

Weekly transport statistics show motor vehicle usage is up

The Department for Transport has published its [weekly statistics on transport usage](#) across Great Britain during the coronavirus.

In terms of motor vehicles, figures show that as a percentage of the equivalent day pre-pandemic, motor vehicle usage was at 68% of normal levels on 8 June, having reached an all-time low of 23% on 13 April.

By contrast, national rail usage has only increased marginally, reported at 9% of normal usage levels on 8 June, up from its lowest level of 4% on 10 April.

Data lists daily figures from 1 March 2020 and is updated every Wednesday at 14.00.

New parents returning to work are eligible for furlough scheme

[HM Treasury has announced](#) that people on paternity and maternity leave who return to work in the coming months will be eligible for the government's furlough scheme.

ONS figures show household spending down by one-fifth

[Latest figures from the Office for National Statistics](#) show that more than one-fifth of usual household spending has not been possible during the lockdown, with activities like travel, holidays and meals out being prevented.

New measures to help the most isolated and lonely

[Social distancing guidance](#) and [FAQs on what you can and cannot do](#) have been updated to reflect [new rules](#) on 'support bubbles' for England. From 13 June, single adults who lives alone or with dependent children can form a 'support bubble' with one other household. All those in a support bubble will be able to spend time together inside each others' homes, including overnight, without needing to stay two metres apart.

You can see people you do not live with if you meet outdoors in a group of up to six people, whilst observing social distancing guidelines and keeping at least two metres apart.