

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)	18,001	-31%	+54%	-	-7%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	2,068	-41%	+75%	-	-18%
M1 J1-J2 (M50 to Dublin Airport)	14,890	-33%	+37%	-	-10%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	7,387	-24%	+45%	-	-8%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	3,434	-28%	+49%	-	-8%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	6,170	-	+52%	-	-14%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	13,211	-32%	+51%	-	-10%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,466	-42%	+38%	-	-22%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	9,671	-33%	+59%	-	-14%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	12,462	-33%	+52%	-	-15%
N2 (20024) north of Monaghan	500	-38%	+54%	-	-20%
N3 (20036) north of Belturbet	383	-29%	+70%	-	-12%
N13 (1131) east of Derry	837	-37%	+43%	-	-12%
N15 (1151) south of Lifford	453	-40%	+30%	-	-12%
N16 (1161) east of Manorhamilton	255	-29%	+50%	-	-21%

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 Wednesday 24th 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, albeit with little increase last week. In general, the rate of increase this morning has reverted to that prior to last week.
- Comparison with the 'same day last week' 17th March have been left blank as it was a national holiday and a meaningful comparison is not possible. Traffic volumes in comparison to yesterday show changes of -3% to +6%, which are in line with day to day fluctuations.
- There was an issue with the traffic count data on the 'same day in 2019' on the M7 Limerick SRR meaning that a comparison is not possible.
- Two sites, M1 North of J20 and N3 north of Belturbet, show significant growth compared with the 'same day 2020', +75% and +70% respectively. These outliers are likely due to differences in the application of restrictions between Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- Car traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro shows a -18% decrease since the start of the October Level 3 restrictions.
- In the case of the non-motorway border counter sites, the changes in car traffic volumes since the application of October Level 3 restrictions ranges from -21% on the N16 east of Manorhamilton to -12% 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 the same day prior to the start of the October Level 3 restrictions are as follows: -10% on the M1 at M50 to Airport, -14% on the M11 at Bray, -8% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, and -10% on the N7 at Citywest.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a -7% 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 the same day prior to the start of the October Level 3 restrictions are as follows: N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway -8%, N40 Cork -15%, M9 Waterford -22% and M7 Limerick -14%.