


## 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>Monday 18<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 J5-J6 (N2 Finglas to N3 Navan Road)	11,127	-55%	+28%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	1,177	-68%	+38%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	9,288	-52%	+23%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	5,035	-49%	+28%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	2,217	-53%	+25%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	3,786	-61%	+25%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	8,793	-53%	+27%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,022	-57%	+19%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	5,625	-59%	+32%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	7,978	-56%	+30%

### **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 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

- Car traffic volumes this morning show a significantly higher level of increase that has been experienced in previous weeks.
- Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between 49% and 68% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters. However, the reduction in car traffic is diminishing and traffic volumes are showing a progressive increase as compared with the traffic volumes recorded in the immediate aftermath of the 27<sup>th</sup> March restrictions.
- Traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro is up 38% as compared with Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. This is clearly a very significant increase but is from a low base and overall at the site car traffic is now 68% lower than last year.
- Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin show an increase this morning as compared with Monday of last week of between 23% and 32%. Car traffic is up 32% on the M11 at Bray, 28% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, 27% on the N7 at Citywest, and 23% on the M1 at Swords to Airport. In summary, car traffic volumes today on the radial routes into Dublin are up by between one quarter and one third as compared with Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- Because of a temporary equipment failure at M50 J6-J7 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May this site is substituted with adjacent site M50 J5-J6 (N2 Finglas to N3 Galway Road) for today's report.
- The M50 (N2 Finglas to N3 Navan Road) shows a 28% increase as compared with Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. This is very consistent with the levels of increase experienced today on the radial routes approaching the M50.
- In the case of the regional cities the increases in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Monday of last week are as follows: N40 Cork 30%, M7 Limerick 25%, N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 25% and M9 Waterford 19%. This level of increase is consistent with the levels of increase in car traffic on motorways in Dublin this morning.
- As a general conclusion, this morning's increase in car traffic across the sample sites is very consistent – and typically ranges from a one quarter to a one third increase in car traffic as compared with Monday last week. In the two previous weeks, the typical increase experienced each week was of the order of 10%.
- Car traffic volumes today show a reduction in car traffic ranging between 49% and 61% of the volumes one year ago. In the case of the counter site just south of the border on the N1 at Jonesboro, the reduction is somewhat higher, at 68%.