


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.

 Transport Infrastructure Ireland National Road Car Traffic Report Morning Period (7am – 10am)					
Thursday 18th March 2021					
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)	16,744	-39%	+14%	-1%	-15%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	1,877	-47%	-10%	+1%	-27%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	13,888	-41%	+1%	-1%	-16%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	7219	-24%	+23%	+3%	-12%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	3,227	-33%	+23%	-2%	-11%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	5,944	-39%	+23%	+4%	-21%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	12,823	-33%	+25%	+1%	-12%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,458	-43%	+22%	+8%	-22%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	9,161	-37%	+28%	+7%	-19%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	11,921	-35%	+27%	+4%	-19%
N2 (20024) north of Monaghan	454	-41%	-6%	-8%	-30%
N3 (20036) north of Belturbet	352	-37%	+12%	-1%	-24%
N13 (1131) east of Derry	783	-46%	0%	-1%	-17%
N15 (1151) south of Lifford	473	-32%	+1%	+1%	-10%
N16 (1161) east of Manorhamilton	260	-18%	+7%	+6%	-23%

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 7th October (i.e. Wed 30th Sept to Tues 6th Oct).
- Initial restrictions were put in place on Thursday 12th March 2020. Countrywide Level 5 restrictions were in place from Thursday 22nd October to Tuesday 1st December and were reintroduced on 31st December 2020.

Daily Data for Thursday 18th 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 this week has moderated as compared to the preceding weeks.
- Car traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro shows a +1% increase compared with Thursday 11th March and a -27% 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 -8% and +6% as compared with Thursday 11th March. The changes in car traffic volumes since the application of October Level 3 restrictions ranges from -30% on the N2 north of Monaghan to -10% 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 Thursday 11th March are as follows: +1% on the N7 at Citywest, -1% on the M1 at M50 to Airport, +7% on the M11 at Bray and +3% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth. Comparisons with the same day prior to the start of the October Level 3 restrictions are as follows: -16% on the M1 at M50 to Airport, -19% on the M11 at Bray, -12% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, and -12% on the N7 at Citywest.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a -1% increase compared with Thursday 11th March and a -15% 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 Thursday 11th March are as follows: N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway -2%, N40 Cork +4%, M9 Waterford +8%, and M7 Limerick +4%. Comparisons with the same day prior to the start of the October Level 3 restrictions are as follows: N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway -11%, N40 Cork -19%, M9 Waterford -22% and M7 Limerick -21%.