


## 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.

 <b>Transport Infrastructure Ireland</b> <b>National Road Car Traffic Report</b> <b>Morning Period (7am – 10am)</b>			
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 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>
M50 J6-J7 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road)	12,777	-52%	+10%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	1,509	-57%	+22%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	10,184	-47%	+8%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	5,676	-42%	+8%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	2,408	-48%	+6%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	4,180	-55%	+8%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	9,699	-49%	+8%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,060	-56%	+2%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	6,532	-54%	+7%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	8,953	-51%	+7%

### **Introductory Remarks**

- In the initial three weeks following the introduction of the March 27<sup>th</sup> restrictions, traffic volumes were very consistent. Overall traffic volumes were typically down approximately 65-70% across the national road network.
- From Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> May**

- The increase in car traffic volumes today as compared with Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May continues the trend of increased traffic growth that has been apparent in recent weeks but is reduced as compared with last week's growth levels.
- Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between 42% and 57% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters.
- Traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro is up 22% as compared with Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. This is somewhat lower than the rate of growth experienced last week but consistent with the very strong growth experienced at this counter in recent weeks.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin show an increase this morning as compared with Wednesday of last week of between 7% and 8%. Car traffic is up 8% on the M1 at Swords to Airport, 8% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth and 8% on the N7 at Citywest and 7% on the M11 at Bray. These figures are approximately one third to a quarter of the growth levels experienced last week.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 10% increase as compared with Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. This is approximately one third the rate of car traffic growth on the M50 experienced last week and is consistent with traffic growth rates today on the radial routes approaching the M50.
- In the case of the regional cities the increase in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Wednesday of last week are as follows: M7 Limerick 8%, N40 Cork 7%, N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 6% and M9 Waterford 2%. These traffic growth levels continue the growth trend evident in recent weeks but are substantially lower than the growth rates experienced last week.

As a general conclusion, this morning's increase in car traffic across the sample sites is approximately one quarter to one third of the rates of growth experienced last week.