


## 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.

			
<b>Transport Infrastructure Ireland</b>			
<b>National Road Car Traffic Report</b>			
<b>Morning Period (7am – 10am)</b>			
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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)	19,229	-32%	+9%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	2,617	-27%	+7%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	15,018	-21%	+9%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	8,059	-17%	+11%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	3,545	-29%	+9%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	6,717	-23%*	+19%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	14,404	-23%	+13%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,728	-22%	+13%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	11,090	-20%	+17%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	13,567	-19%	+18%

\* Based on estimated count

## **Introductory Remarks**

- From Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, an upward trend in car traffic volumes became apparent. In response, daily traffic figures were provided by TII from 29<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 re-opening of schools, for the week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> August TII is providing a daily update on morning peak traffic figures.

## **Daily Data for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

- Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between 17% and 32% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters. Due to a malfunction at the M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien) on this day in 2019, the reduction of -23% shown in the table may not be accurate.
- Car traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro shows an increase today of 7% as compared with Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin are consistently up when compared with Tuesday of last week. Car traffic is up 9% on the M1 at Swords to Airport, 11% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, 13% on the N7 at Citywest and 17% on the M11 at Bray. These levels of increase are substantially larger than those recorded yesterday.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 9% increase as compared with Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August. This is broadly consistent with the growth rates recorded today on the radial approach routes, especially the two closest radial routes, the M1 and the M4.
- In the case of the regional cities the increase in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August is as follows: M7 Limerick 19%, N40 Cork 18%, M9 Waterford 13%, and N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 9%. These levels of growth are somewhat higher than the week on week growth rates recorded yesterday.