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External trade in goods of Montenegro

January-June 2025

The total external trade in goods of Montenegro for January-June 2025 according to preliminary results is 2 360.6 million EUR, indicating a growth of 5.8% in comparison with the same period of the previous year.

The value of exports of goods was 282.3 million EUR, and import was 2 078.3 million EUR. Compared to the same period last year, exports decreased by 2.2%, while imports increased by 7.0%.

The coverage of import by export was 13.6% and it was lower compared to the coverage for the same period of the previous year when it was 14.9%.

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 77.8 million EUR (consisted of Electric current – 64.3 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 522.4 million EUR (consisted of: Road vehicles – 212.8 million EUR and other).

Main trading partners in exports on an individual basis were: Serbia (76.4 million EUR), Bosnia and Herzegovina (26.3 million EUR) and Switzerland (26.0 million EUR).

Main trading partners in imports on an individual basis were: Serbia (356.0 million EUR), China (258.9 million EUR) and Germany (208.5 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

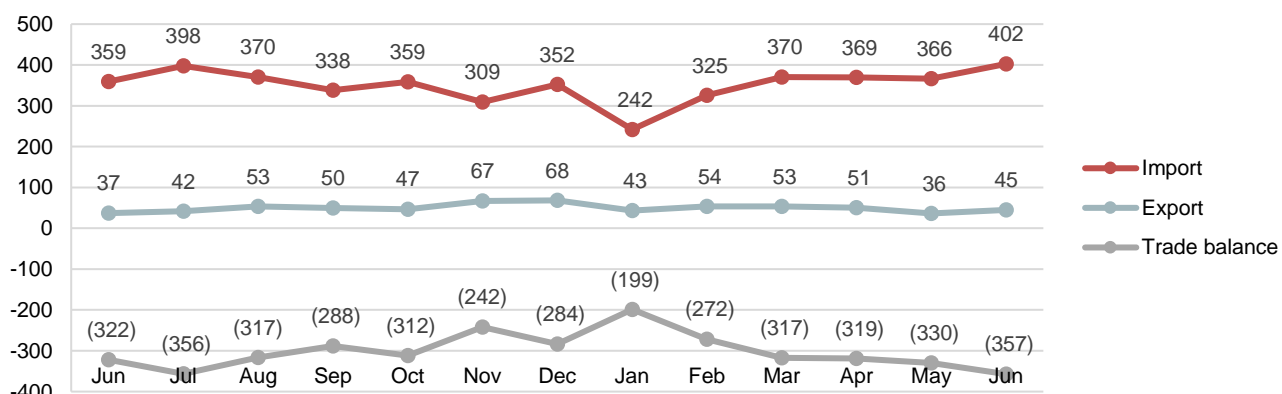


Table 1. External trade in goods of Montenegro by months ¹

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PERIOD	IMPORT	EXPORT	EXTERNAL TRADE IN GOODS	TRADE BALANCE
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	370 409	53 216	423 625	-317 193
April	371 598	50 660	422 258	-320 939
May	366 666	36 312	402 979	-330 354
June	402 418	45 219	447 637	-357 198

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

TRADING PARTNERS	IMPORT				EXPORT				TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-June 2024		Jan-June 2025		Jan-June 2024		Jan-June 2025		Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025
	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	%	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR	in thous. EUR
WORLD	100.0	1 942 342	100.0	2 078 295	100.0	288 755	100.0	282 283	-1 653 588	-1 796 012
Europe	79.8	1 550 954	79.0	1 641 659	91.3	263 676	92.8	261 863	-1 287 277	-1 379 796
EU-27	46.0	892 882	43.8	910 486	33.4	96 395	28.6	80 614	-796 487	-829 873
CEFTA ²	25.6	497 099	26.5	549 916	46.5	134 349	47.4	133 698	-362 751	-416 218
Africa	0.4	6 997	0.4	9 194	0.4	1 292	0.2	481	-5 705	-8 712
Asia	17.1	331 509	17.6	365 922	7.4	21 249	6.0	16 959	-310 261	-348 963
America	2.7	52 079	2.9	60 638	0.8	2 437	1.0	2 835	-49 641	-57 803
Oceania	0.0	803	0.0	882	0.0	101	0.1	145	-703	-737
USA	1.4	27 071	1.5	32 186	0.7	2 165	0.7	1 947	-24 906	-30 238
China	11.8	229 323	12.5	258 858	3.5	10 011	4.3	12 110	-219 312	-246 748
Russia	0.2	3 699	0.2	4 434	0.1	312	0.0	69	-3 387	-4 365
Switzerland	1.8	34 320	2.2	46 034	5.8	16 880	9.2	25 990	-17 440	-20 044
Japan	1.0	18 941	1.2	24 256	0.0	54	0.0	122	-18 888	-24 134
Turkey	4.6	88 974	4.5	93 012	2.8	8 002	2.2	6 185	-80 972	-86 827
Brazil	0.5	10 135	0.6	12 020	0.0	1	0.0	1	-10 134	-12 019
United Kingdom	0.9	17 788	0.9	18 470	0.2	472	0.3	735	-17 315	-17 735

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

TRADING PARTNERS	thous. EUR					
	IMPORT		EXPORT		TRADE BALANCE	
	Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025
WORLD	1 942 342	2 078 295	288 755	282 283	-1 653 588	-1 796 012
EU-27⁴	892 882	910 486	96 395	80 614	-796 487	-829 873
Austria	21 034	25 775	1 639	5 328	-19 394	-20 448
Belgium	10 780	12 243	715	287	-10 065	-11 956
Bulgaria	10 546	10 808	666	685	-9 880	-10 124
Czech Republic	26 168	25 185	12 841	1 198	-13 327	-23 987
Denmark	10 119	9 655	4 737	6 720	-5 382	-2 935
Estonia	1 003	825	3	89	-999	-737
Finland	2 406	2 900	1	16	-2 405	-2 883
France	53 714	52 947	2 907	2 996	-50 807	-49 952
Greece	110 077	107 308	2 751	3 509	-107 326	-103 798
Netherlands	40 064	37 643	715	686	-39 349	-36 956
Ireland	6 190	6 452	24	3	-6 166	-6 449
Italy	112 970	120 765	7 744	8 337	-105 226	-112 428
Cyprus	489	292	142	508	-347	217
Latvia	573	1 663	2 608	1 722	2 035	59
Lithuania	2 527	1 804	690	173	-1 838	-1 630
Luxembourg	570	526	10 619	2 128	10 049	1 602
Hungary	12 973	12 678	1 313	1 590	-11 660	-11 088
Malta	35	117	142	199	106	82
Germany	199 745	208 481	8 297	5 714	-191 447	-202 767
Poland	37 731	43 499	15 036	7 444	-22 695	-36 055
Portugal	3 062	3 160	14	23	-3 048	-3 137
Croatia	114 431	109 181	2 987	2 500	-111 444	-106 681
Romania	17 034	23 650	458	647	-16 577	-23 003
Slovakia	7 233	5 819	18	43	-7 214	-5 776
Slovenia	34 173	25 596	16 265	22 141	-17 908	-3 455
Spain	35 319	39 537	1 767	4 778	-33 551	-34 759
Sweden	21 916	21 978	1 295	1 150	-20 621	-20 829
CEFTA	497 099	549 916	134 349	133 698	-362 751	-416 218
Albania	41 718	44 651	11 244	13 573	-30 475	-31 078
Bosnia and Herzegovina	94 978	109 986	18 559	26 336	-76 419	-83 650
Moldova	780	493	44	0	-735	-492
North Macedonia	18 811	19 562	5 018	5 487	-13 793	-14 075
Serbia	325 271	356 002	87 161	76 409	-238 111	-279 592
Kosovo	15 541	19 222	12 323	11 891	-3 218	-7 331
Other countries (Outside EU-27 and CEFTA)	552 361	617 893	58 011	67 972	-494 350	-549 921

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-June 2024	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2025 Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2025 Jan-June 2024
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
0-9 TOTAL	1 942 342	2 078 295	107.0	288 755	282 283	97.8
0 Food and live animals	358 101	388 605	108.5	20 894	23 354	111.8
00 Live animals	22 656	24 985	110.3	41	56	136.9
01 Meat and meat preparations	79 811	80 044	100.3	15 129	17 814	117.7
02 Dairy products and eggs	41 724	47 113	112.9	216	186	86.4
03 Fish and preparations	15 455	17 584	113.8	6	66	300 ¹
04 Cereal and cereal products	46 659	51 877	111.2	397	352	88.5
05 Vegetables and fruit	58 051	65 454	112.8	2 563	2 423	94.5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	9 178	7 614	83.0	225	153	68.1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof	30 420	35 257	115.9	1 284	1 235	96.2
08 Feeding stuff for animals(not including unmilled cereals)	14 681	16 518	112.5	850	871	102.4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	39 465	42 159	106.8	183	198	107.7
1 Beverages and tobacco	72 955	83 228	114.1	16 435	12 565	76.5
11 Beverages	55 386	61 634	111.3	16 435	12 565	76.5
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	17 569	21 594	122.9	0	0	0.0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	18 036	16 255	90.1	50 462	50 078	99.2
21 Hides, skins and fur skins, raw	0	0	0.0	733	632	86.2
22 Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	1 091	968	88.8	11	10	88.6
23 Crude rubber	145	150	103.2	1	0	0.0
24 Cork and wood	3 643	3 575	98.1	17 254	14 994	86.9
25 Pulp and waste paper	7	7	92.9	664	692	104.1
26 Textile fibers and their wastes	404	391	96.8	141	66	46.9
27 Crude fertilizers, and crude minerals	4 476	2 756	61.6	419	425	101.4
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	695	762	109.6	30 937	32 856	106.2
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.	7 574	7 646	101.0	302	404	133.8
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	185 718	190 132	102.4	61 923	77 795	125.6
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	640	639	99.8	4 024	4 282	106.4
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	149 325	138 767	92.9	7 867	9 234	117.4
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	4 377	3 973	90.8	0	0	0.0
35 Electric current	31 376	46 753	149.0	50 032	64 280	128.5
4 Animal oils and fats	9 532	10 142	106.4	893	809	90.7
41 Animal oils and fats	324	408	125.9	534	470	87.9
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	9 151	9 590	104.8	104	119	113.6
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed	57	143	250.1	254	221	87.1
5 Chemicals	233 251	251 355	107.8	29 049	37 786	130.1
51 Organic chemicals	2 018	4 144	205.4	38	39	103.1
52 Inorganic chemicals	2 366	2 035	86.0	3 823	6 734	176.1
53 Dyeing, tanning and coloring materials	22 569	24 248	107.4	17	31	187.4
54 Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	107 830	116 008	107.6	20 764	21 449	103.3
55 Essential oils, perfume materials, toilet prep.	47 227	50 901	107.8	586	780	133.1
56 Fertilizers (other than those of group 272)	2 916	2 440	83.7	5	0	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	2 513	2 940	117.0	163	198	121.6
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	22 000	22 551	102.5	395	393	99.5
59 Chemicals and products n.e.s.	23 813	26 087	109.5	3 258	8 161	250.5

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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-June 2024	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2025 Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2025 Jan-June 2024
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	306 650	320 400	104.5	33 246	18 061	54.3
61 Leather, leather manufactures and dressed fur skins	216	236	109.5	39	16	40.6
62 Rubber manufactures	14 892	15 494	104.0	18	69	300 ¹
63 Cork and wood manufactures	21 537	23 933	111.1	2 772	2 172	78.3
64 Paper, paperboard and articles of paper pulp	27 187	26 801	98.6	184	243	132.1
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	13 949	17 668	126.7	166	312	188.4
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures	82 109	89 637	109.2	2 699	2 305	85.4
67 Iron and steel	39 754	42 474	106.8	301	349	115.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	32 365	23 404	72.3	22 229	7 946	35.7
69 Manufactures of metals	74 640	80 753	108.2	4 837	4 649	96.1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	493 408	522 423	105.9	56 876	39 768	69.9
71 Power-generating machinery and equipment	15 812	7 752	49.0	1 382	1 109	80.3
72 Machinery specialized for particular industries	40 070	34 497	86.1	3 493	1 945	55.7
73 Metalworking machinery	1 588	1 979	124.6	222	228	102.8
74 General industrial machinery and equipment	66 457	82 127	123.6	5 846	5 003	85.6
75 Office machines and data-processing machines	26 453	21 121	79.8	339	260	76.7
76 Telecommunications and sound-recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	57 394	58 829	102.5	1 429	1 391	97.3
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	81 441	95 113	116.8	2 634	3 854	146.3
78 Road vehicles	192 170	212 805	110.7	7 852	6 449	82.1
79 Other transport equipment	12 024	8 200	68.2	33 679	19 528	58.0
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	261 949	290 835	111.0	18 977	18 266	96.2
81 Prefabricated buildings; sanitary equipment	14 127	15 552	110.1	262	83	31.8
82 Furniture, and parts thereof	50 273	63 726	126.8	1 084	1 020	94.1
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	7 503	9 626	128.3	575	713	124.0
84 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	61 256	71 647	117.0	5 797	6 246	107.7
85 Footwear	25 306	28 859	114.0	766	873	114.0
87 Professional, scientific and controlling instruments	21 248	15 834	74.5	986	759	76.9
88 Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods	9 516	8 338	87.6	214	135	63.2
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	72 721	77 254	106.2	9 293	8 437	90.8
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC	2 742	4 920	179.4	0	3 800	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-June 2024	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2025 Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2024	Jan-June 2025	Jan-June 2025 Jan-June 2024
	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index	thous. EUR	thous. EUR	Index
I - XXI TOTAL	1 942 342	2 078 295	107.0	288 755	282 283	97.8
I Live animals, animal products	133 470	141 471	106.0	12 608	14 997	118.9
II Vegetable products	74 244	85 824	115.6	3 028	2 625	86.7
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	10 916	11 730	107.5	358	366	102.1
IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages; tobacco	231 616	253 365	109.4	22 540	19 156	85.0
V Mineral products	218 832	224 392	102.5	83 009	100 913	121.6
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	209 642	225 751	107.7	28 584	37 206	130.2
VII Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	69 082	73 954	107.1	2 479	3 137	126.6
VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof	8 784	11 118	126.6	1 453	1 487	102.3
IX Wood, articles of wood; basketware; charcoal; cork	25 439	27 825	109.4	20 046	17 168	85.6
X Materials and products of paper industry	27 964	28 410	101.6	2 981	3 073	103.1
XI Textiles and textile articles	71 722	85 505	119.2	5 985	6 430	107.4
XII Footwear, headgear and accessories of fashion	28 576	32 610	114.1	779	942	120.9
XIII Articles of stone, plaster, cement; ceramic products; glassware	55 254	60 094	108.8	2 740	2 310	84.3
XIV Pearls, precious stones and metals; jewelries; coins	6 363	10 201	160.3	4 467	6 901	154.5
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	147 862	147 681	99.9	37 520	22 967	61.2
XVI Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment	284 697	296 720	104.2	15 360	13 374	87.1
XVII Vehicles and associated transport equipment	209 971	223 672	106.5	41 648	26 331	63.2
XVIII Optical, medical and measuring instruments; watches	35 008	32 322	92.3	1 213	1 066	87.9
XIX Arms and ammunition	1 279	2 136	167.0	199	338	169.4
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	91 496	102 893	112.5	1 746	1 464	83.9
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	123	619	300 ¹	13	33	260.4

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](#)