16.0% 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 **Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (Section 6)**, in amount of 97.2 million EUR (consisted of Non-ferrous metals – 63.2 million EUR, Iron and steel – 18.5 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)** with 578.1 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 185.6 million EUR, Electric machines, appliances – 108.0 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (107.9 million EUR), Hungary (45.0 million EUR) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (29.8 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (500.4 million EUR), Germany (244.2 million EUR) and China (221.9 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

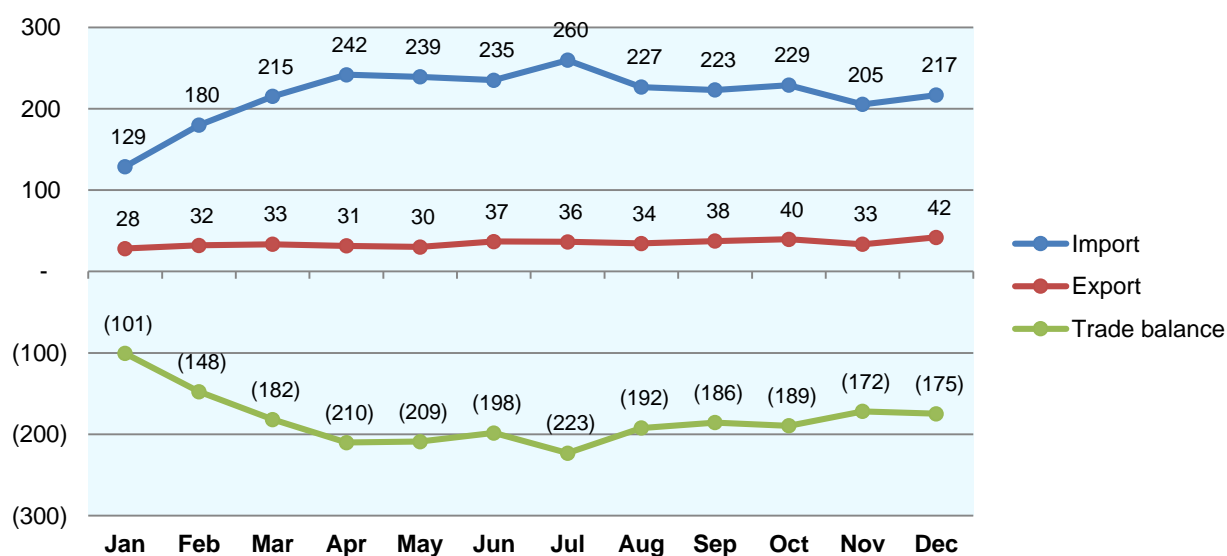


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months

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PERIOD	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
2018				
January	120 542	25 918	146 460	-94 623
February	161 508	29 952	191 460	-131 556
March	220 005	38 318	258 323	-181 686
April	220 808	35 276	256 085	-185 532
May	240 774	30 302	271 075	-210 472
June	241 694	40 138	281 832	-201 555
July	250 941	30 271	281 212	-220 671
August	228 822	33 296	262 118	-195 526
September	205 730	30 508	236 238	-175 222
October	245 749	33 325	279 074	-212 424
November	200 470	37 943	238 414	-162 527
December	216 538	34 860	251 397	-181 678
2019				
January	128 806	28 236	157 042	-100 570
February	179 763	32 041	211 804	-147 722
March	215 266	33 408	248 674	-181 858
April	241 764	31 462	273 226	-210 301
May	239 217	30 098	269 315	-209 119
June	235 143	36 796	271 939	-198 347
July	259 711	36 499	296 210	-223 211
August	226 740	34 436	261 176	-192 304
September	223 038	37 501	260 539	-185 537
October	229 042	39 555	268 597	-189 487
November	205 368	33 432	238 800	-171 936
December	216 914	42 020	258 934	-174 894

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Dec 2018		Jan-Dec 2019		Jan-Dec 2018		Jan-Dec 2019		Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	2 553 580	100.0	2 600 771	100.0	400 107	100.0	415 484	-2 153 473	-2 185 288
Europe	82.4	2 105 118	84.4	2 195 644	95.0	379 915	94.0	390 413	-1 725 203	-1 805 231
EU	48.3	1 232 481	48.2	1 254 314	44.9	179 578	38.5	160 112	-1 052 903	-1 094 202
CEFTA¹	28.5	728 368	28.6	743 354	40.2	160 786	44.7	185 778	-567 582	-557 576
Africa	0.4	10 764	0.3	8 604	0.3	1 150	0.6	2 555	-9 613	-6 049
Asia	14.3	365 646	13.1	341 052	4.4	17 546	4.8	20 119	-348 099	-320 933
America	2.8	71 455	2.1	53 718	0.2	922	0.5	2 260	-70 532	-51 457
Oceania	0.0	598	0.1	1 754	0.1	573	0.0	137	-25	-1 618
USA	1.9	47 928	1.0	25 488	0.2	819	0.4	1 840	-47 108	-23 648
China	10.0	256 624	8.5	221 954	3.5	14 010	4.2	17 413	-242 613	-204 540
Russia	0.3	7 241	0.4	9 214	0.5	2 140	0.4	1 801	-5 102	-7 413
Switzerland	1.4	35 205	1.5	38 220	1.8	7 063	1.9	8 004	-28 141	-30 215
Japan	1.2	30 743	0.9	22 795	0.0	174	0.1	299	-30 569	-22 497
Turkey	3.4	87 858	5.2	135 806	3.2	12 907	3.4	14 318	-74 951	-121 488
Brazil	0.3	7 715	0.4	9 787	0.0	18	0.0	25	-7 697	-9 762

¹ Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Kosovo

Table 3. External trade in goods by EU member states and CEFTA parties

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TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019
WORLD	2 553 580	2 600 771	400 107	415 484	-2 153 473	-2 185 288
European Union	1 232 481	1 254 314	179 578	160 112	-1 052 903	-1 094 202
Austria	44 637	47 094	8 544	3 083	-36 093	-44 011
Belgium	11 984	17 454	902	754	-11 082	-16 700
Bulgaria	14 298	15 025	3 066	1 673	-11 232	-13 352
Czech Republic	33 394	41 252	17 415	19 673	-15 978	-21 578
Denmark	6 716	9 110	3 503	1 822	-3 213	-7 288
Estonia	574	965	1	2	-573	-963
Finland	3 181	4 723	278	373	-2 903	-4 350
France	52 107	59 237	3 849	1 449	-48 258	-57 788
Greece	164 472	156 081	4 274	2 064	-160 199	-154 016
Netherlands	40 270	42 769	2 571	2 363	-37 699	-40 406
Ireland	4 668	6 528	4	5	-4 664	-6 522
Italy	189 977	185 023	13 866	11 299	-176 112	-173 724
Cyprus	1 434	623	798	476	-636	-147
Latvia	372	930	15	1	-357	-929
Lithuania	883	1 159	78	458	-805	-701
Luxembourg	628	891	38	113	-590	-778
Hungary	19 261	24 110	46 145	44 958	26 884	20 848
Malta	392	25	40	435	-351	410
Germany	234 584	244 169	12 999	15 484	-221 585	-228 685
Poland	45 383	49 735	17 540	13 755	-27 844	-35 980
Portugal	4 156	5 221	6	17	-4 150	-5 204
Croatia	152 898	150 642	3 657	3 051	-149 241	-147 591
Romania	42 126	34 361	550	605	-41 577	-33 755
Slovakia	8 454	7 536	15	47	-8 440	-7 489
Slovenia	56 901	54 739	28 168	25 422	-28 733	-29 317
Spain	44 334	48 233	532	1 179	-43 801	-47 054
Sweden	24 526	15 694	3 466	3 149	-21 059	-12 545
United Kingdom	29 871	30 988	7 259	6 403	-22 612	-24 586
CEFTA	728 368	743 354	160 786	185 778	-567 582	-557 576
Albania	42 921	42 599	12 925	13 255	-29 996	-29 344
Bosnia and Herzegovina	155 563	163 196	30 906	29 807	-124 657	-133 389
Moldova	369	1 010	1	0	-368	-1 010
North Macedonia	31 181	30 601	6 818	5 405	-24 363	-25 196
Serbia	492 031	500 439	93 079	107 924	-398 952	-392 515
Kosovo	6 304	5 509	17 057	29 386	10 753	23 878
Other countries	592 732	603 103	59 744	69 594	-532 988	-533 509

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

BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2019 Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2019 Jan-Dec 2018
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	2 553 580	2 600 771	101.8	400 107	415 484	103.8
0 Food and live animals	443 299	474 391	107.0	23 680	25 398	107.3
00 Live animals	24 348	27 130	111.4	54	89	162.9
01 Meat and meat preparations	108 473	111 669	102.9	10 796	13 557	125.6
02 Dairy products and eggs	52 482	54 858	104.5	235	150	63.6
03 Fish and preparations	19 041	20 995	110.3	55	67	122.9
04 Cereal and cereal products	63 648	69 623	109.4	605	491	81.2
05 Vegetables and fruit	69 455	76 317	109.9	8 922	6 641	74.4
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	10 554	10 584	100.3	70	94	135.3
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	35 154	37 336	106.2	2 023	2 171	107.3
08 Feeding stuff for animals (not including unmilled cereals)	18 943	20 205	106.7	492	1 775	300 ¹
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	41 201	45 673	110.9	428	362	84.6
1 Beverages and tobacco	74 999	81 828	109.1	21 672	23 254	107.3
11 Beverages	64 905	67 180	103.5	19 794	19 485	98.4
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	10 094	14 648	145.1	1 877	3 769	200.7
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	50 209	52 434	104.4	81 329	89 452	110.0
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	1	0.0	3 108	2 366	76.1
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	2 460	1 561	63.5	0	23	0.0
23 Crude rubber	117	220	188.1	5	5	88.4
24 Cork and wood	5 098	9 352	183.4	27 079	32 989	121.8
25 Pulp and waste paper	8	27	300 ¹	1 343	1 134	84.4
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	498	604	121.3	47	19	40.3
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	3 621	3 679	101.6	813	2 184	268.6
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	30 738	27 354	89.0	48 197	50 137	104.0
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	7 668	9 636	125.7	735	596	81.0
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	273 437	284 052	103.9	81 979	90 251	110.1
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	715	813	113.7	4 400	5 097	115.8
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	224 697	211 479	94.1	26 180	26 713	102.0
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	11 026	10 043	91.1	1	0	3.9
35 Electric current	37 000	61 718	166.8	51 399	58 441	113.7
4 Animal oils and fats	14 034	11 972	85.3	568	687	121.0
41 Animal oils and fats	766	904	118.0	409	377	92.2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	13 169	10 940	83.1	107	242	225.7
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	100	128	129.0	52	67	130.6
5 Chemicals	251 127	274 839	109.4	29 578	28 936	97.8
51 Organic chemicals	2 479	2 471	99.7	32	71	218.2
52 Inorganic chemicals	3 951	4 446	112.5	1 233	1 101	89.3
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	26 651	29 178	109.5	86	95	109.8
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	86 582	107 409	124.1	21 269	22 680	106.6
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	53 159	56 113	105.6	2 466	1 744	70.7
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	2 246	2 614	116.3	0	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	3 992	3 535	88.5	143	130	90.7
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	37 489	37 604	100.3	652	899	137.7
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	34 578	31 470	91.0	3 696	2 219	60.0

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

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BREAKDOWN BY SITC SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019	<u>Jan-Dec 2019</u> <u>Jan-Dec 2018</u>	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019	<u>Jan-Dec 2019</u> <u>Jan-Dec 2018</u>
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	462 097	471 122	102.0	107 193	97 205	90.7
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	262	300	114.7	74	64	87.3
62 Rubber manufactures	22 096	22 050	99.8	70	54	77.3
63 Cork and wood manufactures	27 957	30 651	109.6	1 999	2 006	100.3
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	35 977	38 086	105.9	358	418	116.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	21 511	23 212	107.9	284	335	117.9
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	124 272	130 739	105.2	3 926	3 949	100.6
67 Iron and steel	85 796	83 787	97.7	18 870	18 460	97.8
68 Non-ferrous metals	20 559	22 174	107.9	73 975	63 211	85.4
69 Manufactures of metals	123 667	120 122	97.1	7 637	8 708	114.0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	638 085	578 146	90.6	35 112	40 452	115.2
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	50 128	16 306	32.5	382	405	106.0
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	49 108	59 378	120.9	2 531	4 754	187.8
73 Metalworking machinery	3 623	3 599	99.4	257	421	163.5
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	94 453	100 561	106.5	11 506	11 217	97.5
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	25 900	24 518	94.7	553	450	81.4
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	71 703	71 817	100.2	1 378	2 701	196.1
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	124 289	108 032	86.9	4 883	4 533	92.8
78 Road vehicles	187 195	185 626	99.2	9 593	12 917	134.6
79 Other transport equipment	31 685	8 310	26.2	4 029	3 055	75.8
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	342 536	371 969	108.6	12 897	19 849	153.9
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	21 781	25 034	114.9	263	383	145.6
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	61 494	74 384	121.0	766	954	124.5
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	8 690	9 381	108.0	41	99	238.7
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	78 279	84 188	107.5	1 343	1 605	119.5
85 Footwear	35 725	36 035	100.9	540	429	79.5
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	25 223	23 738	94.1	617	1 361	220.4
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	11 472	11 887	103.6	2 584	482	18.6
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	99 872	107 322	107.5	6 741	14 537	215.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	3 757	18	0.5	6 100	0	0.0

¹ Calculated index is higher than 300.0

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

BREAKDOWN BY CN SECTIONS	Import			Export		
	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2019 Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2018	Jan-Dec 2019	Jan-Dec 2019 Jan-Dec 2018
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	2 553 580	2 600 771	101.8	400 107	415 484	103.8
I Live animals, animal products	170 135	180 569	106.1	8 133	9 587	117.9
II Vegetable products	97 938	107 501	109.8	9 748	7 563	77.6
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	15 808	13 513	85.5	162	349	214.9
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	258 739	277 986	107.4	28 612	32 457	113.4
V Mineral products	330 943	329 408	99.5	112 817	124 102	110.0
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	243 110	264 205	108.7	28 807	27 989	97.2
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	103 932	104 455	100.5	2 819	3 554	126.1
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	11 791	12 491	105.9	3 300	2 603	78.9
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	33 269	40 208	120.9	29 079	34 995	120.3
X Materials and products of paper industry	42 099	43 233	102.7	5 063	4 645	91.7
XI Textiles and textile articles	93 869	101 442	108.1	1 586	1 877	118.3
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	39 098	39 801	101.8	574	489	85.3
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	72 898	92 508	126.9	3 930	3 936	100.2
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewellery; coins	9 289	11 519	124.0	6 270	4 251	67.8
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	231 341	227 692	98.4	118 642	108 827	91.7
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	415 642	382 089	91.9	21 178	24 405	115.2
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	223 538	197 988	88.6	13 887	16 014	115.3
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	44 799	39 893	89.0	3 379	2 027	60.0
XIX Arms and ammunition	2 284	1 520	66.5	564	3 347	300 ¹
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	112 661	131 169	116.4	1 539	1 879	122.0
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	398	1 581	300 ¹	18	589	300 ¹

¹ Calculated index is higher than 300.0

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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