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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.

 Transport Infrastructure Ireland National Road Car Traffic Report Morning Period (7am – 10am)				
Thursday 1st October 2020				
Traffic Counter	Traffic Volume (Cars Only)	Comparison with same day 2019	Comparison with same day last week	Comparison with same day pre-Level 3 in Dublin
M50 J5-J6 (N2 to N3 Navan Road)	19,079	-18%	+1%	-1%*
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	2,572	-27%	-2%	-7%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	14,944	-21%	-1%	-3%*
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	8219	-11%	+3%	-4%*
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	3,614	-24%	-2%	-2%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	7,527	-24%	+2%	+5%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	14,488	-23%	+3%	-4%*
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,865	-23%	+4%	+3%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	11,355	-17%	+5%	-4%*
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	14,664	-18%	+1%	+1%

* Sites currently in Level 3

Introductory Remarks

- From Tuesday 21st April, an upward trend in car traffic volumes became apparent. In response, daily traffic figures were provided by TII from 29th April in order to more closely monitor traffic trends. Traffic figures were measured from 7am to 10am so as to provide an early indicator each day.
- Weekly heavy goods vehicle traffic had remained largely stable and accordingly the daily figures provided were for cars only.
- The changes recorded day-to-day are not cumulative – they compare only the current day's figures versus the same day in the previous week and the same day last year.
- By mid July car traffic figures had plateaued, with little day-to-day change, and as of Tuesday 21st July TII moved from the practice of providing daily updates of car traffic volumes during the morning peak period of 7-10am to a weekly update for each Tuesday in which we compared the full day traffic volumes with the previous Tuesday's volumes and with the equivalent Tuesday in 2019.
- Given the potential traffic impacts arising from the introduction of Level 3 restrictions in Dublin on 19th September TII is providing a daily update on morning peak traffic figures commencing 21st September.

Daily Data for Thursday 1st October

- Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between 11% and 27% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters.
- Car traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro shows a decrease today of -2% as compared with Thursday 24th September and by -7% since the start of the Level 3 restrictions in Dublin.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin this morning generally show an increase when compared with Thursday of last week. Car traffic is up 5% on the M11 at Bray, 3% on the N7 at Citywest, 3% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth but is down -1% on the M1 at Swords to Airport. All radial routes show a reduction of -3% or -4% as compared with pre-Level 3 restrictions in Dublin
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 1% increase as compared with Thursday 24th September and a -1% decrease as compared with pre-Level 3 restrictions in Dublin.
- In the case of the regional cities the change in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Thursday 24th September is as follows: M7 Limerick +5%, M9 Waterford +4%, N40 Cork +1% and N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway -2%.
- Overall today's car traffic figures generally indicate a modest increase in car traffic volumes during the morning peak in Dublin as compared with last week. Small changes in traffic volumes are evident at the regional city counters. All of the above point to a stable traffic situation during morning peak hours this week.