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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 15th 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)	8,814	-66%	+10%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	917	-73%	+33%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	7,472	-60%	+6%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	3,933	-60%	+7%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	1,770	-61%	+6%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	3,050	-66%	+9%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	6,944	-60%	+9%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	814	-63%	+4%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	4,302	-68%	+7%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	6,340	-62%	+5%

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 15th May

- Traffic volumes this morning show a level of increase that is in general somewhat lower than the increases experienced last week.
- Overall, car traffic is typically down by between 61% and 73% 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 up 33% as compared with Friday 8th May. This is clearly a significant increase but is from a very low base and overall at the site car traffic is 73% lower than last year.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin show an increase this morning as compared with Friday of last week of between 9% and 6%. Car traffic is up 9% on the N7 at Citywest, 7% on the M11 at Bray and on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth and 6% on the M1 at Swords to Airport. These figures are very similar to the increases experienced yesterday.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 10% increase on Friday 8th May. This is a similar rate of increase to the level of increase experienced last week.
- In the case of the regional cities the increases in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Friday of last week are as follows: M7 Limerick 9%, N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway, N40 Cork 5%, and M9 Waterford 4%.
- In overall terms, this morning's data show a level of growth approaching but somewhat lower than the growth levels experienced last week. Excluding the counter site at N1 Jonesboro, all sites today show a very uniform level of traffic reduction from last year of between 60% and 68%.