

## 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>Thursday 7<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)	8,423	-69%	+12%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	843	-76%	+29%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	7,245	-63%	+8%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	3,932	-61%	+12%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	1,812	-62%	+11%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	2,907	-70%	+6%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	6,657	-65%	+8%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	813	-66%	+15%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	4,080	-71%	+12%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	6,137	-67%	+4%

### **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 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

- The upward trend in car traffic, evident for the past two weeks has continued this morning. Traffic volumes this morning are up across all of the sample counters, bearing out the trend evident on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.
- Overall, car traffic is typically down by between 61% and 76% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters. However, the reduction in car traffic is diminishing and traffic volumes are showing a progressive increase as compared with the traffic volumes recorded in the immediate aftermath of the 27<sup>th</sup> March restrictions.
- Traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro is down 76% on last year, but today is 29% more than it was last week on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April. This continues the week's trend of strong cross border car traffic growth on the N1, although 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 Thursday of last week. Car traffic is up 12% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth and M11 at Bray and 8% on the M1 at Swords to Airport and N7 at Citywest. The figures continue the trend evident on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 12% increase on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. This is consistent with the 12% and 8% increases recorded on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively of this week and these are higher than the daily increases experienced from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May last week of 1%, 4%, 2% and 5% respectively.
- In the case of the regional cities the increases in car traffic volumes this morning are more variable. Car traffic volumes as compared with Thursday of last week are as follows: M9 Waterford 15%, N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 11%, M7 Limerick 6% and N40 Cork 4%. As with the N1 border counter, traffic volumes on the southernmost section of the M9 are low and trends from week to week may consequently be somewhat exaggerated.
- In overall terms, this morning's data follow Tuesday's and Wednesday'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%-12% range of increase, which is very consistent with Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.