


## Note

The following summary Table, produced daily, 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>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 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>	<b>Comparison with same day pre-Level 3</b>
M50 J6-J7 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road)	19,937	-20%	+9%	+6%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	2,117	-32%	+23%	-11%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	14,844	-17%	+6%	+1%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	7,887	-15%	+13%	+1%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	3,473	-22%	+1%	-1%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	6,929	-27%	+9%	-1%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	14,252	-16%	+9%	+7%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,737	-19%	+14%	+3%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	10,527	-20%	+7%	-4%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	14,390	-15%	+7%	+3%
N2 (20024) north of Monaghan	605	-12%	+13%	+6%
N3 (20036) north of Belturbet	388	-21%	+2%	-10%
N13 (1131) east of Derry	988	-23%	+14%	+9%
N15 (1151) south of Lifford	558	-17%	+16%	+7%
N16 (1161) east of Manorhamilton	259	-27%	+10%	-12%

### **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.
- With the introduction of countrywide Level 3 restrictions from midnight on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, TII has again reverted to providing a daily update.
- From Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, following the introduction of Level 4 restrictions in the border counties of Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal, counters close to the border on the N2, N3, N13, N15 and N16 have been added.
- Countrywide Level 5 restrictions were in place from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Daily Data for Friday 4th December**

- Today's car traffic figures, generally, show large increases in volumes as compared with Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, continuing the trend evident since Tuesday following the lifting of Level 5 restrictions. Overall across a majority of the traffic counters, volumes this morning are above the levels experienced before the implementation of Level 3 restrictions.
- Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between -12% and -32% 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 an increase of +23% as compared with Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November and a decrease of -11% since the start of the Level 3 restrictions on 5<sup>th</sup> October. In overall terms, this counter exhibits one of the largest reductions in response to Level 3 and subsequently Level 5 restrictions being implemented. However, today's figures show a very strong growth in traffic as compared with last Friday.
- In the case of the non-motorway border counter sites, traffic volumes today show changes of between +2% and +16% as compared with Friday of last week. The changes in car traffic volumes since the application of Level 3 restrictions ranges from -12% on the N16 east of Manorhamilton to +9% on the N13 east of Derry. It should be noted that traffic volumes at the N2, N3, N14, N15 and N16 counters are lower than at the motorway traffic counters and are likely to display wider fluctuations in traffic figures than other traffic counters.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin show substantial increases as compared with Friday of last week. Car traffic is up +9% on the N7 at Citywest, +6% on the M1 at Swords to Airport, +7% on the M11 at Bray and +13% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth. Comparisons with the same day prior to the start of the Level 3 restrictions on 5<sup>th</sup> October are as follows: +1% on the M1 at Swords to Airport, -4% on the M11 at Bray, +1% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth and up +7% on the N7 at Citywest.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 95% increase compared with Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November and an increase of +6% as compared with pre-Level 3 traffic.
- In the case of the regional cities there are significant increases in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. The traffic volume changes are as follows:

M9 Waterford +14%, N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway +1%, N40 Cork +7%, and M7 Limerick +9%. Comparisons with the same day prior to the start of the Level 3 restrictions on 5th October are as follows: N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway -1%, N40 Cork +3%, M7 Limerick -1% and M9 Waterford +3%.