

Leeds City Region COVID-19 Dashboard



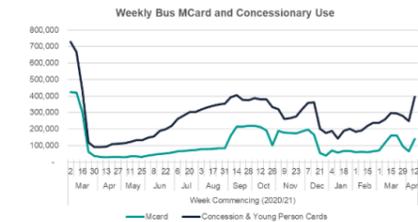
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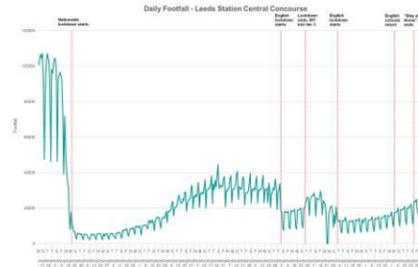
Local bus patronage

For the week beginning Monday 12th April 2021, the combined level of MCard and concessionary fare use shows a 54% reduction against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, and a 70% increase against the previous week. This coincides with step 2 of lockdown easing and some districts schools returning from Easter holidays. Concessionary and young person fares have increased sharply to levels seen in summer 2020.



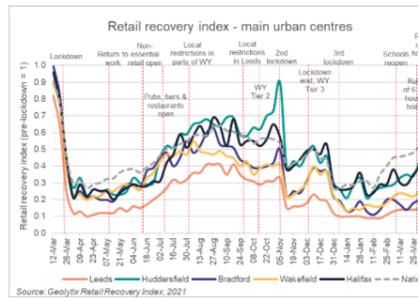
Station footfall

Data from Network Rail shows total daily footfall levels on Leeds Station Central Concourse. For the week beginning Monday 12th April 2021, this shows a 64% reduction against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a 74% increase against the previous week. This coincides with step 2 of lockdown easing and some districts schools returning from Easter holidays. Footfall is at levels seen in summer 2020.



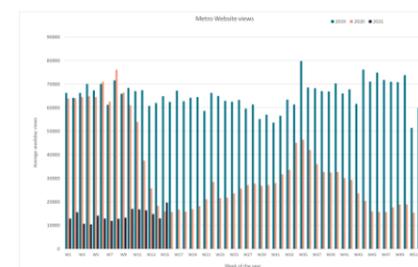
City / town centre activity

Activity in West Yorkshire's main urban centres increased sharply in the week to 15th April, with half of this period covering the reopening of non-essential retail and outdoor hospitality. Activity in Huddersfield reached 97% of its pre-pandemic baseline, with Halifax at 62% of baseline – both levels not seen since before the autumn lockdown. Leeds and Bradford remain around 36% of pre-pandemic baselines, again up sharply on a week earlier.

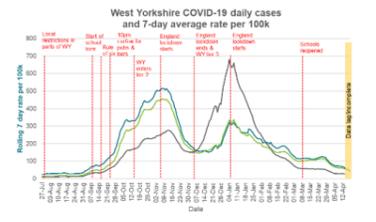


Metro website hits

In the last week the average number of pageviews for the METRO website was 30% of the number in the same week of 2019. The average number of weekday pageviews increased by 52% from the previous week, and is 28% higher than the lowest point in 2020.



As of the 14th April 2021, the 7-day moving average West Yorkshire COVID-19 rate was 60.9 cases per 100k, a 17% decrease compared to the previous week (from 73.2 per 100k) and the lowest rates have been since 7th Sept 2020. In the same period, the rate in Yorkshire and the Humber fell by 13% to 55.2 per 100k, and rates overall in England fell by 8% to 26.8 per 100k.



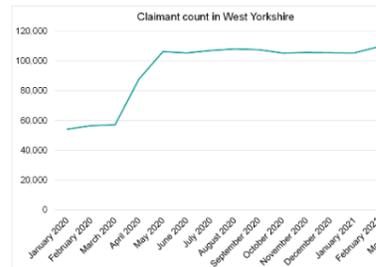
Local labour market

The number of vacancies for jobs in West Yorkshire posted online during week ending 17 April increased by 2% compared with the previous week, based on a 4-week moving average. Recent weeks have seen considerable volatility in the vacancy count, partly due to the Easter break with the lifting of restrictions in the economy probably also playing a part. Nationally, the number of vacancies grew by 3% (based on the moving average). The weekly vacancy count for West Yorkshire is currently on a par with its pre-crisis level (i.e. compared with week ending March 14 2020).



Local business / economic data

Figures of out of work claimants for March 2021 have been published today and there has been a small monthly increase both for West Yorkshire and nationally. In West Yorkshire the count increased by 990 (0.9%), following a 4% increase in February. The England average increased by 0.6%.



Local business insight

The headlines for this week's feedback include a company expressing issues due to the blockage of the Suez Canal. Companies that support the travel or hospitality sectors are still facing ongoing issues due to massive drop in demand because of COVID-19. Other companies that are providing feedback on how they fall between the cracks in eligibility for government funding. More positively, many companies have started seeing a recovery to their business in 2021. The graph on the left shows the number of issues reported by week to the growth managers. Workforce & People continues to be the most reported issue

