


## 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.

			
<b>Transport Infrastructure Ireland</b>			
<b>National Road Car Traffic Report</b>			
<b>Morning Period (7am – 10am)</b>			
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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)	8,288	-70%	+12%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	854	-76%	+16%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	7,308	-62%	+9%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	3,858	-61%	+9%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	1,750	-64%	+10%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	2,885	-71%	+7%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	6,687	-66%	+8%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	828	-67%	+10%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	4,035	-72%	+8%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	6,023	-67%	+5%

### **Introductory Remarks**

- In the initial three weeks following the introduction of the March 27<sup>th</sup> restrictions, traffic volumes were very consistent. Overall traffic volumes were typically down approximately 65-70% across the national road network.
- From Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.
- It should be recognised that although there is an increase in car traffic, that increase is from a low base.
- The changes day-to-day are not cumulative – they compare only the current day's figures versus the same day in the previous week.

### **Daily Data for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

- The upward trend in car traffic, evident for the past two weeks has continued this morning. Traffic volumes are consistently up across all of the sample counters.
- Car traffic is typically down by between 61% and 76% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters. This indicates a progressive increase in car traffic volumes.
- Traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro is down 76% on last year, but today is 16% more than it was last week on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. It should be borne in mind that because of the very low car volumes at this counter, percentage trends may be somewhat exaggerated.
- The increase versus Tuesday of last week on the N6 at Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway City is 10%. This compares with a 9% increase recorded on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Traffic volumes on the M9 approaching Waterford are also 10% greater than Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. However as with the NI border data, the relatively low number of cars may mean that week-to-week percentage comparisons may be exaggerated.
- Traffic volumes in Cork and Limerick also show an increase in traffic as compared to Tuesday of last week: N40 Cork 5%, M7 Limerick 7%.
- Radial routes into Dublin show a very consistent increase this morning as compared with Tuesday of last week, of 9% (M1 at Swords to Airport and M4 Celbridge to Maynooth) and 8% (N7 Citywest and M11 Bray).
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 12% increase on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. This increase is significantly higher than the daily increases experienced, as compared with the previous week, from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May last week of 1%, 4%, 2% and 5% respectively.
- In overall terms, this morning's data indicate a clear and relatively uniform increase in car traffic volumes across the sample of traffic counters. It is likely that this trend is more significant and representative than data relating to traffic volumes over the bank holiday weekend.