

Leeds City Region COVID-19 Dashboard



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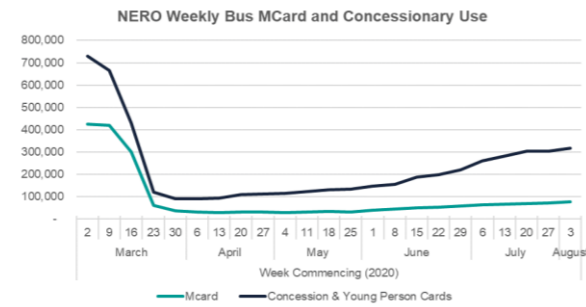


Transport and environmental impacts

Local bus patronage

For the week beginning Monday 3rd August 2020, the combined level of MCard and concessionary fare use shows a **reduction of 66%** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, **an increase of 5%** against the previous week.

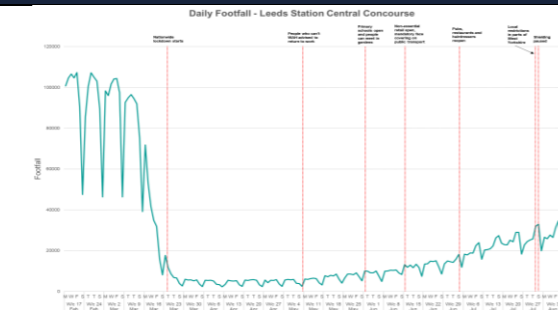
Source: WYCA NERO Reports



Station footfall

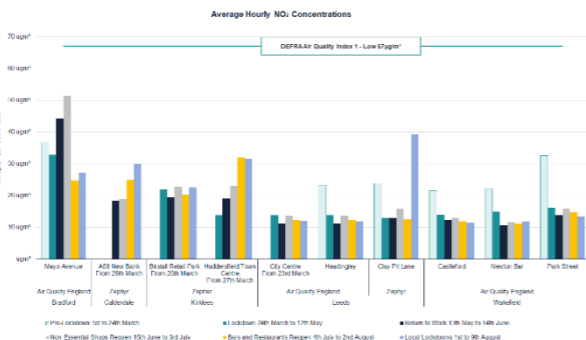
Data from Network Rail shows total daily footfall levels on Leeds Station Central Concourse. For the week beginning Monday 3rd August 2020, this shows a **reduction of 70%** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, **an increase of 5%** against the previous week.

Source: Network Rail / Station Capacity Team stationcapacity@networkrail.co.uk



Air quality

NO₂ concentrations across West Yorkshire are within the lowest band of the DEFRA Air Quality Index. Since 1st August, when advice on office working changed and local restrictions were introduced in some areas, average hourly NO₂ concentrations have tripled at Clay Pit Lane, peaking between 6pm and 7pm on weekdays and 10pm and 11pm on weekends, suggesting increased post work and Saturday night car use. Changes were less marked elsewhere.



Metro website hits

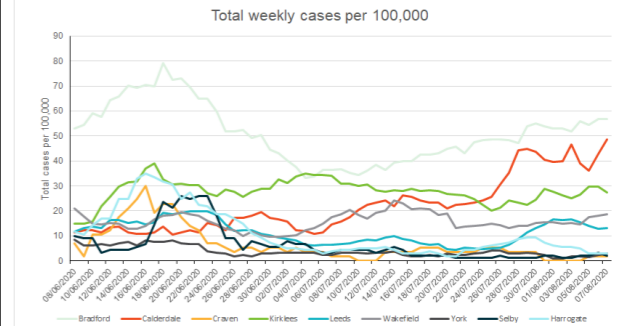
In week 20 of lockdown the average pageviews were 52% of the same week of 2019, the highest proportion since the start of lockdown. Pageviews increased 3% from the previous week and were 77% higher than in week 4 of lockdown.



Social and economic impacts

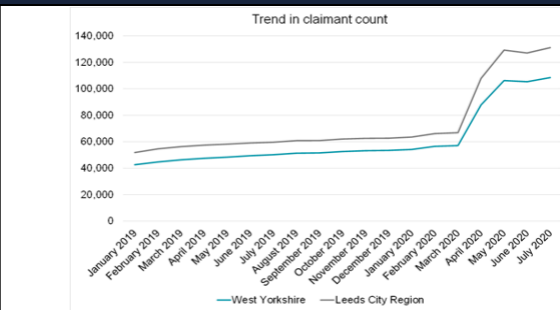
Local virus prevalence

The number of cases per 100,000 people has increased by 3% locally in the week to August 7th. Trends are mixed in Bradford, Calderdale, and Kirklees following the implementation of local restrictions but rates remain elevated in these places. All areas of West Yorkshire have rates above the national average to some degree.



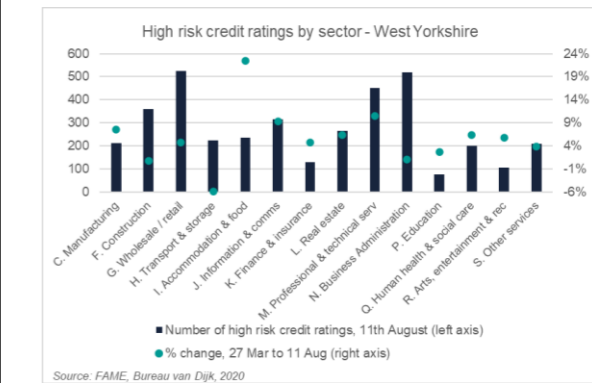
Local labour market

The number of people claiming out of work benefits increased by 3% in July across Leeds City Region (up 4,000), West Yorkshire (up 3,100) and nationally. Between March and July 2020 the number of claimants increased by 96% in Leeds City Region and by 90% in West Yorkshire below the 114% national average.



Local business / economic data

The number of companies in West Yorkshire with high risk credit ratings fell from 5,050 in mid-July to 4,029 according to data from FAME business database. The proportion of companies with high risk ratings is 5.6%, practically back in line with the 5.5% seen in late-March. However, there is variation by sector, with accommodation & food seeing a 22% increase in high risk ratings since March.



Local business insight

The number of business interactions reported on this week is lower than in recent weeks, perhaps reflecting the onset of summer holidays.

The majority of companies spoken to are manufacturers, who consistently report that demand remains significantly below pre-COVID levels though some aspects of business remain busy.

