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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.

 Transport Infrastructure Ireland National Road Car Traffic Report Morning Period (7am – 10am)			
Friday 8th 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)	8,046	-69%	+12%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	689	-79%	+14%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	7,079	-62%	+10%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	3,691	-62%	+14%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	1,677	-64%	+6%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	2,796	-69%	+8%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	6,357	-64%	+12%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	784	-63%	+16%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	4,031	-70%	+18%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	6,012	-65%	+10%

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 Friday 8th May

- The upward trend in car traffic, evident this week and for the past two weeks has continued this morning. Traffic volumes this morning are up across all of the sample counters.
- Overall, car traffic is typically down by between 62% and 79% 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 27th March restrictions.
- Traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro is down 79% on last year, but today is 14% more than it was last week on Friday 1st May. 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 Friday of last week. The rate of increase is greater than was the case earlier in the week. Car traffic is up 18% on the M11 at Bray, 14% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, 12% on the N7 at Citywest and 10% on the M1 at Swords to Airport. The figures continue the trend evident on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, and the rate of growth as compared with last week is increasing.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 12% increase on Friday, 1st May. This is consistent with the 12%, 8% and 12% increases recorded on Tuesday to Thursday of this week and are substantially and consistently higher than the increases experienced from 28th April to 1st 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 Friday of last week are as follows: M9 Waterford 16%, N40 Cork 10%, M7 Limerick 8% and N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 6%. 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 to Thursday of this week's trend of increased car traffic volumes across the sample of traffic counters. Most particularly, today's traffic on the radial routes into Dublin shows a 10%-18% range of increase as compared with last Friday.
- The M50 (Navan Road to Galway Road) shows an increase of 12% on last Friday. This level of growth has been consistent throughout this week.