


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.

			
Transport Infrastructure Ireland			
National Road Car Traffic Report			
Morning Period (7am – 10am)			
Wednesday 20th 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)	11,607	-59%	+30%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	1,237	-65%	+39%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	9,392	-52%	+21%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	5,259	-49%	+28%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	2,270	-52%	+29%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	3,855	-59%	+23%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	9,005	-54%	+26%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,043	-57%	+29%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	6,086	-57%	+39%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	8,330	-54%	+29%

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.
- The changes day-to-day are not cumulative – they compare only the current day’s figures versus the same day in the previous week and the same day last year.

Daily Data for Wednesday 20th May

- The increase in car traffic volumes today as compared with Wednesday 13th May continues the trend of increased traffic growth that was apparent yesterday.
- Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between 49% and 65% 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 39% as compared with Wednesday 13th May. Traffic is 65% lower than the same day last year at this counter.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin show an increase this morning as compared with Wednesday of last week of between 21% and 39%. Car traffic is up 39% on the M11 at Bray, 28% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, 26% on the N7 at Citywest, and 21% on the M1 at Swords to Airport. These figures are almost identical to yesterday and continue the trend that has been evident since Monday.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 30% increase as compared with Wednesday 13th May. This is very consistent with both yesterday’s and Monday’s increase on the M50 and also with the increase in car traffic experienced today on the radial routes approaching the M50.
- In the case of the regional cities the increases in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Wednesday of last week are as follows: N40 Cork 29%, N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 29%, M9 Waterford 29%, M7 Limerick 23%. These traffic growth levels continue the consistent trend visible since Monday.

As a general conclusion, this morning’s increase in car traffic across the sample sites continues the consistent growth levels evident since Monday, with similar levels of growth evident in Dublin and the regional cities.