


## 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><br><b>National Road Car Traffic Report</b><br><b>Morning Period (7am – 10am)</b> |                                   |                                      |   |   |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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)  | 18,005                            | -33%                                 | +17%                                      | -7%   |
| M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)   | 1,699                             | -52%                                 | +34%                                      | -33%  |
| M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)  | 13,887                            | -27%                                 | +19%                                      | -9%   |
| M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)  | 7,007                             | -28%                                 | +20%                                      | -12%  |
| N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway   | 3,468                             | -28%                                 | +19%                                      | -7%   |
| M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)   | 6,645                             | -36%                                 | +27%                                      | -8%   |
| N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)  | 12,812                            | -32%                                 | +15%                                      | -13%  |
| M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)   | 1,691                             | -32%                                 | +24%                                      | -10%  |
| M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)  | 9,957                             | -31%                                 | +36%                                      | -11%  |
| N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)   | 13,211                            | -29%                                 | +27%                                      | -9%   |
| N2 (20024) north of Monaghan   | 541                               | -28%                                 | +29%                                      | -13%  |
| N3 (20036) north of Belturbet  | 384                               | -30%                                 | +25%                                      | -12%  |
| N13 (1131) east of Derry   | 835                               | -38%                                 | +29%                                      | -12%  |
| N15 (1151) south of Lifford  | 483                               | -30%                                 | +40%                                      | -7%   |
| N16 (1161) east of Manorhamilton   | 252                               | -37%                                 | +20%                                      | -22%  |

### **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.
- 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.
- Since Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Level 5 restrictions have been in place countrywide.

### **Daily Data for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

- Following the end of the mid-term school break and the return to classes on Monday, today's car traffic figures show a significant increase in volumes as compared with Wednesday of last week.
- Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between -28% and -52% 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 an increase today of 34% as compared with Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October and a decrease of -33% 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 volumes today show an increase of between 20% and 40% as compared with Wednesday of last week and a decrease of between -7% and -22% since 5<sup>th</sup> October. 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.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin this morning show a marked increase as compared with Wednesday of last week. Car traffic is up 36% on the M11 at Bray, 20% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, 19% on the M1 at Swords to Airport and 15% on the N7 at Citywest. Comparisons with the same day prior to the start of the Level 3 restrictions on 5<sup>th</sup> October are as follows: down -13% on the N7 at Citywest, -12% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, -11% on the M11 at Bray and -9% on the M1 at Swords to Airport.
- The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 17% increase as compared with Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. This reflects the general increase in peak time car traffic volumes on the radial approaches to the city this week.
- In the case of the regional cities there is a significant increase in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, in response of the return of schools. The traffic volume changes are as follows: N40 Cork 27%, M7 Limerick 27%, M9 Waterford 24% and N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 19%. Comparisons with the same day prior to the start of the Level 3 restrictions on 5<sup>th</sup> October are as follows: N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway -7%, M7 Limerick -8%, N40 Cork -9% and M9 Waterford -10%.