


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)			
Thursday 28th 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)	12,799	-54%	+8%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	1,409	-61%	+13%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	10,226	-47%	+5%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	5,758	-42%	+8%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	2,505	-47%	+7%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	4,274	-55%	+9%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	9,650	-50%	+8%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,125	-53%	+6%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	6,436	-54%	+8%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	9,208	-49%	+6%

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 Thursday 28th May

- The increase in car traffic volumes today as compared with Thursday 21st 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 61% 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 13% as compared with Thursday 21st May. This is 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 Thursday of last week of between 5% and 8%. Car traffic is up 8% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, 8% on the N7 at Citywest, 8% on the M11 at Bray and 5% on the M1 at Swords to Airport. These figures are consistent with growth figures to-date this week and show a close correlation in the increases experienced across the different radial routes.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows an 8% increase as compared with Thursday 21st May. This is approximately one quarter 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 Thursday 6%, and M9 Waterford 6%. These traffic growth levels continue the growth trend evident in recent weeks and are similar in value to the growth rates this week on the Dublin radial routes.

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.