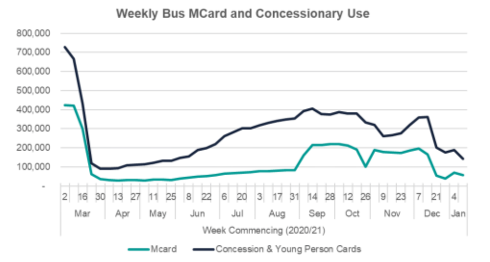
Leeds City Region COVID-19 Dashboard

West Yorkshire Combined Authority — Working in partnership with the — Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership

Transport and environmental impacts

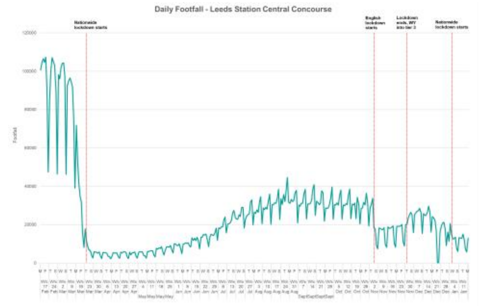
Local bus patronage

For the week beginning Monday 11th January 2021, the combined level of MCard and concessionary fare use shows an **83% reduction** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a **23% decrease** on the previous week. Note that this includes snow disruption.
Source: WYCA NERO Reports



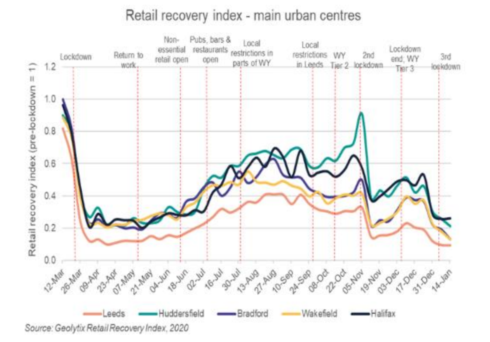
Station footfall

Data from Network Rail shows total daily footfall levels on Leeds Station Central Concourse. For the week beginning Monday 11th January 2021, this shows an **88% reduction** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, **a 10% decrease** on the previous week.
Source: Network Rail / Station Capacity Team stationcapacity@networkrail.co.uk



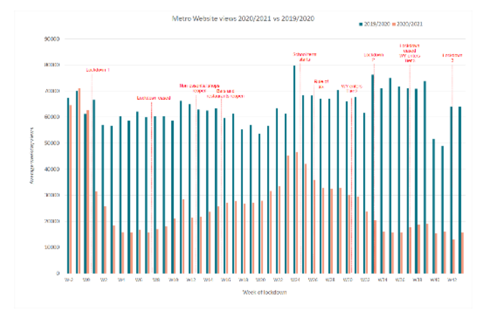
City / town centre activity

Activity in most of West Yorkshire's main urban centres fell slightly further in the week to January 14th, according to Geolytix's Retail Recovery Index. However it was largely unchanged in Leeds and Halifax. Leeds (10% of baseline), Bradford and Wakefield (both 13% are presently seeing lower levels of activity than at any point of the pandemic so far, though it should be noted that the latest data period also included a spell of heavy snow in parts of West Yorkshire which will likely supress activity further during this period.



Metro website hits

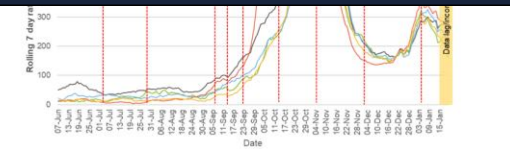
In week 43 the average number of pageviews for the METRO website was **24% of the same week of 2019,** a smaller percentage than at any time during the first national lockdown but a higher proportion than the previous week. The average number of weekday pageviews **increased by 20% from the previous week.**



Social and economic impacts

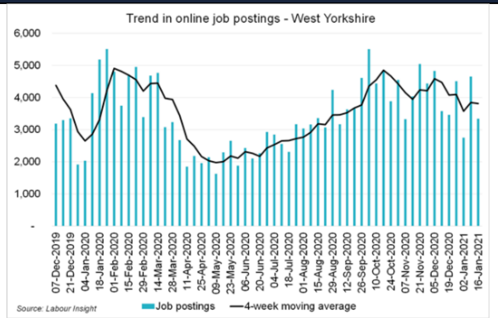
Local virus prevalence

As of the 16th January 2021, the 7-day moving average West Yorkshire COVD-19 rate was 262.8 cases per 100k, down from 307.9 per 100k the week before. Within West Yorkshire, rates are lowest in Calderdale and Wakefield (225 and 226 per 100k) and highest in Leeds (285.3 per 100k). Rates fell in all districts in the last week, with the greatest absolute falls in Wakefield.



Local labour market

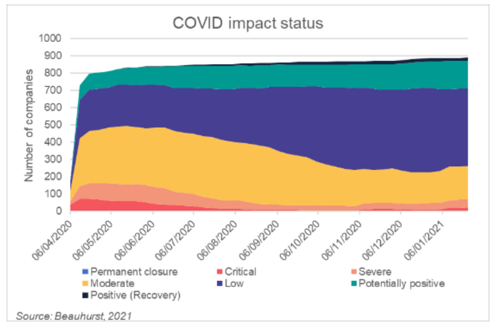
The number of vacancies for jobs in West Yorkshire posted online during week ending 16 January was largely static (-1%) compared with the previous week (based on a 4-week moving average). The weekly vacancy count for West Yorkshire has fallen 21% below its recent peak in mid-October, but there is no sign of a sharp decline as seen in first lockdown.



Local business / economic data

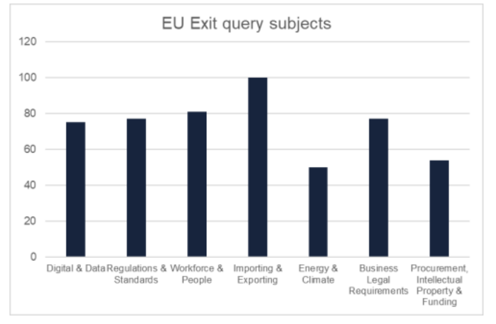
The proportion of West Yorkshire companies tracked by Beauhurst facing a severe or critical risk from COVID-19 has increased from 3.5% at the start of the November lockdown to 7.9% on 25th January according to analysis by Beauhurst.

41% of those facing a critical or severe risk are in leisure & entertainment, with a further 18.5% in industrial sectors and around 10% each in retail and business & professional services.



Local business insight

Across business interactions with the LEP and Growth Managers last week, over half (53%) related to COVID-19, whilst 21% related to issues regarding EU Exit. The remaining 25% discussed both COVID-19 and Brexit. As with previous weeks, B2C businesses report very challenging trading conditions through the latest lockdown. Some are looking to invest or expand into new markets to look for new revenue opportunities, but there are reports that EU Exit may delay the realisation of these plans for some.



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