

# Leeds City Region COVID-19 Dashboard



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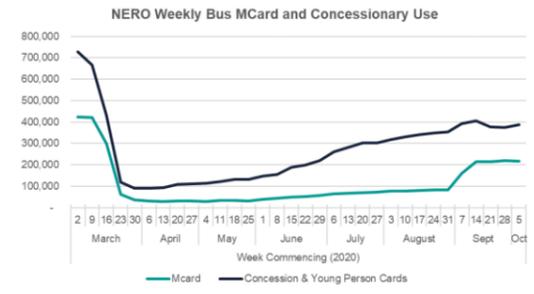


## Transport and environmental impacts

### Local bus patronage

For the week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the combined level of MCard and concessionary fare use shows a **reduction of 48%** against the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, **an increase of 2%** against the previous week.

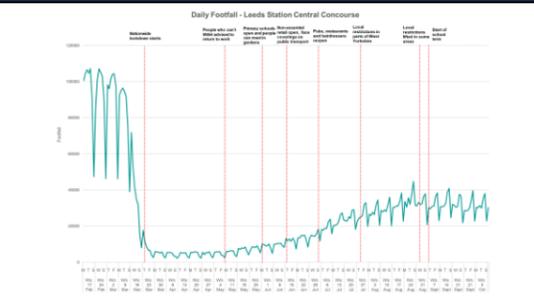
Source: WYCA NERO Reports



### Station footfall

Data from Network Rail shows total daily footfall levels on Leeds Station Central Concourse. For the week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020, this shows a **reduction of 66%** against the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, **an increase of 3%** against the previous week.

Source: Network Rail / Station Capacity Team [stationcapacity@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:stationcapacity@networkrail.co.uk)



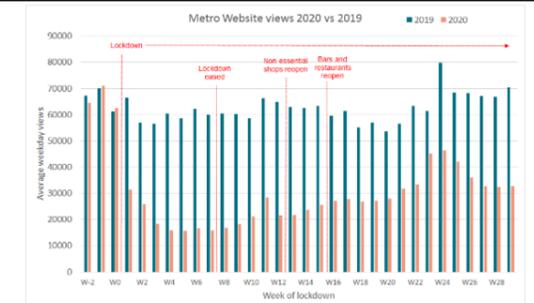
### Air quality

Generally, for sites with long-term data available, NO<sub>2</sub> levels remain below pre-lockdown levels. Interestingly, data from CA-funded Zephyr air quality monitoring sites in Calderdale and Huddersfield reveal a steady increase in NO<sub>2</sub> levels over time.



### Metro website hits

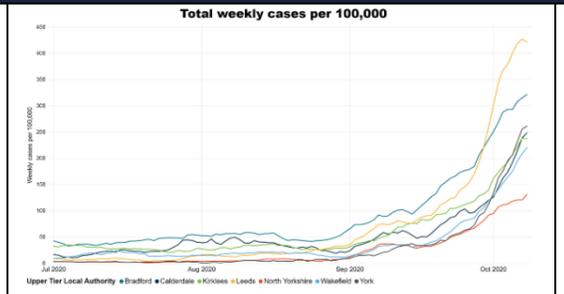
In week 29 the average number of weekday pageviews for the METRO website was **46% of the same week of 2019**, the lowest proportion since week 17. **Pageviews increased by 1% from the previous week**, and are just over twice as high as in week 4 of lockdown



## Social and economic impacts

### Local virus prevalence

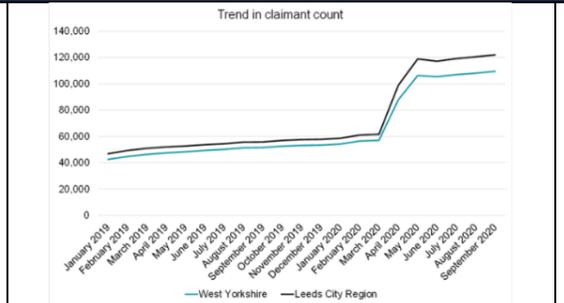
In the week leading to the 8<sup>th</sup> October West Yorkshire case rate was 320.1 cases per 100,000 a growth of 46%. Leeds has had the highest case rate with 421.4 cases per 100,000, up 41% from a week previous. Wakefield has seen the fastest case rate growth. Increasing to 220.5 cases per 100,000 a growth of 74% from a week previous.



### Local labour market

The latest available claimant count data for September show a third consecutive small monthly increase both locally and nationally.

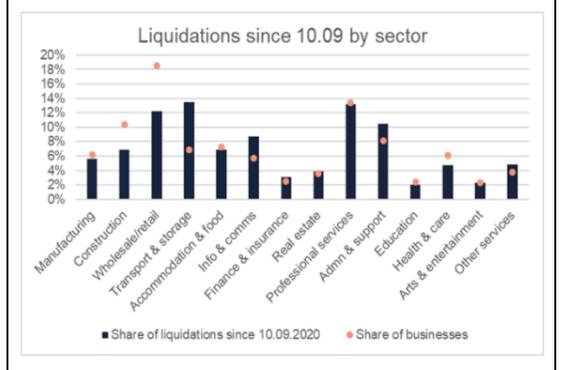
Leeds City Region saw a 1,390 (+1.2%) monthly increase in claimants in September, while West Yorkshire's count increased by 1,435 (+1.3%). Nationally, there was growth of 24,600 (1.1%).



### Local business / economic data

920 businesses in West Yorkshire had been dissolved / liquidated in the week to 6<sup>th</sup> October, similar to the previous week but double the level at the start of the pandemic. Transport & storage, information & comms and business administration all saw high levels of liquidations.

This may represent a signal of business distress but is also likely to reflect the removal of protections to prevent liquidations. Numbers could be revised higher as more data is filed.



### Local business insight

Companies whose client base is in consumer facing sectors continue to report challenging conditions, and some are concerned that further local restrictions on those sectors would exacerbate the problems. Some businesses are seeing positive impacts however – particularly those focused on home improvements, with some construction companies also reporting a positive outlook. use of the furlough scheme continues to fall.

