

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.

				
Transport Infrastructure Ireland				
National Road Car Traffic Report				
Morning Period (7am – 10am)				
Tuesday 22nd December 2020				
Traffic Counter	Traffic Volume (Cars Only)	Comparison with same day 2019	Comparison with same day last week	Comparison with same day pre-Level 3
M50 J6-J7 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road)	18,142	-	-14%	-8%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	2,358	-	-11%	-7%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	14,071	-	-10%	-10%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	7,179	-	-9%	-15%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	3,492	-	-7%	-7%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	6,414	-	-15%	-12%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	13,497	-	-11%	-6%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,596	-	-16%	-16%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	10,404	-	-11%	-8%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	13,468	-	-11%	-7%
N2 (20024) north of Monaghan	538	-	-15%	-13%
N3 (20036) north of Belturbet	365	-	-20%	-23%
N13 (1131) east of Derry	898	-	-15%	-9%
N15 (1151) south of Lifford	588	-	+6%	+11%
N16 (1161) east of Manorhamilton	280	-	-15%	-7%

Introductory Remarks

- From Tuesday 21st April, an upward trend in car traffic volumes became apparent. In response, daily traffic figures were provided by TII from 29th 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.
- With the introduction of countrywide Level 3 restrictions from midnight on Friday 9th October, TII has again reverted to providing a daily update.
- From Friday 16th 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.
- Countrywide Level 5 restrictions were in place from Thursday 22nd October to Tuesday 1st December.

Daily Data for Tuesday 22nd December

- Comparisons with the same day in 2019 have been removed from this update as the comparable day in 2019 was the 24th December and as such the traffic volumes were significantly reduced and the traffic patterns do not offer a meaningful comparison.
- Today's car traffic figures generally show significant decreases in volumes as compared with Tuesday 15th December. This represents a clear reversal of the increasing traffic trends evident since the lifting of Level 5 restrictions at the start of December.
- Car traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro shows a decrease of -11% as compared with Tuesday 15th December and a decrease of -7% since the start of the Level 3 restrictions on 5th October.
- In the case of the non-motorway border counter sites, traffic volumes today show changes of between -20% and +6% as compared with Tuesday of last week. The changes in car traffic volumes since the application of Level 3 restrictions ranges from -23% on the N3 north of Belturbet to +11% 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.
- For car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin, comparisons with Tuesday of last week are as follows: -11% on the N7 at Citywest, -10% on the M1 at Swords to Airport, -11% on the M11 at Bray and -9% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth. Comparisons with the same day prior to the start of the Level 3 restrictions on 5th October are as follows: -10% on the M1 at Swords to Airport, -8% on the M11 at Bray, -15% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth and -6% on the N7 at Citywest.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a decrease of -14% compared with Tuesday 15th December and -8% 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 Tuesday 15th December are as follows: M9 Waterford -16%, N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway -7%, N40 Cork -11%, and M7 Limerick -15%. Comparisons with the same day prior to the start of the Level 3 restrictions on 5th October are as follows: N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway -7%, N40 Cork -7%, M7 Limerick -12% and M9 Waterford -16%.