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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.

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| Transport Infrastructure Ireland | | | |
| National Road Car Traffic Report | | | |
| Morning Period (7am – 10am) | | | |
| Wednesday 6th May 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) | 8,125 | -69% | +8% |
| M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro) | 809 | -77% | +22% |
| M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords) | 7,256 | -62% | +8% |
| M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth) | 3,867 | -59% | +9% |
| N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway | 1,702 | -65% | +6% |
| M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien) | 2,886 | -70% | +9% |
| N7 J3-J4 (Citywest) | 6,519 | -65% | +10% |
| M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford) | 807 | -67% | +10% |
| M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central) | 4,004 | -70% | +8% |
| N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas) | 5,886 | -67% | +3% |

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.
- 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 Wednesday 6th 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.
- Overall, car traffic is typically down by between 59% and 77% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters. The reduction in car traffic is diminishing. Car traffic volumes are showing a progressive increase as compared with the traffic volumes recorded in the immediate aftermath of the 27th March restrictions.
- Traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro is down 77% on last year, but today is 22% more than it was last week on Wednesday 29th April. It should be borne in mind that because of the very low car volumes at this counter, percentage trends may be somewhat exaggerated from week to week.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin show a consistent increase this morning as compared with Wednesday of last week, of 10% (N7 Citywest), 9% (M4 Celbridge-Maynooth) and 8% (M1 at Swords to Airport and M11 Bray). The figures closely match the increases recorded yesterday.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows an 8% increase on Wednesday 29th April. The increase, though lower than the 12% recorded yesterday, is higher than the daily increases experienced from 28th April to 1st May last week of 1%, 4%, 2% and 5% respectively.
- By way of further comparison, 24 hour car traffic figures from the Dublin Tunnel for yesterday, Tuesday 5th May show an increase of 12% on Tuesday of the previous week – further bearing out the trend apparent for M50 traffic.
- In the case of the regional cities the increases in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Wednesday of last week are as follows: M9 Waterford 10%, M7 Limerick 9%, N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 6% and N40 Cork 3%.
- In overall terms, this morning's data follows yesterday's trend of increased car traffic volumes across the sample of traffic counters. Most particularly, traffic on the radial routes into Dublin shows an 8%-10% range of increase, which is very similar to yesterday.