

## Note

The following summary Table, produced daily, 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.

| Traffic Counter                                  | Traffic Volume (Cars Only) | Comparison with |               |                    |                      |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|
|  |                            | same day 2019   | same day 2020 | same day last week | same day pre-Level 3 |
| M50 J6-J7 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road)      | 17,260                     | -36%            | -             | +2%                | -13%                 |
| M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)   | 1,935                      | -48%            | -             | +3%                | -24%                 |
| M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)              | 11731                      | -38%            | -             | +3%                | -25%                 |
| M4 J3-J4 (Between Newcastle and Lucan)           | 11233                      | -23%            | -             | +3%                | -12%                 |
| N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway                     | 3,366                      | -30%            | -             | +7%                | -10%                 |
| M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien) | 6,025                      | -39%            | -             | +2%                | -17%                 |
| N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)                              | 13,010                     | -30%            | -             | +1%                | -9%                  |
| M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)             | 1,430                      | -45%            | -             | +3%                | -24%                 |
| M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)  | 9,306                      | -33%            | -             | +8%                | -18%                 |
| N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)           | 12,242                     | -31%            | -             | +8%                | -15%                 |
| N2 (20024) north of Monaghan                     | 459                        | -51%            | -             | -7%                | -26%                 |
| N3 (20036) north of Belturbet                    | 354                        | -41%            | -             | +1%                | -25%                 |
| N13 (1131) east of Derry                         | 829                        | -34%            | -             | +7%                | -16%                 |
| N15 (1151) south of Lifford                      | 470                        | -33%            | -             | +4%                | -11%                 |
| N16 (1161) east of Manorhamilton                 | 253                        | -29%            | -             | +8%                | -16%                 |

### **Introductory Remarks**

- 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.
- The changes recorded day-to-day are not cumulative – they compare only the current day's figures versus the same day in the previous week, the same day last year and with the same day prior to the introduction of Level 3 restrictions on 7<sup>th</sup> October (i.e. Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Sept to Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct).
- Initial restrictions were put in place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Countrywide Level 5 restrictions were in place from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December and were reintroduced on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
- On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March the counter used on the M1 to extract data was changed from J1- J2 (M50 to Airport) to J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords).
- On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March the counter used on the M4 to extract data was changed from J6-J7 (Celbridge-Maynooth) to J3-J4 (Newcastle – Lucan)
- The 'same day 2020' was March 17<sup>th</sup>, and as such is not appropriate for comparison.

### **Daily Data for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

- Although still below the traffic volumes that prevailed prior to the October Level 3 restrictions, car traffic volumes have rebounded significantly in recent weeks. In general, the rate of increase has moderated as compared to the preceding weeks.
- Car traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro shows a +3% increase compared with Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March and a -24% decrease since the start of the October Level 3 restrictions.
- In the case of the non-motorway border counter sites, traffic volumes today show changes of between -7% and +8% as compared with Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The changes in car traffic volumes since the application of October Level 3 restrictions ranges from -26% on the N2 north of Monaghan to -11% on the N15 south of Lifford. It should be noted that traffic volumes at the N2, N3, N14, N15 and N16 counters are lower than at the motorway traffic counters and are likely to display wider fluctuations in traffic figures than other traffic counters.
- Traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin, comparisons with Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March are as follows: +1% on the N7 at Citywest, +3% on the M1 at M50 to Airport, +8% on the M11 at Bray and +3% on the M4 at Newcastle-Lucan. Comparisons with the same day prior to the start of the October Level 3 restrictions are as follows: -25% on the M1 at M50 to Airport, -18% on the M11 at Bray, -12% on the M4 at Newcastle-Lucan and -9% on the N7 at Citywest.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a +2% increase compared with Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March and a -13% decrease as compared with pre-Level 3 traffic.
- In the case of the regional cities the changes in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March are as follows: N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway +7%, N40 Cork +8%, M9 Waterford +3%, and M7 Limerick +2%. Comparisons with the same day prior to the start of the October Level 3 restrictions are as follows: N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway -10%, N40 Cork -15%, M9 Waterford -24% and M7 Limerick -17%.