


## 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.

				
<b>Transport Infrastructure Ireland</b>				
<b>National Road Car Traffic Report</b>				
<b>Morning Period (7am – 10am)</b>				
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020</b>				
<b>Traffic Counter</b>	<b>Traffic Volume (Cars Only)</b>	<b>Comparison with same day 2019</b>	<b>Comparison with same day last week</b>	<b>Comparison with same day pre-Level 3</b>
M50 J6-J7 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road)	19,203	-29%	+3%	-1%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	2,087	-42%	-7%	-18%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	15,311	-21%	+3%	0%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	7,995	-17%	+3%	0%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	3,801	-20%	-	+2%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	7,470	-29%	+6%	+4%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	13,555	-29%	-1%	-8%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,726	-32%	+2%	-8%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	10,675	-25%	+1%	-5%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	14,313	-23%	0%	-2%
N2 (20024) north of Monaghan	509	-30%	-9%	-18%
N3 (20036) north of Belturbet	382	-35%	-5%	-12%
N13 (1131) east of Derry	907	-34%	-3%	-4%
N15 (1151) south of Lifford	484	-29%	-7%	-6%
N16 (1161) east of Manorhamilton	282	-26%	-2%	-12%

### **Introductory Remarks**

- From Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, an upward trend in car traffic volumes became apparent. In response, daily traffic figures were provided by TII from 29<sup>th</sup> April in order to more closely monitor traffic trends. Traffic figures were measured from 7am to 10am so as to provide an early indicator each day.
- Weekly heavy goods vehicle traffic had remained largely stable and accordingly the daily figures provided were 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 and the same day last year.
- Given the potential traffic impacts arising from the introduction of Level 3 restrictions in Dublin on 19<sup>th</sup> September TII provided a daily update on morning peak traffic figures commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September until 2<sup>nd</sup> October.
- With the introduction of countrywide Level 3 restrictions from midnight on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, TII has again reverted to providing a daily update.
- From Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, following the introduction of Level 4 restrictions in the border counties of Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal, counters close to the border on the N2, N3, N13, N15 and N16 have been added.

### **Daily Data for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

- Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between 17% and 42% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters.
- Car traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro shows a decrease today of -7% as compared with Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and by -18% since the start of the Level 3 restrictions on 5<sup>th</sup> October.
- In the case of the non-motorway border counter sites, traffic today is down by between -2% and -9% as compared with Wednesday of last week and by between -4% and -18% since 5<sup>th</sup> October. It should be noted that traffic volumes at the N2, N3, N14, N15 and N16 counters are much lower than at the motorway traffic counters and are consequently likely to display wider fluctuations in traffic figures.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin this morning generally show a marginal increase as compared with Wednesday of last week. Car traffic is down -1% on the N7 at Citywest, and is up 3% on the M1 at Swords to Airport, 3% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, and 1% on the M11 at Bray. Today's figures show that the delays experienced in previous weeks associated with Garda checkpoints have reduced substantially.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 3% increase as compared with Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. This reflects the general marginal increase in peak time car traffic volumes on the radial approaches to the city.
- In the case of the regional cities there is a modest increase in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Traffic volume changes are as follows: M7 Limerick +6%, M9 Waterford +2% and N40 Cork +1%. The N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway traffic counter is back online and shows a 2% increase as compared with pre-Level 3 Covid restrictions.