


## 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>Monday 11<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 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May*</b>
M50 J6-J7 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road)	7,826	-71%	-6%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	851	-77%	0%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	7,543	-61%	+3%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	3,923	-59%	+2%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	1,770	-62%	+1%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	3,035	-69%	+5%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	6,914	-64%	+3%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	861	-66%	+4%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	4,261	-69%	+6%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	6,149	-66%	+2%

### 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 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

**\*Today's comparison is with Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> rather than Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> being a Bank Holiday)**

- Traffic volumes this morning show a much reduced increase as compared with the increases experienced last week. **However, Monday figures tend to lower than the following weekdays and the necessity to compare with last Tuesday rather than Monday may be skewing the figures.**
- Overall, car traffic is typically down by between 59% and 77% 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 the same as on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin show an increase this morning as compared with Tuesday of last week of between 6% and 3%. Car traffic is up 6% on the M11 at Bray, 3% on the N7 at Citywest and on the M1 at Swords to Airport and 2% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 6% **decrease** on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. However, the comparison with a Tuesday rather than a Monday may be skewing this figure.
- In the case of the regional cities the increases in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Tuesday of last week are as follows: M7 Limerick 5% M9 Waterford 4%, N40 Cork 2%, and N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 1%.
- In overall terms, this morning's data shows a reduced level of growth as compared with Tuesday of last week, but with a caveat that the comparison with a Tuesday may be skewing the data somewhat.