

Leeds City Region COVID-19 Dashboard



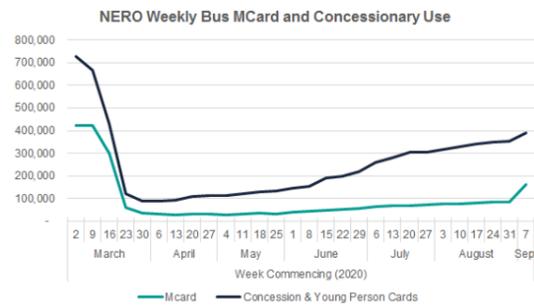
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Transport and environmental impacts

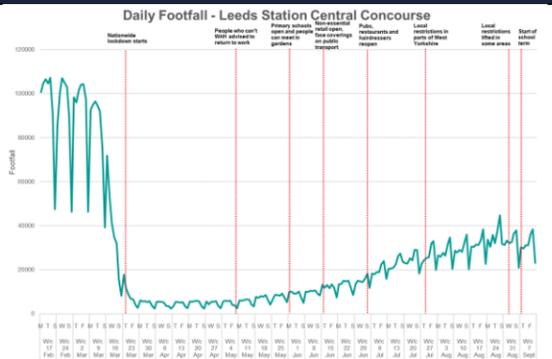
Local bus patronage

For the week beginning Monday 7th September 2020, the combined level of MCard and concessionary fare use shows a reduction of 52% against the week beginning 2nd March 2020. This is an **increase of 26% against the previous week**, largely driven by a near doubling of mid-week MCard journeys. Overall, Senior, disabled and young person concessionary card usage has recovered more quickly than that of pre-paid MCard products.



Station footfall

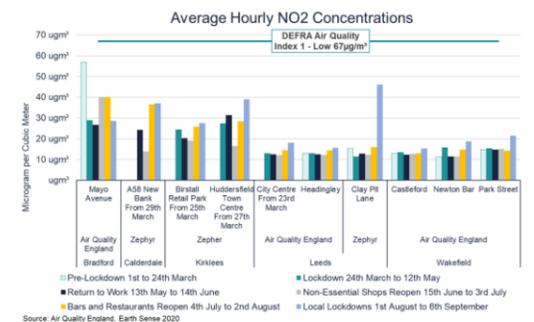
Data from Network Rail shows total daily footfall levels on Leeds Station Central Concourse. For the week beginning Monday 7th September 2020, this shows a reduction of 66% against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a **decrease of 2% against the previous week**.



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

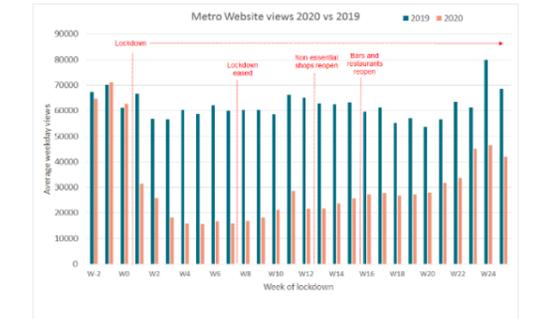
Air quality

As lockdown has eased, NO2 levels have risen the most on approaches to urban centres (A58 New Bank on the approach to Halifax and Clay Pit Lane on the approach to Leeds), and shopping destinations such as Mayo Avenue in Bradford and Birstall Retail Park. Despite this, NO2 levels remain at the lowest point of the DEFRA Air Quality Index.



Metro website hits

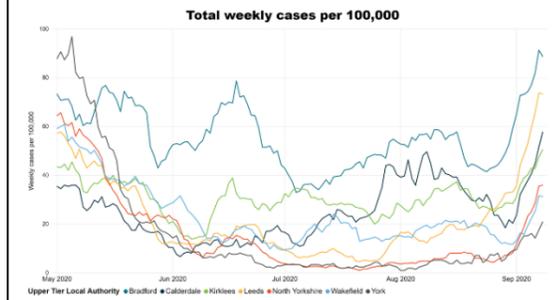
In week 25 the average number of weekday pageviews for the METRO website was **61% of the same week of 2019**. Pageviews decreased by 10% from the previous week, the first reduction for seven weeks, and were 2.5 times as high as they were in week 4 of lockdown.



Social and economic impacts

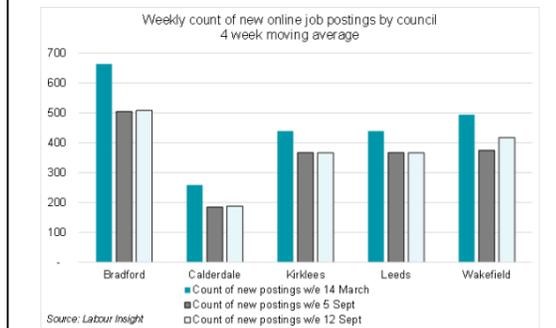
Local virus prevalence

There has been a spike in COVID-19 cases across the nation, with rates rising at double the national rate in West Yorkshire. Infection rates are higher than the national average in most districts with the exception of Wakefield where they broadly align with England levels.



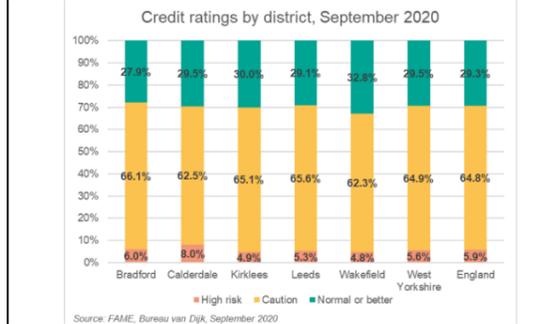
Local labour market

There was a 2% increase in vacancies posted online in West Yorkshire in week ending 12 September compared with the previous week. Much of this growth was due to an 11% increase in Wakefield, with the other districts seeing little change. The latest weekly count of vacancies posted for jobs in West Yorkshire was 21% below its pre-crisis level (based on week ending 14 March).



Local business / economic data

There are around 4,070 businesses with high risk credit ratings in West Yorkshire as of 15th September, largely unchanged (+1%) on August and 30% below the peak in June.



The picture is similarly stable across districts and sectors, though 8% of businesses in Calderdale and there has been a slight increase in high risk ratings in the arts & entertainment sector, up 6.5% ,

Local business insight

In the business interactions recorded by the LEP's Growth Managers so far in September, more businesses report operating near-normally than in July and August though almost a quarter (24%) continue to report significantly reduced operations. 42% of these are in manufacturing, with the others dispersed across sector though many are in some way linked to the retail / hospitality sectors.



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