

Leeds City Region COVID-19 Dashboard



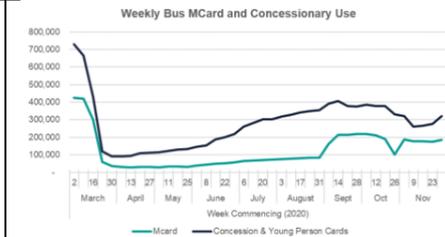
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Transport and environmental impacts

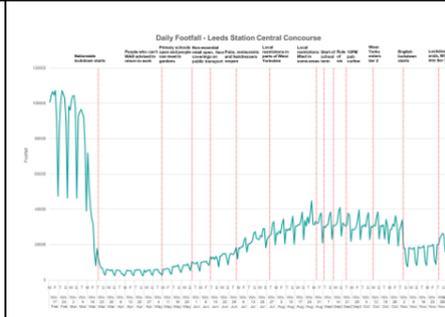
Local bus patronage

For the week beginning Monday 30th November 2020, the combined level of MCard and concessionary fare use shows a **reduction of 56%** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a **13% increase** against the previous week. This may reflect an increase in activity over the transition from lockdown to Tier 3 restrictions.
Source: WYCA NERO Reports



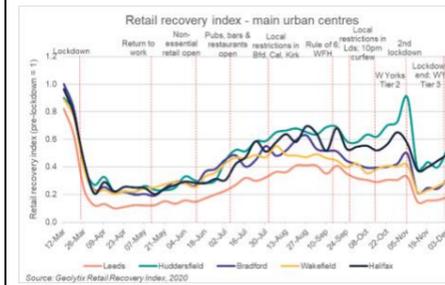
Station footfall

Data from Network Rail shows total daily footfall levels on Leeds Station Central Concourse. For the week beginning Monday 30th November 2020, this shows a **reduction of 76%** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a **34% increase** against the previous week, showing an increase in activity over the transition from lockdown to Tier 3 restrictions.
Source: Network Rail / Station Capacity Team stationcapacity@networkrail.co.uk



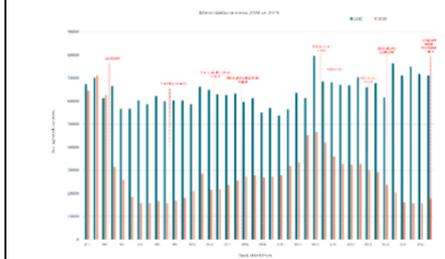
City / town city centre activity

Whilst activity increased in all five of West Yorkshire's main urban centres, it remained less than half the pre-March baseline in all except Huddersfield, and was just 30% of this level in Bradford and Wakefield, and 18% in Leeds. Despite the incremental rise during lockdown, activity was still lower in the last week of November's lockdown than it was before the imposition of restrictions in early November, with declines ranging from 14% in Halifax to 44% in Leeds.



Metro website hits

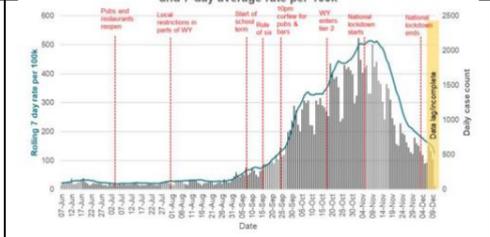
In week 37 the average number of weekday pageviews for the METRO website **increased by 12% from the previous week**. The average number of pageviews was **25% of the same week of 2019**, still a lower proportion than at any point during the first national lockdown.



Social and economic impacts

Local virus prevalence

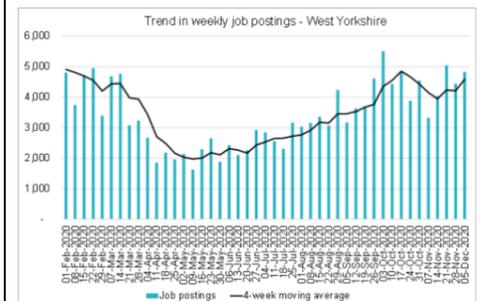
The chart to the right reveals the trend in the number of daily COVID-19 cases in West Yorkshire and the 7-day rolling rate per 100k population. As of the 5th December, the 7-day moving average **West Yorkshire COVID-19 rate was 170.6 cases per 100k**, still higher than the Yorkshire & the Humber rate (156.2.1 per 100k) and the England rate (153 per 100k).



Local labour market

West Yorkshire weekly vacancy count increased by 9%

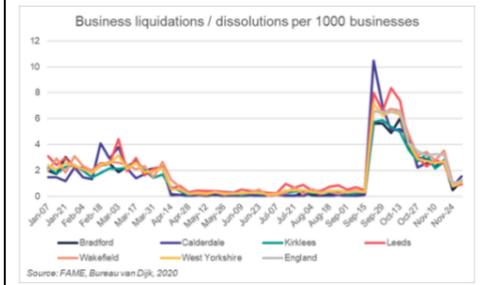
The number of vacancies for jobs in West Yorkshire posted online during week ending 5 December was 9% higher than in the previous week (based on a 4-week moving average). Nationally, the number of vacancies increased by 6%. The weekly vacancy count remains below its recent peak in mid-October, which was achieved prior to the imposition of Covid restrictions.



Local business / economic data

The number of businesses being dissolved / liquidated in West Yorkshire has fallen back below pre-pandemic levels in the past two weeks, according to data from Bureau van Dijk's Fame business database.

152 businesses were liquidated in the week to December 1st, up from 110 in the previous week but below the 400 per week seen in early November, and the 330 per week averaged in the first quarter of 2020. 1,200 businesses were liquidated in November, compared to 2,700 in October and 2,000 in September.



Local business insight

In this week's feedback Growth Managers report a continuation of companies who supply the leisure & hospitality sectors reporting low demand through the second lockdown and very challenging trading conditions. For some this is leading to an increase in redundancies. Even where companies are looking to invest some are still operating under reduced demand and are investing based on an anticipated future increase in demand.

