


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.

			
Transport Infrastructure Ireland			
National Road Car Traffic Report			
Morning Period (7am – 10am)			
Wednesday 2nd September 2020			
Traffic Counter	Traffic Volume (Cars Only)	Comparison with same day 2019	Comparison with same day last week
M50 J6-J7 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road)	17,460	-37%	-5%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	2,550	-27%	+1%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	14,477	-25%	+6%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	7,958	+6%	+3%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	3,460	-28%	+5%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	6,671	-35%	+14%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	14,119	-28%	+6%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,804	-24%	+7%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	11,123	-23%	+8%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	13,490	-22%	+9%

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 re-opening of schools, for the week commencing 31st August TII is providing a daily update on morning peak traffic figures.

Daily Data for Tuesday 2nd September

- Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between 22% and 37% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters. Traffic at the M4 M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth) is up 6% as compared with the same day last year.
- Car traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro shows an increase today of 1% as compared with Wednesday 26th August.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin are consistently up when compared with Wednesday of last week. Car traffic is up 3% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, 6% on the M1 at Swords to Airport, 6% on the N7 at Citywest and 8% on the M11 at Bray. These levels of increase are lower than those recorded yesterday.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a -5% decrease as compared with Wednesday 26th August. This is likely to have been as a consequence of delays on the route this morning caused by an incident on the northbound carriageway just before 9am between Junctions 7 and 6.
- In the case of the regional cities the increase in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Wednesday 26th August is as follows: M7 Limerick 14%, N40 Cork 9%, M9 Waterford 7%, and N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 5%. These levels of car traffic growth are lower than the growth rates experienced yesterday.