

WEEKLY COVID-19 TRANSPORT SECTOR KEY INDICATORS – 15 June 2020

The transport dashboard contains primarily key lag indicators. Therefore, the impact of COVID-19 may not necessarily be evident immediately in the graphs. This will be updated weekly and will focus on those indicators (or components of indicators) showing an increase or decrease, when compared to the previous year. The transport dashboard is supplementary to indicators captured in other COVID-19 dashboards, such as economic indicators.

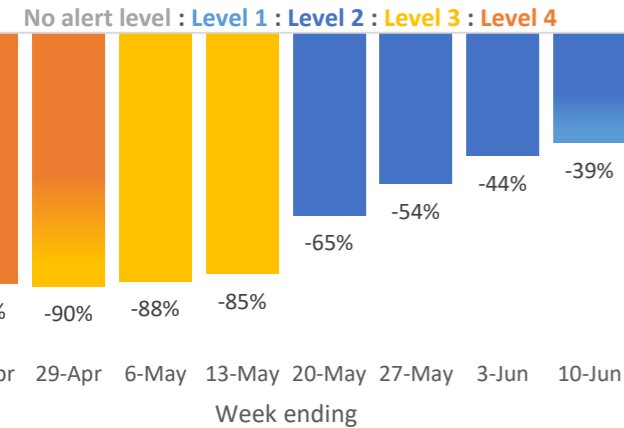
Public Transport

Summary of impacts to the transport system:

- Comparisons to 2019** – The week ending 26 April 2019 had **two public holidays** (Easter Monday and Anzac Day) and the week ending 7 June 2020 was the **Queen's Birthday**. This resulted in a significant change in travel patterns for those weeks (fewer people travelling for work, fewer services operating). This will be reflected in many of the graphs in this dashboard and some may show **different trends** from previous dashboards as a result.
- Public transport** – For the week ending 10 June, combined bus patronage for Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch **decreased 39%** compared to the equivalent week last year, but **increased 25%** compared to last week *this year*. Likewise, Auckland train patronage **decreased 46%** compared to the equivalent week last year, but **increased 36%** compared to last week *this year*. Auckland ferry patronage **decreased 44%** in the week ending 3 June compared to the equivalent week last year, but **increased 28%** compared to last week *this year*.
- Road traffic** – For the week ending 5 June, average speeds continue to be higher compared to the equivalent week last year for all most main cities, implying a **reduction** in road traffic levels. Traffic count data for the week ending 10 June supports this. In some cities (not all) heavy vehicle counts are now even **higher** compared to the same time last year.
- Air travel** – For the week ending 10 June, international passenger arrivals **decreased 98%** compared to the equivalent week last year. There was an **increase of 5%** compared to last week's (ending 3 June) arrivals.
- Rail freight** – For the week ending 7 June, KiwiRail's freight **decreased 8%** compared to the equivalent week last year and **decreased 18%** compared to last week.
- Heavy vehicle travel** – As of 10 June the total distance heavy vehicles travelled has **increased 18%** compared to 3 June, and visits by heavy vehicles to ports has on average **increased 14%**.
- Cook Strait** – For the week ending 10 June 2020, truck boardings on the Interislander **decreased 19%** compared to last week (ending 3 June) and passenger boardings **decreased 0.2%** compared to last week.
- Imports and Exports: Sea** – Imports **decreased 9%** and exports **decreased 9%** in May 2020 compared to May 2019. Fish exports continued to be lower than previous years in May 2020. May data is still incomplete and April data lags have now been corrected.
- Motor Vehicle Registrations** – New and NZ-new registrations for the week ending the 10th of June increased to around 8% of the equivalent week in 2019. The ratio of EV to fossil-fuelled vehicle registrations decreased to below 60% of the equivalent ratio in 2019.
- Road fatalities** – There has been **4** road deaths from **3** fatal crashes so far for Level 1 that began at Tuesday 9 June. During Level 4 (2359 hours Wednesday 25 March to 2359 Monday 27 April) there were **12** road deaths from **12** fatal crashes; during Level 3 (2359 Monday 27 April to 2359 Wednesday 13 May) there were **8** road deaths from **8** fatal crashes; and during Level 2 (2359 Wednesday 13 May to midnight Monday 8 June) there were **25** road deaths from **23** fatal crashes. As at midnight 14 June there were **129** road fatalities year to date, this is **50** fewer road fatalities than the same time last year.
- Self-reported behaviours and attitudes** – Over the last ten weeks, attitudinal surveys were conducted as part of Waka Kotahi's Sector Research Programme. Note, the most recent wave of data corresponds to the weekend immediately *prior* to the move to Alert Level 1:
 - Last week **22%** of respondents who had reduced their public transport usage said they did so because they were using private transport instead (higher than the **0-17%** during the previous nine weeks).
 - Transport mode usage has either returned to, or very close to, pre-Covid levels for all modes of transport except for bus and plane, and one mode of transport, taxi/uber, is experiencing higher levels of usage (**8%** of respondents during Alert Level 2 vs **7%** pre-Covid) although this is not statistically significant.
 - When asked about intent to travel domestically in winter/spring 2020 for a holiday, the net response last week was **20% lower** compared to last year's travel demand.
 - Last week **27%** of respondents reported working either entirely or predominately from home, compared to a peak of **53%** during lockdown, and **9%** pre-Covid.
 - During Alert Level 2 only **6%** of respondents reported travelling to a place of education (compared to **18%** pre-Covid) and only **18%** of respondents reported travelling for a medical appointment (compared to **44%** pre-Covid).

Public Transport (Bus) Patronage

(Only for Auckland, Wellington & Christchurch - vs equivalent week in 2019)

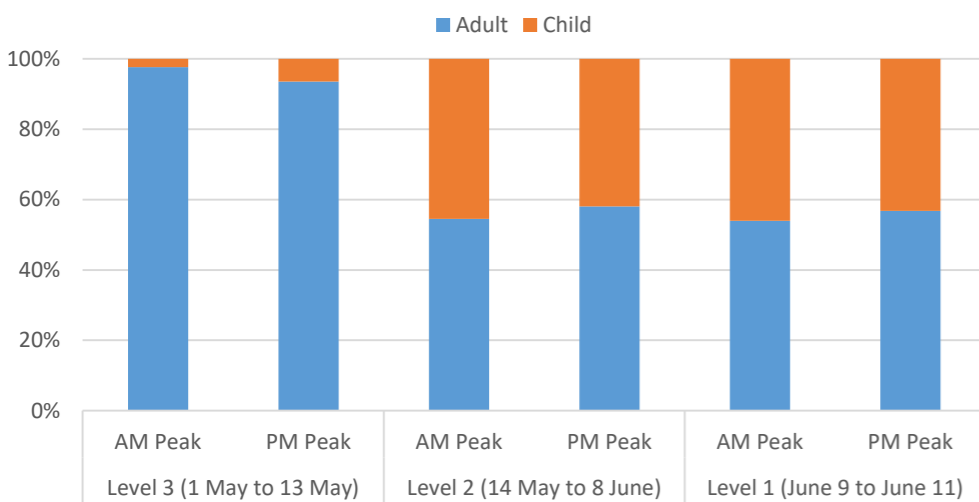


Change in public transport (bus) patronage week ending 10 June 2020 compared with previous week (3 June 2020)

25%

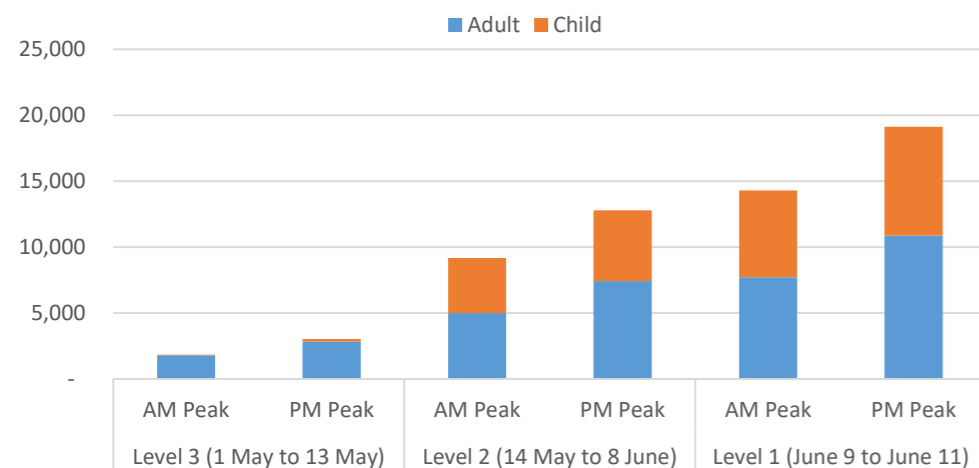
Average bus patronage by peak time and proportion of users

For Wellington and Canterbury where AM peak is 6am-9am and PM Peak is 3pm-6pm



Average bus patronage by peak time and user

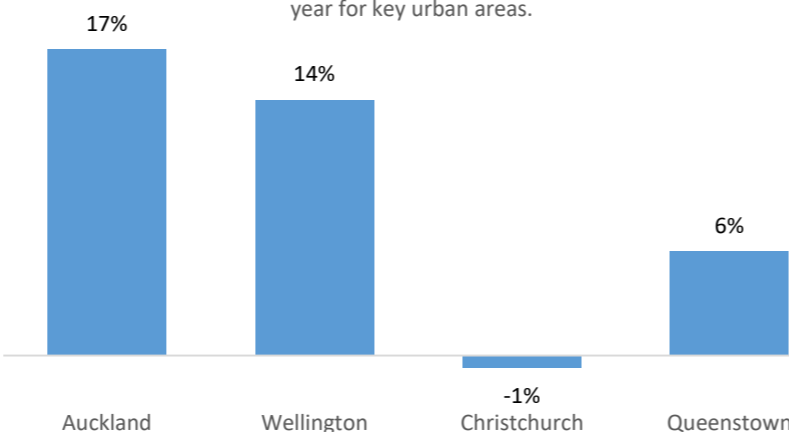
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Road Traffic and Speed

Change in speed of traffic flowing through cities

The change in the average travel speeds as of 5 Jun compared to same week last year for key urban areas.



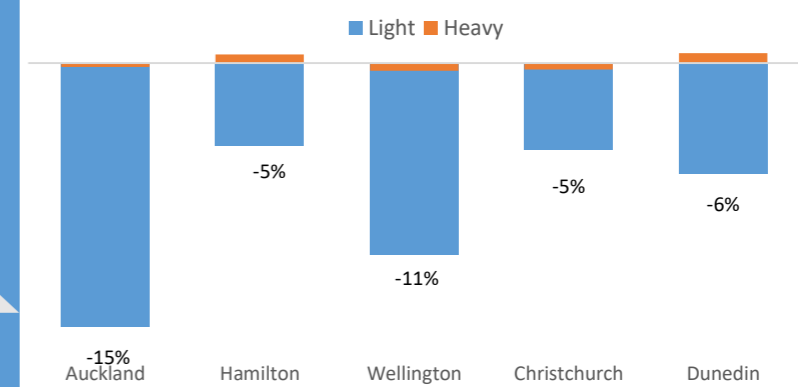
Source: Waka Kotahi

Change in average speeds for week ending 5 June compared with previous week (29 May 2020)

1%

Total traffic count flowing through key urban areas

Week ending 10 Jun compared to same week last year. Labels refer to total change for light and heavy vehicles



Source: Waka Kotahi

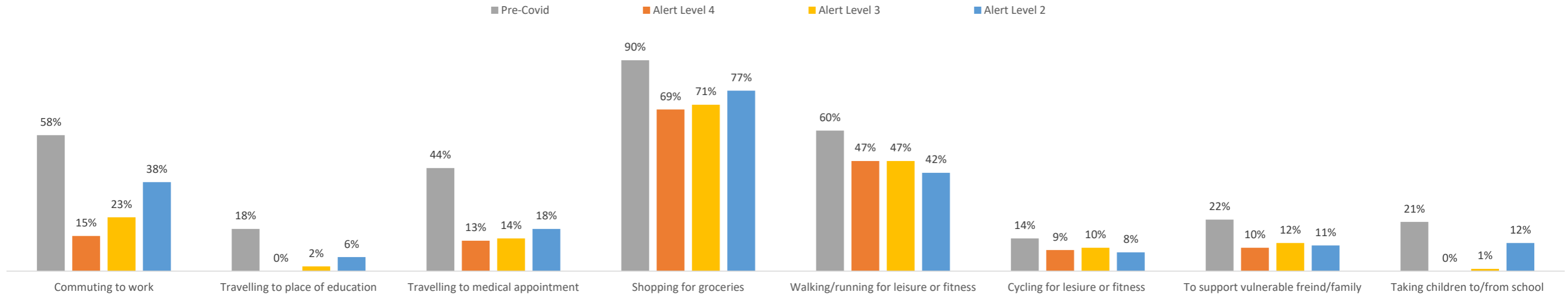
Change in traffic counts for week ending 10 June compared with previous week (3 June 2020)

9%

Source: Environment Canterbury, Greater Wellington & Waka Kotahi

Attitudinal survey results

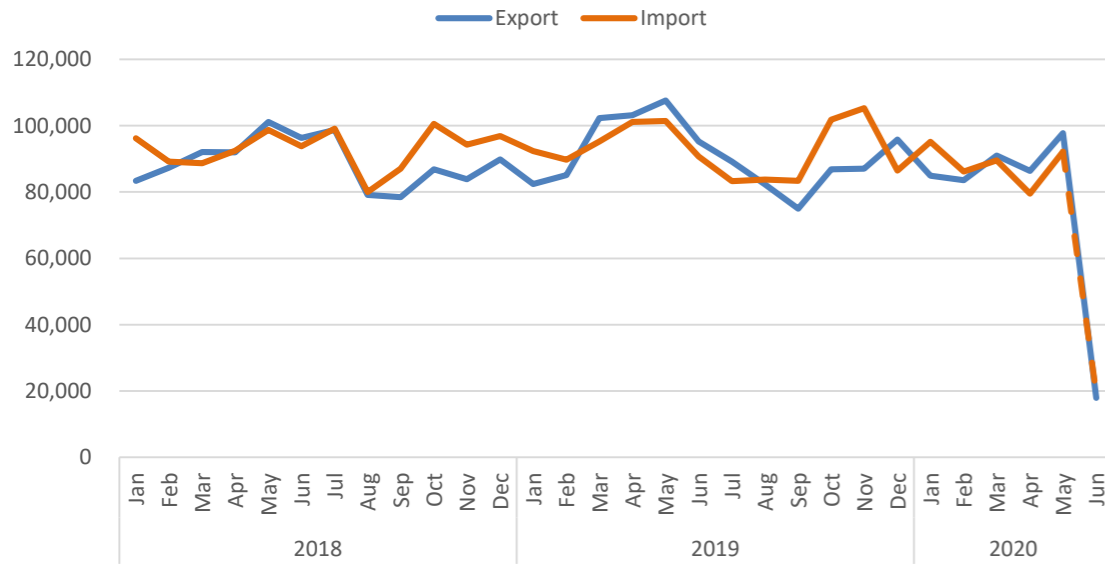
Reported transport activity by purpose



Source: Waka Kotahi Sector Research Programme

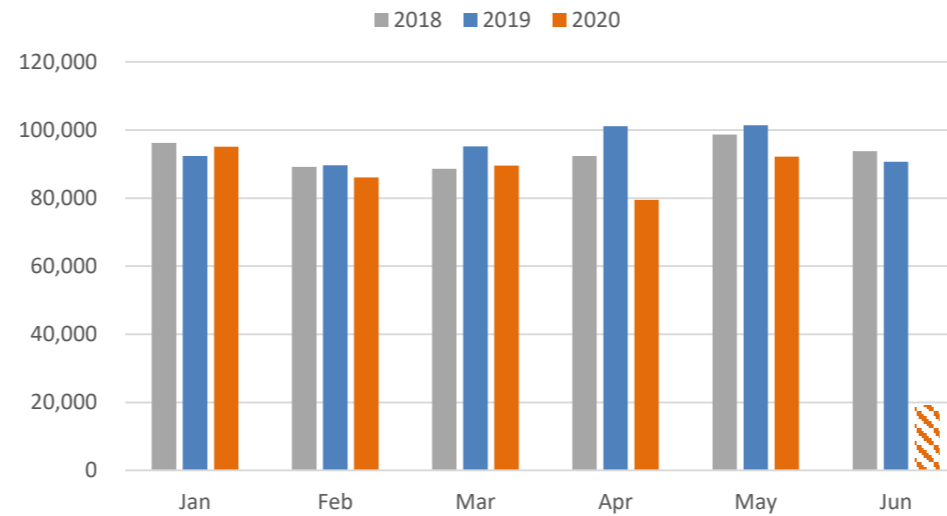
Imports and Exports - Sea

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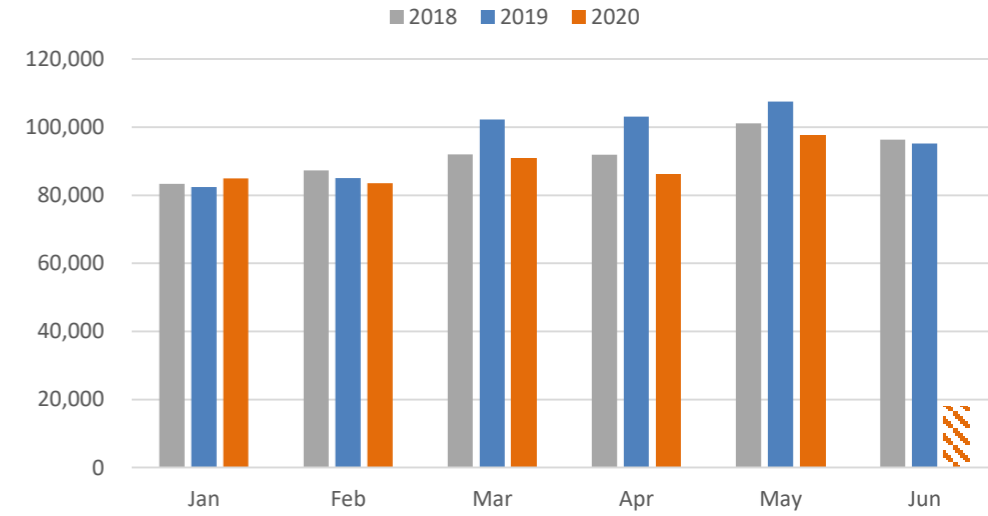
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Imports - Containers (TEU)



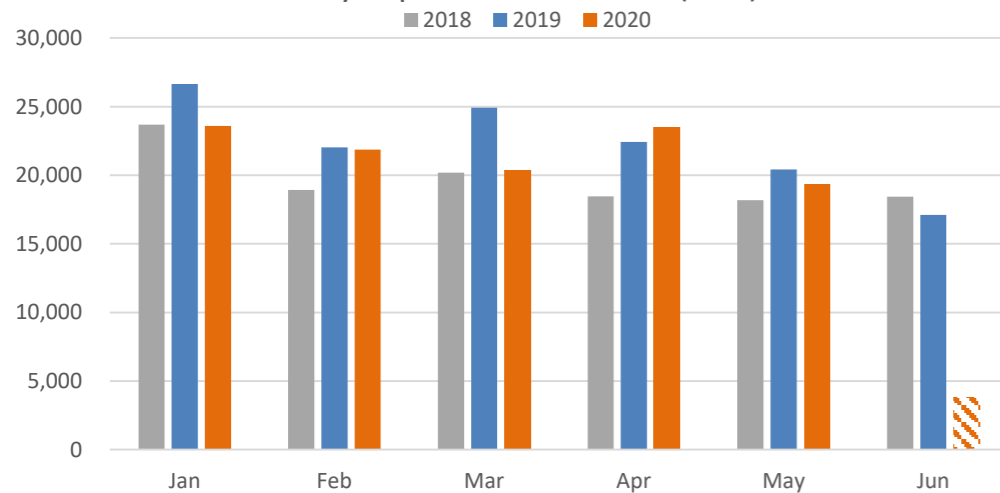
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Exports - Containers (TEU)



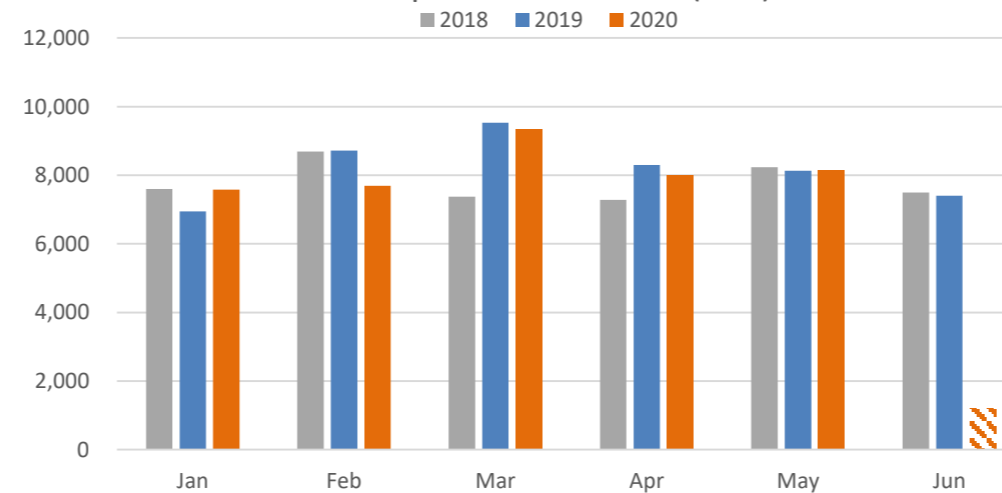
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Dairy Exports - Containers (TEU)



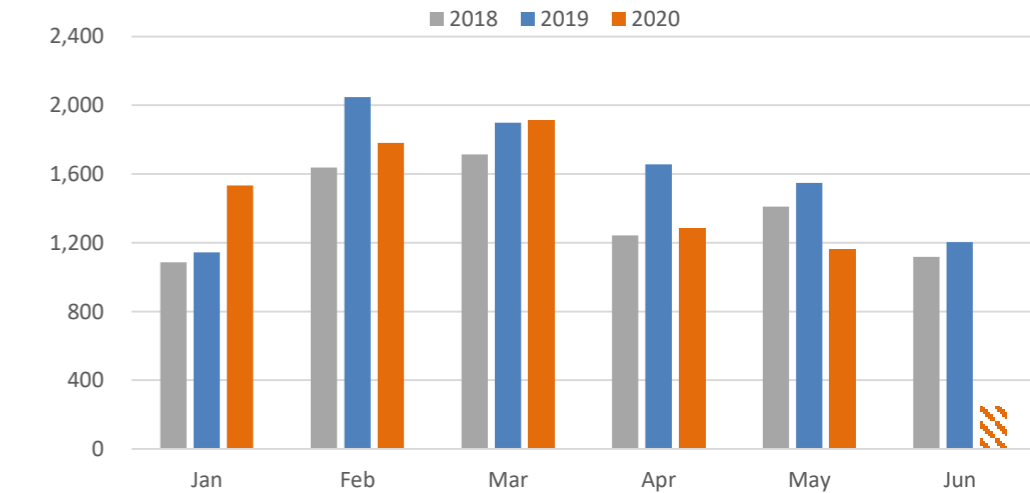
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Meat Exports - Containers (TEU)



Source: Ministry of Transport

Fish Exports - Containers (TEU)



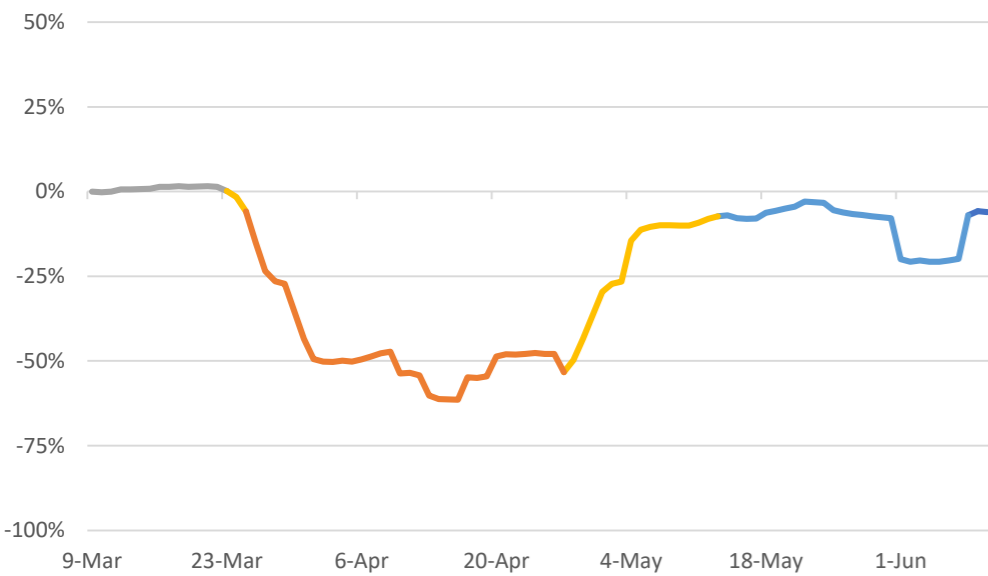
Source: Ministry of Transport

Heavy vehicle travel

Daily distance change for heavy vehicles

compared to 9 March 2020

No alert level : Level 1 : Level 2 : Level 3 : Level 4

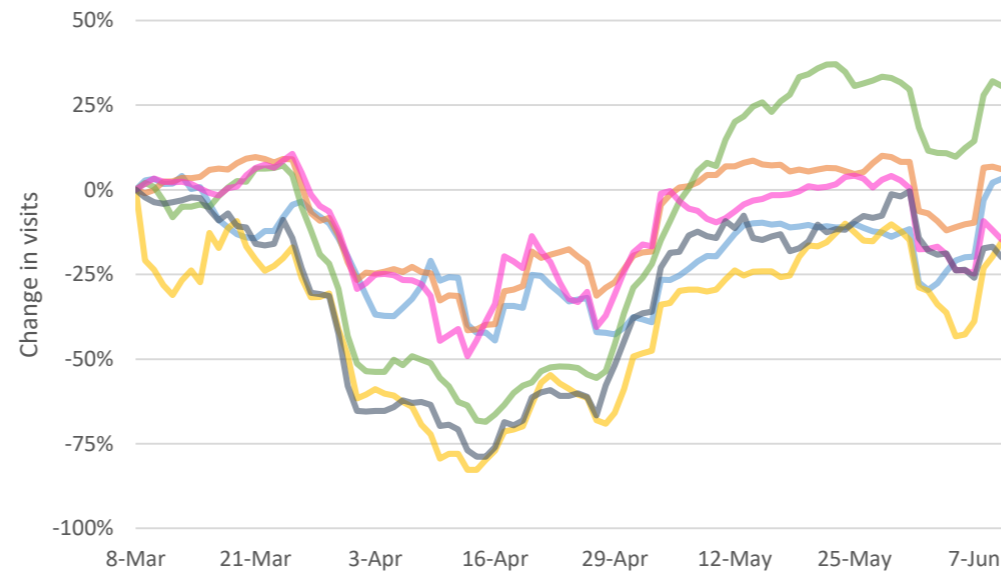


Source: EROAD

Daily heavy vehicle visits to ports

compared to 9 March

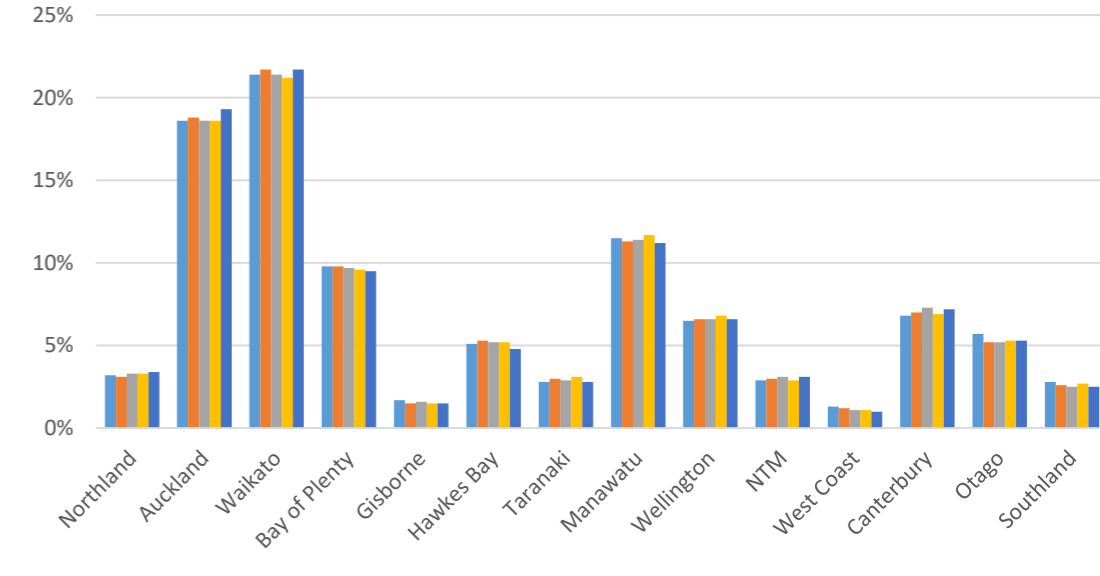
Auckland Tauranga Taranaki Picton Lyttleton Bluff



Source: EROAD

Proportion of interregional travel

w/c 2nd March 21-28 days ago 14-21 days ago 7-14 days ago 0-7 days ago

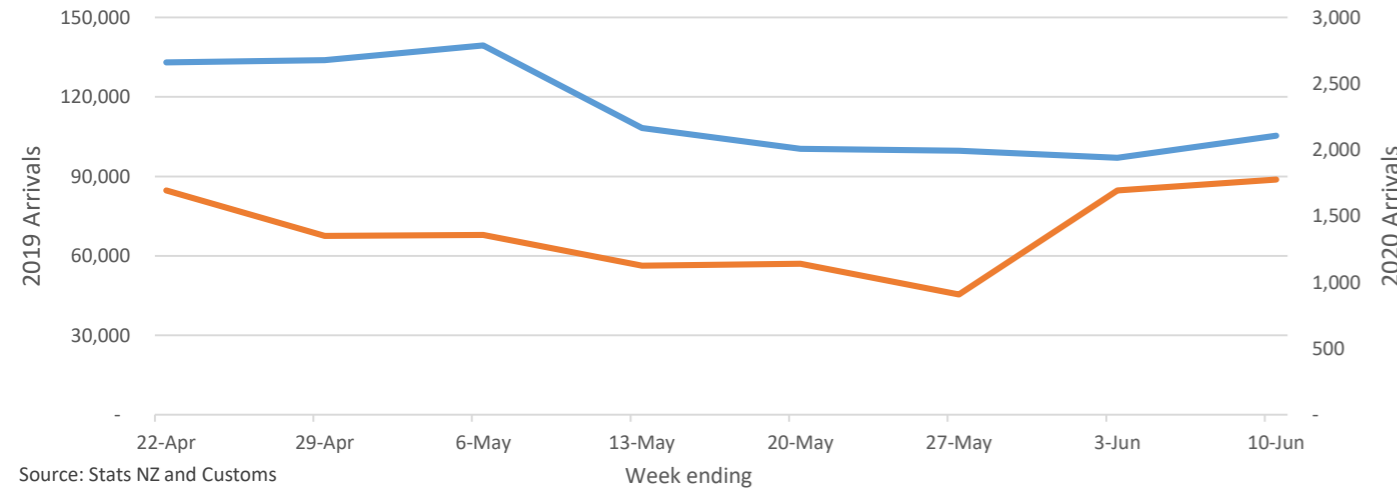


Source: EROAD

Air Travel

International passenger arrivals

2019 2020



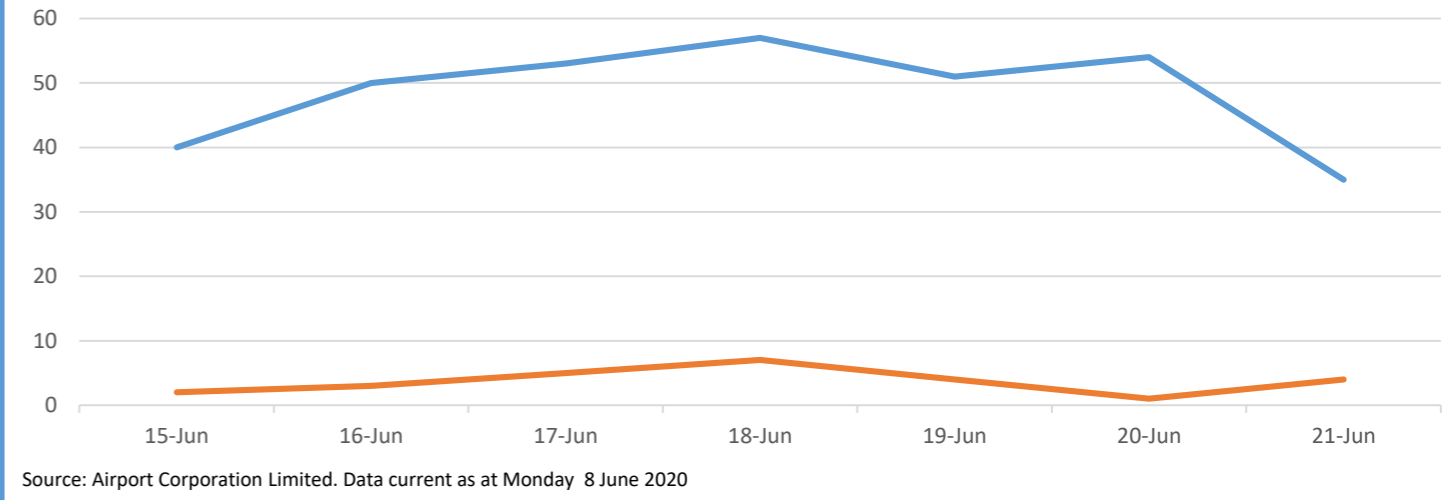
Source: Stats NZ and Customs

Change in international arrivals for the week ending 10 June compared with last week (3 June 2020)

5%

International Scheduled Flight Arrivals

Auckland Christchurch

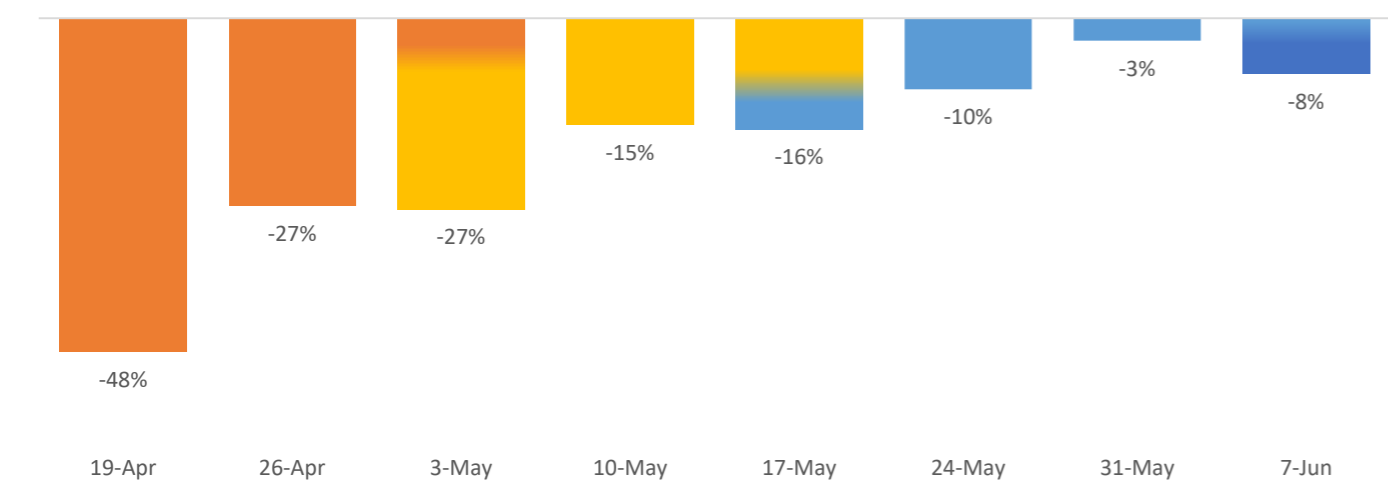


Source: Airport Corporation Limited. Data current as at Monday 8 June 2020

Rail Freight

Change in rail freight compared to same week last year

No alert level : Level 1 : Level 2 : Level 3 : Level 4



Source: KiwiRail

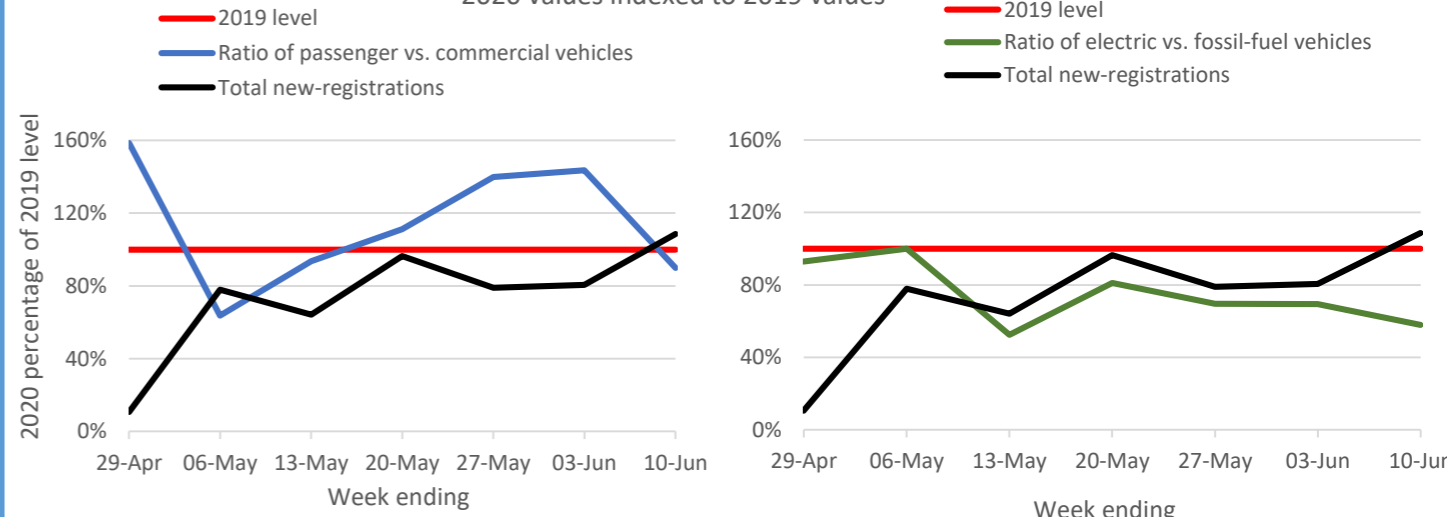
Rail freight compared to last week (7 June 2020)

18%

Motor Vehicle Registrations

Weekly new light-vehicle registrations (new & used imports)

2020 values indexed to 2019 values



Source: Ministry of Transport and Waka Kotahi MVR

Key events:

- **28 February 2020** – First case of COVID-19 in NZ.
- **16 March 2020** – The New Zealand Government has announced temporary restrictions on travellers arriving in New Zealand from mainland China or Iran as a precautionary measure to protect against the spread of COVID-19. The restrictions prevent foreign nationals travelling from or transiting through mainland China or Iran from entering New Zealand. Cruise ships banned from entering until at least 30 June 2020.
- **20 March 2020** – The New Zealand border is closed to anyone who is not a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- **21 March 2020** – Government announces COVID-19 alert system, and the country is initially set at Alert Level 2.
- **23 March** – Government moves country to Alert Level 3. Surge in demand for domestic air and inter-island services.
- **25 March** – A State of National Emergency is declared. At 11.59pm the country moves to Alert Level 4 and will remain at this level for at least four weeks.
- **26 March** – Public transport becomes free but can only be used by essential workers or for essential trips. Shared e-scooter services suspended.
- **27 March** – Domestic air travel and Cook Strait passenger services restricted to essential workers only.
- **3 April** – Foreign nationals returning home will be deemed “essential travel” and will be allowed to travel domestically (by air or land). Foreign governments can arrange charter flights to repatriate their citizens currently in New Zealand.
- **10 April** – Every Kiwi boarding a flight to return home will have to go into mandatory quarantine for 14 days, at least. This requirement, in a government facility, is a prerequisite for anyone entering the country.
- **16 April** – To support the movement of essential freight, non-essential freight that is already in the transport system can now be distributed and received, including de-vanning and delivery to businesses and customers. All freight can also enter and leave the country. The intention of the refinement is to clear the system so essential freight can move as freely as possible. This does not change the restrictions on non-essential businesses, who remain unable to trade under Alert Level 4, except to receive goods.
- **27 April 11.59pm** – New Zealand moves country to Alert Level 3.
- **13 May 11.59pm** – New Zealand moves to Alert Level 2.
- **8 May 11:59pm** – New Zealand moves to Alert Level 1, with no social distancing requirements on public transport.

Data enquiries:

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