


## Note

The following Table provides traffic trend information derived from a small sample set of traffic counters located on the national road network.

The information below covers the morning period from 7am until 10am. The trend for car traffic from this period of the day generally correlates closely with the overall daily trend in car traffic at each location.

This summary is produced daily.

 <b>Transport Infrastructure Ireland</b> <b>National Road Car Traffic Report</b> <b>Morning Period (7am – 10am)</b>			
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020</b>			
<b>Traffic Counter</b>	<b>Traffic Volume (Cars Only)</b>	<b>Comparison with same day 2019</b>	<b>Comparison with same day last week</b>
M50 J6-J7 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road)	7,180	-72%	+5%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	602	-81%	-11%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	6,419	-64%	+10%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	3,249	-65%	+2%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	1,585	-66%	+9%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	2,593	-71%	+2%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	5,652	-67%	+1%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	674	-67%	+7%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	3,428	-74%	+6%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	5,480	-68%	+4%

### **Introductory Remarks**

- In the initial three weeks following the introduction of the March 27<sup>th</sup> restrictions, traffic volumes were very consistent. Overall traffic volumes were typically down approximately 65-70% across the national road network.
- From Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, an upward trend in car traffic volumes became apparent.
- In response, daily traffic figures are being provided in order to more closely monitor the trends. Traffic figures are measured from 7am to 10am so as to provide an early indicator each day.
- Weekly heavy goods vehicle traffic has remained largely stable and accordingly the daily figures provided are for cars only.
- The upward trend has continued in the present week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, although it is not uniform across the country.
- It should be recognised that although there is an increase in car traffic, that increase is from a low base.
- The changes day-to-day are not cumulative – they compare only the current day's figures versus the same day in the previous week.

### **Daily Data for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

- Car traffic is typically down by between 64% and 74% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters,
- Traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro is down 81% on last year, and today is 11% lower than it was last week on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- The increase versus Friday of last week on the N6 at Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway City is 9%. This compares with an 8% increase yesterday, and a 3% increase on Wednesday, relative to the respective days last week.
- Traffic volumes at the other regional cities also show an increase in traffic as compared to Friday of last week: N40 Cork 4%, M7 Limerick 2% and M9 Waterford 7%.
- Radial routes into Dublin show an increase this morning ranging from 2% (N7 at Citywest) to 10% (M1 at Swords-Airport). By comparison yesterday's increase at Citywest was 5% and at M1 Swords Airport 3 % compared with traffic volumes on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
- While the figures today confirm the increase in car traffic volumes as compared to last week, the trends are not uniform, either between sites or at specific sites from one day to the next.