

Leeds City Region COVID-19 Dashboard



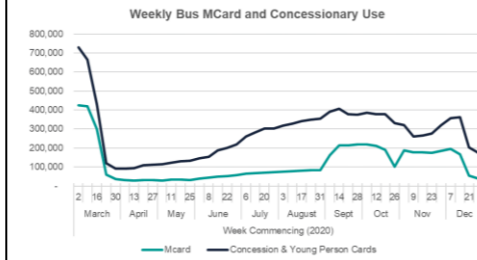
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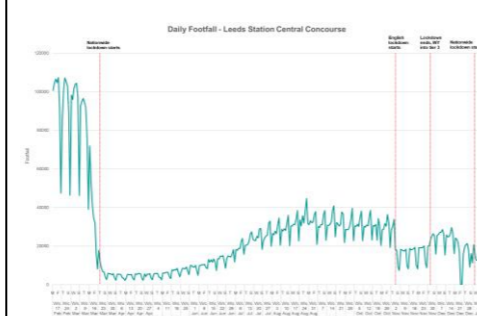
Local bus patronage

For the week beginning Monday 28th December 2020, the combined level of MCard and concessionary fare use shows an **81% reduction** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a **16% decrease** against the previous week. Due to technical problems, this is the most recent data available. This reflects a patronage decline over the Christmas period and does not cover the start of the current lockdown.
Source: WYCA NERO Reports



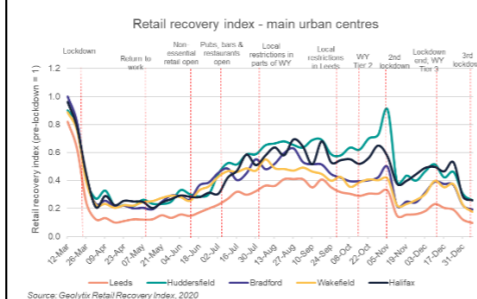
Station footfall

Data from Network Rail shows total daily footfall levels on Leeds Station Central Concourse. For the week beginning Monday 4th January 2021, this shows an **86% reduction** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a **24% decrease** against the previous week. This shows a decrease in the first week of the latest lockdown, although footfall remains higher than in the early stages of the original lockdown.
Source: Network Rail / Station Capacity Team
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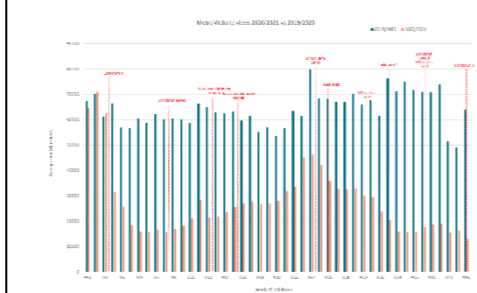
City / town city centre activity

Activity in West Yorkshire's urban centres fell from an already low base in the first week of January, according to data from Geolytix's retail recovery index. Data covers the period to January 7th so includes the first three days of the latest national lockdown. This data suggests activity levels are similar to that seen in the w/c 16th April – the lowest point of the first national lockdown.
Source: Geolytix Retail Recovery Index, 2020



Metro website hits

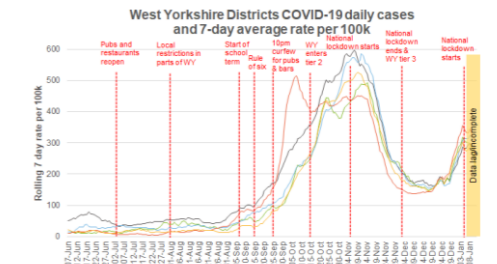
In week 42 the average number of weekdays pageviews for the METRO website was **20% of the number on the same week of 2020**, a lower proportion than at any point so far. The average number of pageviews **fell by 20% from the previous week**, an 18% reduction from week 4 of the first national lockdown.



Social and economic impacts

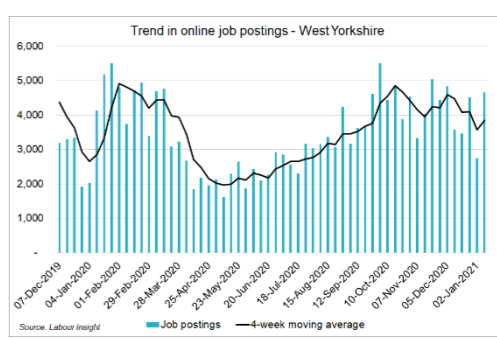
Local virus prevalence

As of the 6th January 2021, the 7-day moving average West Yorkshire COVID-19 rate was 306.4 cases per 100k, up from 231.3 per 100k the week before. These rates are below the Yorkshire and the Humber rate (317.4 per 100k) and England rate (629.3 per 100k). Within West Yorkshire, rates are lowest in Wakefield (274.5 per 100k) and highest in Leeds (332.7 per 100k).



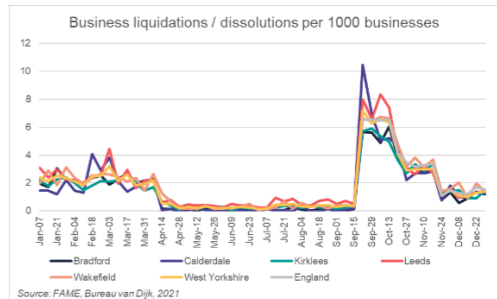
Local labour market

The count of online job postings recorded in week ending 9 January increased by 8% compared with the previous week. Although the picture is complicated by the Christmas period it seems clear that the latest lockdown has not so far resulted in the kind of sharp reduction in vacancies that was seen last March. This reflects wider intelligence that shows that workplaces have adapted to the crisis to a large extent.



Local business / economic data

There were 368 business liquidations in West Yorkshire in the week to January 5th according to data from Fame. This is double the weekly average of 180 seen throughout December. Nevertheless, this remains similar to the first week of January 2020 (345 liquidations). Trends remain consistent across West Yorkshire local authorities and in line with activity across England.
Source: FAME, Bureau van Dijk, 2021



Local business insight

In this week's feedback, most businesses have concerns over both COVID-19 restrictions and EU transition deal issues. With concerns over COVID-19 restrictions taking priority over those of the EU transition deal.

The two most reported issues in this week's feedback were around importing & exporting and workforce & people. With most business this week currently enquiring about more information around government support before committing to any major business decisions.

