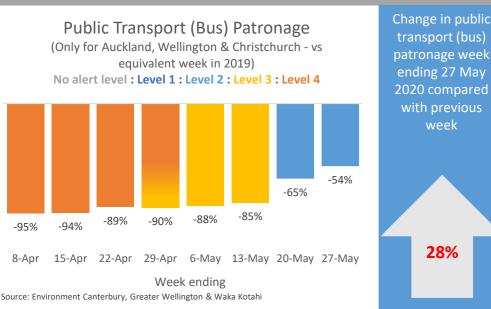
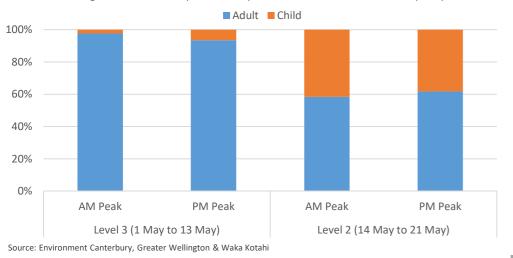
# WEEKLY COVID-19 TRANSPORT SECTOR KEY INDICATORS – 1 June 2020

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.

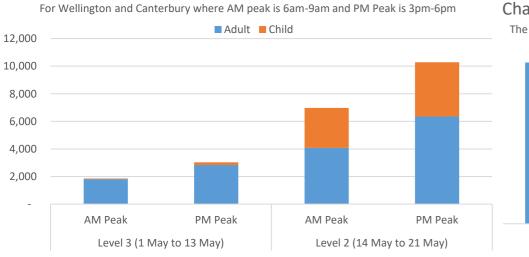




### Average bus patronage by peak time and proportion of users For Wellington and Canterbury where AM peak is 6am-9am and PM Peak is 3pm-6pm

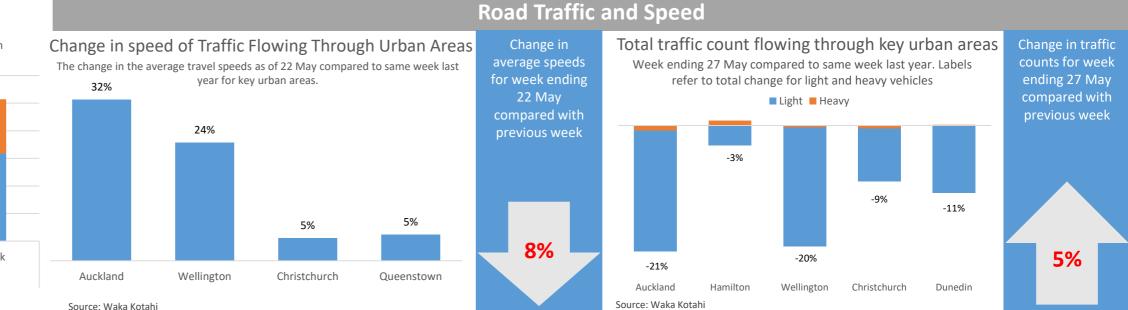


# Average bus patronage by peak time and user



## Summary of impacts to the transport system:

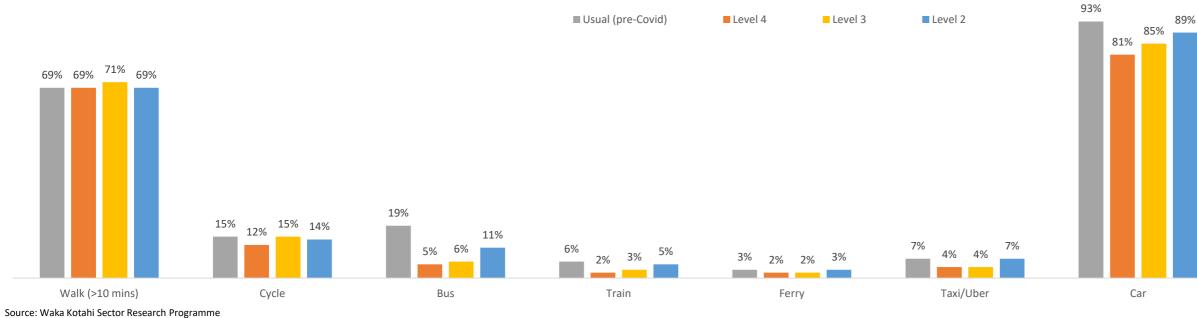
- Comparisons to 2019 The week beginning 22 April 2019 had two public holidays (Easter Monday and Anzac Day). This resulted in a significant change in travel patterns for that week (fewer people travelling for work, fewer services operating). This will be reflected in many of the graphs in this dashboard and some may show different trends from previous dashboards as a result.
- Public transport For the week ending 27 May, combined bus patronage for Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch decreased 54% compared to the equivalent week last year, but increased 28% compared to last week this year. Likewise, Auckland train patronage decreased 61% compared to the equivalent week last year but increased 21% compared to last week this year. Auckland ferry patronage decreased 65% in the week ending 27 May compared to the equivalent week last year, but increased 13% compared to last week this year.
- Road traffic For the week ending 22 May, average speeds continue to be higher compared to the equivalent week last year for all four key urban areas, implying a reduction in road traffic levels. Traffic count data for the week ending 27 May 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 27 May, international passenger arrivals decreased 99% compared to the equivalent week last year. There was an decrease of 20% compared to last week's (ending 20 May) arrivals.
- Rail freight For the week ending 27 May, KiwiRail's freight decreased 10% compared to the equivalent week last year and decreased 0.3% compared to last week. Heavy vehicle travel – As of 27 May 2020 the total distance heavy vehicles travel has decreased 2% compared to 20 May 2020, and visits by heavy vehicles to ports has on
- average increased 2%. Cook Strait – For the week ending 27 May 2020, truck boardings on the Interislander decreased 0.4% compared to last week (ending 20 May) and passenger boardings increased 30% compared to last week.
- Imports and Exports: Sea Imports decreased 21% and exports decreased 17% in April 2020 compared to April 2019. Fish exports have significantly reduced in April 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 27th of May were around 80% of the equivalent week in 2019.
- Road fatalities During the Level 4 lockdown (2359 hours Wednesday 25 March to 2359 Monday 27 April) there were 13 road deaths from 13 fatal crashes, during Level 3 (2359 Monday 27 April to 2359 Wednesday 13 May) there were 8 road deaths from 8 fatal crashes. There have been 15 road deaths from 13 fatal crashes so far for Level 2 that began at 2359 Wednesday 13 May. As at midnight 31 May there were **116** road fatalities year to date, this is **49** fewer road fatalities than the same time last year.
- Self-reported behaviours and attitudes Over the last eight weeks, attitudinal surveys were conducted as part of Waka Kotahi's Sector Research Programme: Alert level 2 has seen most transport modes (aside from bus) return to, or return close to, usual pre-Covid levels (note – we do not have usual pre-Covid data for plane
  - usage, although we know from other data that plane usage has definitely not recovered to usual pre-Covid levels).
  - Last week 6% of respondents said they were not personally committed to following the current travel/movement restrictions (higher than the 3-5% during the previous seven weeks).
- Last week 8% of respondents said they were not confident they understood the current travel/movement restrictions (higher than the 4-7% during the previous seven weeks).
- Last week 25% of respondents said they did not feel able to get where they need to go (lower than the 26-31% during the previous seven weeks).
- Last week 1% of respondents said they did not use public transport because they need assistance to use public transport which is currently unavailable (lower than the 2-6%) during the previous seven weeks).

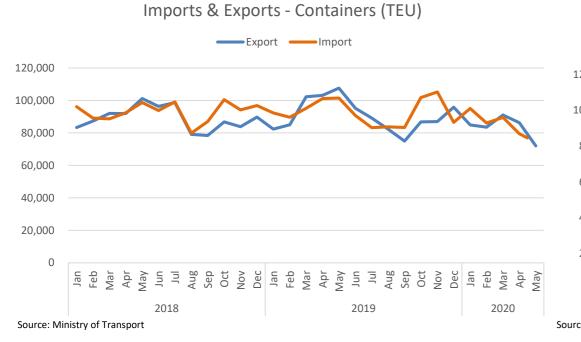


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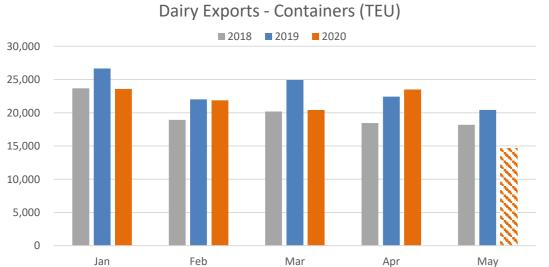
# **Attitudinal survey results**

### Mode usage by % of respondents

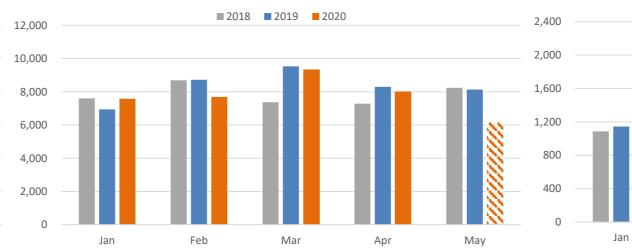








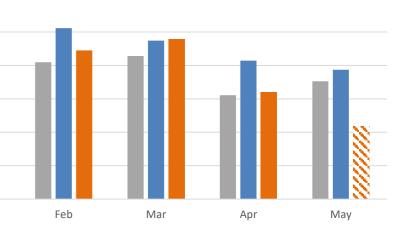
Meat Exports - Containers (TEU)



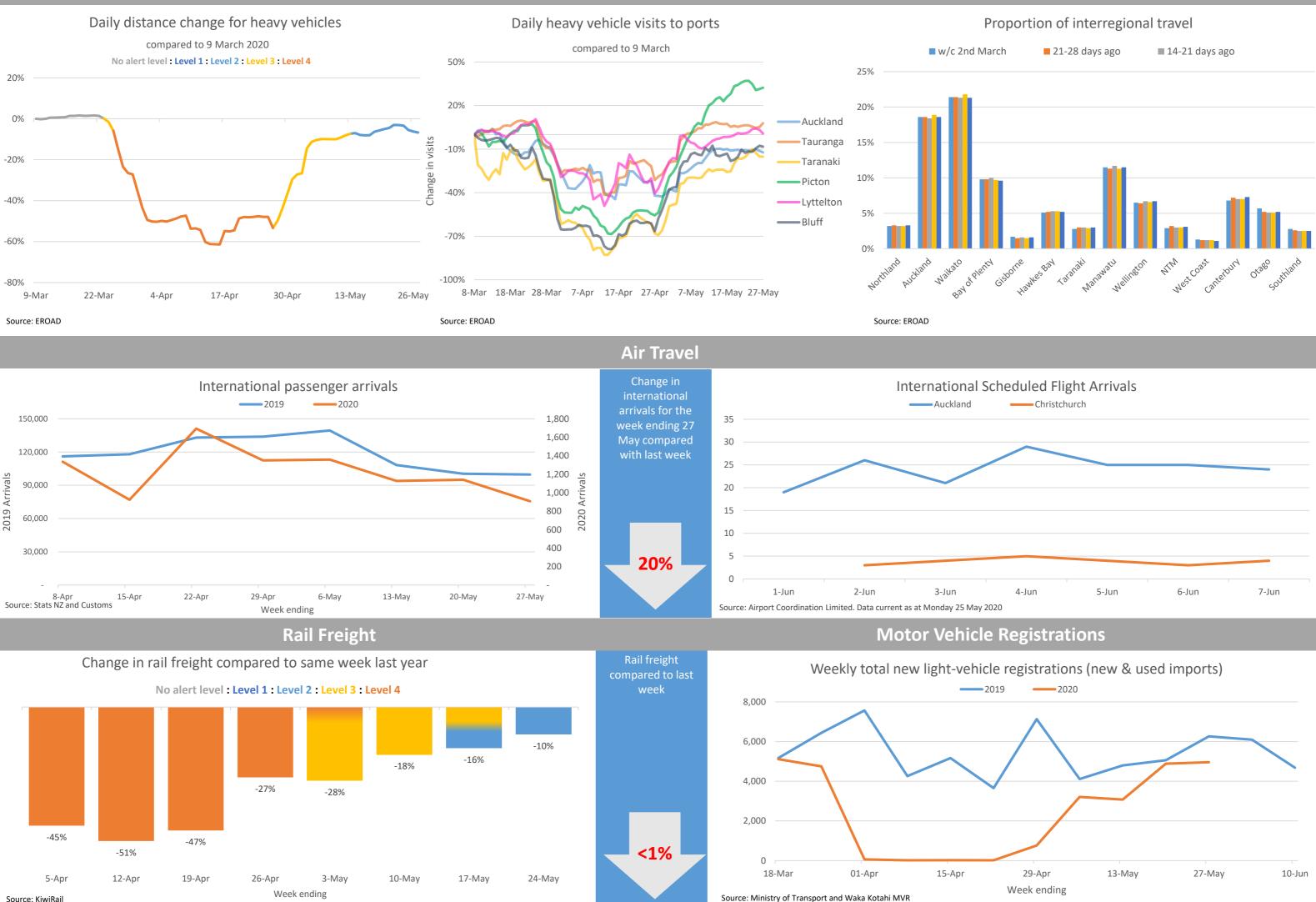
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# Heavy vehicle travel



Source: KiwiRail

# **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.

### Data enquiries:

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