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External trade in goods of Montenegro

January-April 2025

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for January-April 2025 according to preliminary results is 1 506.0 million EUR, indicating a growth of 2.8% in comparison with the same month of the previous year.

The value of exports of goods was 200.8 million EUR, and import was 1 305.2 million EUR. Compared to the same month last year, exports decreased by 2.0%, while imports increased by 3.6%.

The coverage of import by export was 15.4% and it was lower compared to the coverage for the same month of the previous year when it was 16.3%.

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 64.7 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 56.9 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 340.8 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 142.0 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (50.8 million EUR), Switzerland (23.9 million EUR) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (19.5 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (213.1 million EUR), China (170.5 million EUR) and Germany (134.6 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

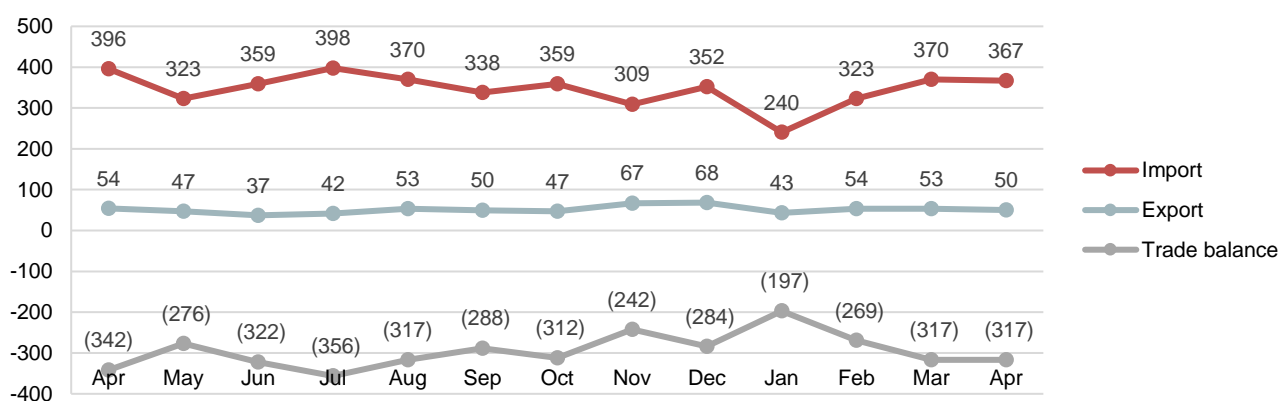


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months ¹

PERIOD	thous. EUR			
	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
2024				
January	228 987	46 241	275 229	182 746
February	306 145	61 728	367 873	244 417
March	328 895	42 826	371 721	286 069
April	395 625	54 063	449 689	341 562
May	323 249	46 702	369 951	276 547
June	359 440	37 193	396 634	322 247
July	397 832	41 512	439 344	356 320
August	370 225	53 257	423 482	316 968
September	338 200	49 610	387 810	288 590
October	359 250	46 708	405 958	312 542
November	313 277	66 878	380 155	246 399
December	356 599	68 322	424 921	288 277
2025				
January	241 989	43 303	285 291	-198 686
February	325 215	53 573	378 787	-271 642
March	370 379	53 216	423 595	-317 163
April	367 630	50 660	418 290	-316 971

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-Apr 2024		Jan-Apr 2025		Jan-Apr 2024		Jan-Apr 2025		Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	1 259 653	100.0	1 305 213	100.0	204 859	100.0	200 752	-1 054 794	-1 104 461
Europe	78.6	990 444	78.4	1 023 068	91.2	186 865	91.8	184 289	-803 579	-838 779
EU-27	45.7	575 799	44.0	574 052	37.2	76 309	28.9	58 078	-499 491	-515 974
CEFTA ²	24.8	312 053	25.9	338 113	44.5	91 063	45.6	91 571	-220 990	-246 542
Africa	0.3	4 141	0.4	4 691	0.6	1 239	0.2	389	-2 902	-4 302
Asia	18.4	231 232	18.5	241 923	7.4	15 233	7.2	14 481	-215 999	-227 442
America	2.7	33 383	2.7	34 991	0.7	1 453	0.8	1 511	-31 929	-33 479
Oceania	0.0	453	0.0	540	0.0	69	0.0	81	-384	-459
USA	1.4	17 050	1.4	18 528	0.6	1 311	0.6	1 293	-15 739	-17 235
China	12.5	157 729	13.1	170 521	3.4	6 906	6.0	12 040	-150 823	-158 480
Russia	0.2	2 801	0.2	2 780	0.1	187	0.0	18	-2 614	-2 762
Switzerland	1.6	20 771	2.0	25 768	7.5	15 286	11.9	23 856	-5 485	-1 912
Japan	1.0	12 796	1.3	17 068	0.0	34	0.0	99	-12 762	-16 970
Turkey	4.7	59 232	4.7	60 926	1.3	2 646	0.7	1 454	-56 586	-59 472
Brazil	0.6	7 042	0.5	6 778	0.0	1	0.0	1	-7 041	-6 777
United Kingdom	0.9	10 756	0.9	11 228	0.1	277	0.2	493	-10 479	-10 735

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-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025
WORLD	1 259 653	1 305 213	204 859	200 752	-1 054 794	-1 104 461
EU-27⁴	575 799	574 052	76 309	58 078	-499 491	-515 974
Austria	14 218	11 884	1 049	452	-13 169	-11 432
Belgium	7 256	7 927	645	123	-6 611	-7 805
Bulgaria	6 552	6 539	361	573	-6 190	-5 967
Czech Republic	18 079	16 202	12 789	1 046	-5 291	-15 157
Denmark	7 292	7 525	4 262	5 555	-3 031	-1 971
Estonia	662	578	3	89	-659	-490
Finland	1 279	1 625	1	7	-1 278	-1 618
France	35 620	34 953	2 745	2 703	-32 875	-32 250
Greece	68 768	66 935	2 406	3 409	-66 361	-63 526
Netherlands	28 131	25 445	555	445	-27 576	-25 000
Ireland	4 277	3 627	24	3	-4 253	-3 624
Italy	67 534	72 517	4 511	6 368	-63 023	-66 149
Cyprus	139	179	42	404	-96	225
Latvia	170	1 039	1 735	1 096	1 565	57
Lithuania	1 569	1 067	40	120	-1 529	-947
Luxembourg	426	308	7 248	1 417	6 822	1 109
Hungary	8 720	7 904	1 177	690	-7 543	-7 214
Malta	4	112	95	75	91	-37
Germany	132 938	134 646	6 490	3 864	-126 448	-130 783
Poland	23 361	28 352	12 745	5 535	-10 617	-22 817
Portugal	1 732	1 962	12	19	-1 720	-1 943
Croatia	73 234	68 330	2 111	1 262	-71 123	-67 068
Romania	10 811	16 678	411	520	-10 400	-16 158
Slovakia	4 801	4 109	15	28	-4 786	-4 080
Slovenia	22 738	16 183	12 610	18 084	-10 128	1 901
Spain	21 684	22 524	1 287	3 391	-20 397	-19 134
Sweden	13 803	14 899	939	801	-12 864	-14 098
CEFTA	312 053	338 113	91 063	91 571	-220 990	-246 542
Albania	26 996	27 345	7 312	10 209	-19 684	-17 136
Bosnia and Herzegovina	58 737	73 891	13 228	19 540	-45 509	-54 351
Moldova	404	312	43	0	-362	-311
North Macedonia	11 314	11 633	3 107	3 726	-8 207	-7 907
Serbia	205 802	213 117	59 795	50 755	-146 007	-162 362
Kosovo	8 800	11 815	7 577	7 340	-1 223	-4 475
Other countries (Outside EU-27 and CEFTA)	371 800	393 048	37 487	51 103	-334 313	-341 945

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-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Jan-Apr 2025 Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Jan-Apr 2025 Jan-Apr 2024
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	1 259 653	1 305 213	103.6	204 859	200 752	98.0
0 Food and live animals	226 858	240 763	106.1	13 905	14 379	103.4
00 Live animals	14 717	16 543	112.4	17	42	250.4
01 Meat and meat preparations	52 800	50 291	95.2	10 263	10 776	105.0
02 Dairy products and eggs	25 204	27 778	110.2	161	82	50.5
03 Fish and preparations	8 275	9 565	115.6	4	65	300 ¹
04 Cereal and cereal products	29 587	32 024	108.2	225	272	121.0
05 Vegetables and fruit	36 552	41 166	112.6	1 637	1 487	90.8
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	6 055	4 922	81.3	151	108	71.8
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	19 766	21 847	110.5	830	845	101.9
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	9 651	10 673	110.6	506	595	117.6
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	24 250	25 954	107.0	110	106	96.3
1 Beverages and tobacco	39 872	43 027	107.9	10 172	6 419	63.1
11 Beverages	29 672	30 434	102.6	10 172	6 419	63.1
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	10 200	12 593	123.5	0	0	0.0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12 518	10 969	87.6	34 417	36 974	107.4
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	482	406	84.3
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	676	788	116.6	8	10	118.5
23 Crude rubber	91	114	125.9	1	0	0.0
24 Cork and wood	2 385	2 127	89.2	11 140	8 903	79.9
25 Pulp and waste paper	7	7	90.6	433	456	105.2
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	201	188	93.4	63	28	44.1
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	3 600	1 711	47.5	302	261	86.5
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	252	561	222.9	21 712	26 718	123.1
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	5 306	5 474	103.2	276	192	69.7
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	111 036	117 092	105.5	50 436	64 729	128.3
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	431	416	96.5	3 161	3 875	122.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	93 825	87 776	93.6	3 305	4 001	121.1
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	3 128	2 687	85.9	0	0	0.0
35 Electric current	13 652	26 213	192.0	43 970	56 853	129.3
4 Animal oils and fats	5 667	6 319	111.5	528	444	83.9
41 Animal oils and fats	245	238	96.9	322	269	83.5
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	5 401	5 975	110.6	48	32	65.7
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	21	107	503.7	158	143	90.5
5 Chemicals	154 038	164 958	107.1	19 591	23 418	119.5
51 Organic chemicals	1 253	3 367	268.8	38	30	78.6
52 Inorganic chemicals	1 363	1 036	76.0	2 765	3 364	121.7
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	14 129	14 875	105.3	16	15	94.3
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	71 780	78 498	109.4	14 627	14 096	96.4
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	30 862	32 701	106.0	501	567	113.1
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	2 337	1 983	84.8	5	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	1 633	1 964	120.3	125	102	81.9
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	14 567	14 299	98.2	188	314	167.1
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	16 115	16 234	100.7	1 326	4 930	300 ¹

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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-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Jan-Apr 2025 Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Jan-Apr 2025 Jan-Apr 2024
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	208 294	198 640	95.4	23 691	13 116	55.4
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	176	117	66.5	39	16	40.6
62 Rubber manufactures	11 087	11 081	99.9	14	16	113.8
63 Cork and wood manufactures	14 423	14 881	103.2	2 012	1 423	70.7
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	17 441	16 452	94.3	127	224	176.2
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9 095	9 751	107.2	102	219	214.1
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	54 138	55 771	103.0	1 609	1 384	86.0
67 Iron and steel	26 139	27 511	105.2	255	264	103.4
68 Non-ferrous metals	25 883	14 583	56.3	16 961	6 802	40.1
69 Manufactures of metals	49 912	48 492	97.2	2 572	2 768	107.6
7 Machinery and transport equipment	326 370	340 777	104.4	42 193	30 241	71.7
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	13 236	4 992	37.7	484	82	17.0
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	26 031	21 287	81.8	2 066	1 209	58.5
73 Metalworking machinery	1 195	1 211	101.4	189	137	72.2
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	41 981	49 703	118.4	3 450	3 053	88.5
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	19 343	13 799	71.3	271	192	70.8
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	39 714	40 252	101.4	899	912	101.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	54 777	63 246	115.5	1 284	2 422	188.6
78 Road vehicles	126 382	141 981	112.3	6 787	4 567	67.3
79 Other transport equipment	3 712	4 306	116.0	26 762	17 667	66.0
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	173 170	182 215	105.2	9 925	11 031	111.1
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	9 022	9 383	104.0	187	54	28.9
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	31 302	34 938	111.6	792	668	84.3
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	4 726	6 628	140.3	517	666	128.8
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	42 791	48 984	114.5	4 036	4 624	114.5
85 Footwear	19 234	21 957	114.2	590	653	110.8
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	15 287	9 656	63.2	401	455	113.7
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	5 830	3 694	63.4	30	134	300 ¹
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	44 978	46 975	104.4	3 373	3 778	112.0
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	1 831	452	24.7	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-Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Jan-Apr 2025 Jan-Apr 2024	Jan- Apr 2024	Jan-Apr 2025	Jan-Apr 2025 Jan-Apr 2024
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	1 259 653	1 305 213	103.6	204 859	200 752	98.0
I Live animals, animal products	85 981	87 739	102.0	8 755	8 974	102.5
II Vegetable products	47 608	55 058	115.6	1 984	1 581	79.7
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	6 645	7 448	112.1	206	194	93.8
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	138 569	147 186	106.2	13 944	10 695	76.7
V Mineral products	133 298	138 166	103.7	65 281	84 841	130.0
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	138 787	148 729	107.2	19 282	23 014	119.4
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	46 706	47 329	101.3	1 585	1 874	118.2
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	5 705	7 692	134.8	1 096	1 162	106.0
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	16 950	17 174	101.3	13 170	10 326	78.4
X Materials and products of paper industry	17 476	16 921	96.8	1 989	1 993	100.2
XI Textiles and textile articles	49 336	56 338	114.2	4 133	4 750	115.0
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	21 269	24 278	114.1	600	701	116.9
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	36 573	37 753	103.2	1 650	1 386	84.0
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewelries; coins	3 751	3 453	92.1	141	569	300 ¹
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	102 408	91 315	89.2	26 877	16 596	61.7
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	193 705	190 853	98.5	8 689	7 697	88.6
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	133 674	147 817	110.6	33 600	22 499	67.0
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	24 116	19 369	80.3	480	703	146.4
XIX Arms and ammunition	478	1 870	300 ¹	137	238	300 ¹
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	56 542	58 501	103.5	1 248	953	76.4
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	76	223	300 ¹	12	6	47.9

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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](#)