

Leeds City Region COVID-19 Dashboard



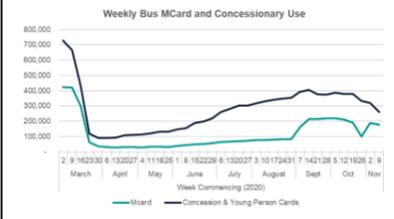
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Transport and environmental impacts

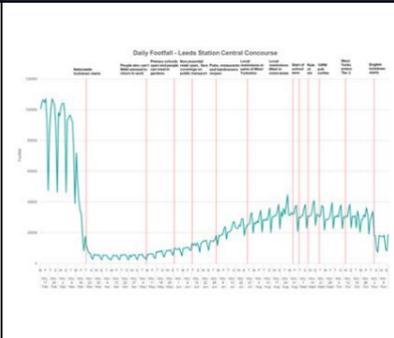
Local bus patronage

For the week beginning Monday 9th November 2020, the combined level of MCard and concessionary fare use shows a **reduction of 62%** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a **14% decrease** against the previous week. While both ticket types saw a decline, this was primarily driven by a reduction in concessionary fare use during the English lockdown.
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 9th November 2020, this shows a **reduction of 83%** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a **26% decrease** against the previous week.
Source: Network Rail / Station Capacity Team stationcapacity@networkrail.co.uk



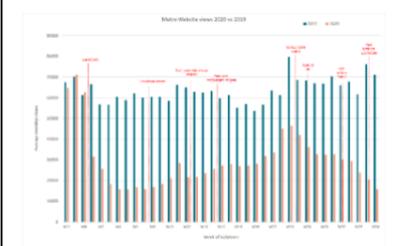
City / town city centre activity

Activity in West Yorkshire's main urban centres fell sharply on the introduction of new national lockdown measures according to Geolytix's retail recovery index. In the week from 6th Nov, activity in Leeds, Bradford and Huddersfield fell to around 45% of that seen the previous week though it was higher in Wakefield (54%) and Halifax (67%). Activity was 15% of the early March baseline in Leeds, rising to 22% in Bradford and Wakefield and 38% in Huddersfield and Halifax.



Metro website hits

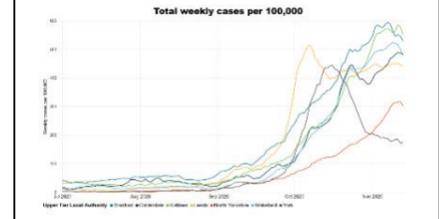
In week 34 the average number of weekday pageviews for the METRO website **fell by 22% from the previous week**. The average number of pageviews was **22% of the same week of 2019**, a lower proportion than at any point during the first national lockdown.



Social and economic impacts

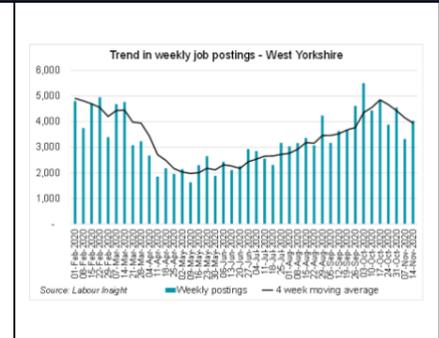
Local virus prevalence

As of 13th November, almost two weeks into the second national lockdown, there are early signs of a slowing down in new cases across the West Yorkshire region. Bradford, Wakefield, and Kirklees have all had a fall in cases rates, dropping to 532.23, 480 and 553 case per 100,000 respectively.



Local labour market

The number of vacancies for jobs in West Yorkshire posted online during week ending 14 November was 5% lower than in the previous week (based on a 4-week moving average). Nationally, the number of vacancies also fell by 5%. The latest lockdown appears to be negatively impacting on recruitment activity, with current weekly vacancies in West Yorkshire now 11% back below pre-crisis levels (w/e March 14).



Local business / economic data

403 businesses were liquidated in West Yorkshire in the week to 10th November. The number of business liquidations has stabilised at around 400 per week in the past three weeks. This is lower than the 900+ seen in late September and early October, and the trend is similar across all districts. However, weekly liquidations are still around 20% above the average for the first quarter of 2020.



Local business insight

Across the region most business that have been able to change their business model to adapt to the challenges of life under COVID-19 restriction have done so, and this has been very positive for some. However, businesses that due to their nature, cannot operate normally under COVID-19 restrictions are continuing to struggle. This week we have seen uptick in companies that are looking to invest, buying new machinery and creating jobs, as well as slight increase in business that have furlough up 100% of staff.

