

Leeds City Region COVID-19 Dashboard



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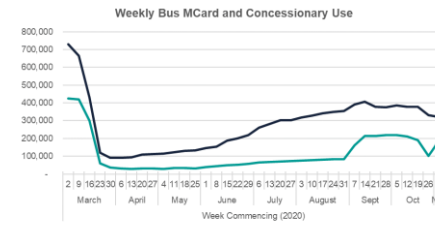


Transport and environmental impacts

Local bus patronage

For the week beginning Monday 2nd November 2020, the combined level of MCard and concessionary fare use shows a **reduction of 56%** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, an **increase of 17%** against the previous week. This shows a bounce back from half term levels despite the English lockdown measures imposed on 5th November.

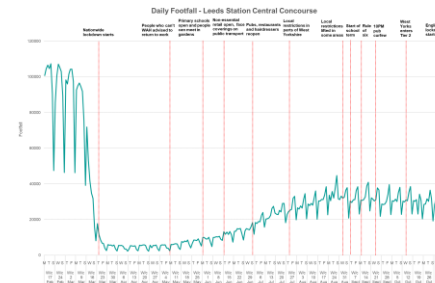
Source: WYCA NERO reports



Station footfall

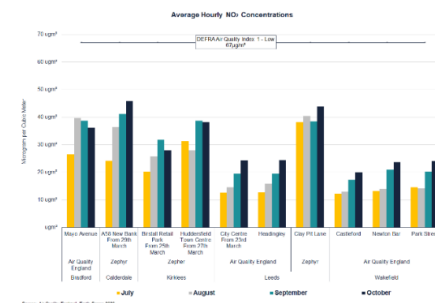
Data from Network Rail shows total daily footfall levels on Leeds Station Central Concourse. For the week beginning Monday 2nd November 2020, this shows a **reduction of 78%** against the week beginning 2nd March 2020, a **decrease of 30%** against the previous week. This is likely due to the English lockdown measures imposed on 5th November.

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



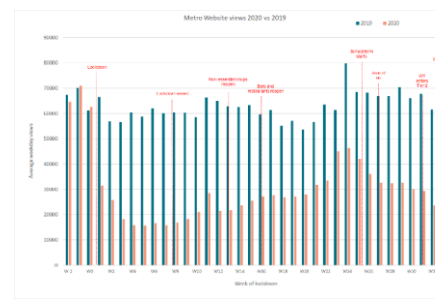
Air quality

Generally, for sites with long-term data available, NO₂ levels remain below pre-lockdown levels. Data from CA-funded Zephyr air quality monitoring sites in and approaching town centres reveal a steady increase in NO₂ levels over time.



Metro website hits

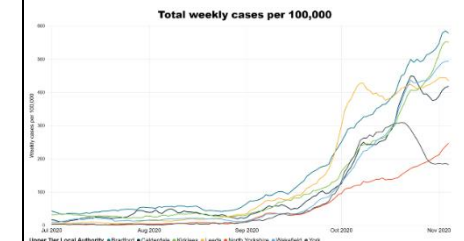
In week 33 the average number of weekday pageviews for the METRO website was **27% of the same week of 2019**, the lowest proportion since week 7. **Pageviews fell by 14% from the previous week**, and are now only 29% higher than in week 4 of lockdown.



Social and economic impacts

Local virus prevalence

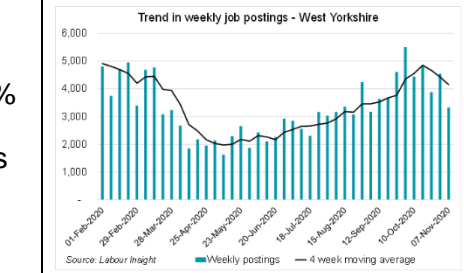
While across West Yorkshire the COVID-19 case rate continues to grow, the speed at which they have grown varies across the region. Bradford has the highest rate in the region with 596.2 cases per 100,000. Leeds which had the highest rate in region, has now 437.8 cases per 100,000. Both Kirklees and Wakefield have higher case rates than Leeds with 571.6 and 511.1 respectively.



Local labour market

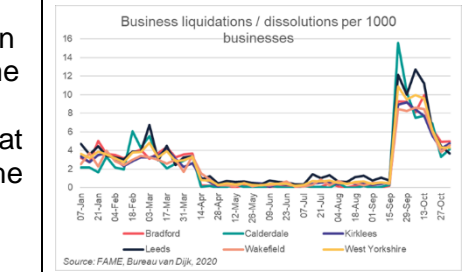
West Yorkshire vacancies down for third consecutive week

The number of vacancies for jobs in West Yorkshire posted online during week ending 7 November was 6% lower than in the previous week (based on a 4-week moving average). Nationally, the number of vacancies posted fell by 20%. The imposition of restrictions appears to be negatively impacting on recruitment activity, with current weekly vacancies 7% below pre-crisis levels (w/e March 14).



Local business / economic data

Just over 400 businesses were dissolved / liquidated in West Yorkshire in the week to November 3rd, the same as the previous week. This is down from over 900 per week in late September / early October, suggesting that spike was likely caused by a backlog of activity over the spring/summer. The number of liquidations remains 23% higher than in the first quarter of 2020, however.



Local business insight

In the first week of November there has been an increase in companies using the furlough scheme. Growing to 42% of businesses up from 30% in October. Some of those using furlough say it will help to avoid redundancies for the time being at least, but there are others who are concerned that the support on offer in terms of grants will not be sufficient to meet costs during lockdown and may have no choice but to make redundancies.

