

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.

			
Transport Infrastructure Ireland			
National Road Car Traffic Report			
Morning Period (7am – 10am)			
Wednesday 3rd June 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)	13,425	-51%	+5%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	1,502	-56%	0%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	10,596	-44%	+4%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	5,787	-39%	+2%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	2,585	-45%	+7%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	4,299	-51%	+3%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	10,125	-45%	+4%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,195	-48%	+13%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	6,607	-51%	+1%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	9,150	-48%	+2%

Introductory Remarks

- In the initial three weeks following the introduction of the March 27th restrictions, traffic volumes were very consistent. Overall traffic volumes were typically down approximately 65-70% across the national road network.
- From Tuesday 21st 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 changes 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.

Daily Data for Wednesday 3rd June

- The increase in car traffic volumes today as compared with Wednesday 27th May is lower than has been the case in recent weeks.
- Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between 39% and 56% 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 no increase today as compared with Wednesday 27th May. This counter has the greatest reduction in traffic of all the sample counters as compared with one year ago.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin show an increase this morning as compared with Wednesday of last week of between 1% and 4%. Car traffic is up 4% on the M1 at Swords to Airport, 4% on the N7 at Citywest, 2% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth and 1% on the M11 at Bray. These growth figures are substantially below the figures experienced last week.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 5% increase as compared with Wednesday 27th May. This is lower than yesterday’s or last week’s car traffic growth on the M50 and is consistent with the lower growth rates recorded today on the radial approach routes.
- In the case of the regional cities the increase in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Wednesday 27th May is as follows: M9 Waterford 13%, N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 7%, M7 Limerick 3% and N40 Cork 2%. There is a clear difference in today’s traffic growth levels between Galway and Waterford which have growth levels similar to last week and Cork and Limerick which show lower growth rates similar to the rates experienced in the Dublin region today.

As a general conclusion, this morning’s increase in car traffic across the sample traffic counters is lower than has been experienced in recent weeks.