Leeds City Region COVID-19 Dashboard

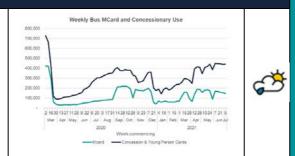




Transport and environmental impacts

Local bus patronage

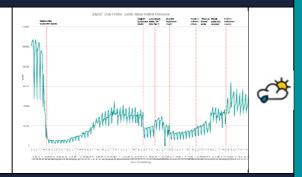
For the week beginning Monday 5th July 2021, the combined level of MCard and concessionary fare use shows a 49% reduction against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a 1% decrease against the previous week. Source: WYCA NERO Reports



Station footfall

Data from Network Rail shows total daily footfall levels on Leeds Station Central Concourse. For the week beginning Monday 5th July 2021, this shows a 54% reduction against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a 1% decrease against the previous week.

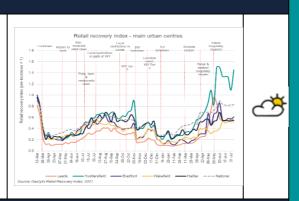
Source: Network Rail / Station Capacity Team stationcapacity@networkrail.co.uk



City / town centre activity

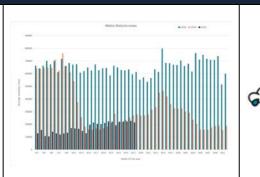
Activity in four of West Yorkshire's five main urban centres remained stable in the week to July 8th, according to Geolytix's retail recovery index. Footfall in Huddersfield has recovered to 45% above pre pandemic traffic levels.

The other centres saw little change in the past week, and are all between 52% (Wakefield) and 55% (Leeds) of their respective baselines. The picture is similarly stable nationally, at 83% of baseline, and in West Yorkshire's smaller centres.



Metro website hits

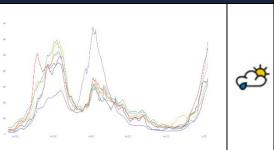
In the last week the average number of pageviews for the METRO website was 36% of the number in the same week of 2019. The average number of weekday pageviews fell 5% from the previous week, and is 39% higher than the lowest point in 2020.



Social and economic impacts

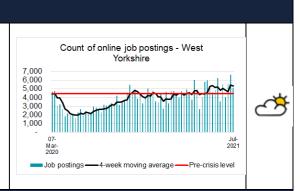
Local virus prevalence

As of the 7th July 2021, the 7-day moving average West Yorkshire COVD-19 rate was 450.5 cases per 100k, 40% higher than the January 2021 peak and only 12% short of the November 2020 peak. West Yorkshire rates increased by 34%s in the last week. In the same period, the rate in Yorkshire & the Humber increased by 48% to 420 per 100k and rates in England increased by 42% to 318.8 per 100k



Local labour market

The number of vacancies for jobs in West Yorkshire posted online during week ending 10 July fell slightly by 2% compared with the previous week, based on a 4week moving average (national average decline: also 2%). The moving average has now been above its precrisis level (week ending March 14 2020) for 12 straight weeks, pointing towards a sustained recovery in the labour market.



Local business / economic data

There were 312 business liquidations in West Yorkshire up to the week ending 29th June, based on a four-week moving average, according to data from Bureau van Dijk's Fame database. This is up 44.4% from the preceding four-week period and was driven by a spike in business liquidation over the last two weeks of June of 418 and 415 business liquidations.



Local business insight

The chart on the right shows the number of issues reported to growth managers by businesses in the region, broken down by business size. Across all business sizes Workforce & People, with over 35% of all issues reported in the last year. For Small & Medium business, Importing & Exporting with 27% and 33% issues reported, respectively. While for Micro businesses Procurement, IP and Funding is the second most reported issue with 19%.

