

Mobility Trends Report



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incorporating
Facebook Mobility Data to 4th June 2020
Google Mobility Data to 29th May 2020



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Key Insights

- In this mobility report, notable points include:
 - a sustained appearance of higher than baseline long distance mobility vectors (blue vectors – above the levels seen pre-COVID) to Portrush, Portstewart, Bangor, the Mourne and Newcastle to and including Tuesday 2nd June, see Figure 2 & Figure 7.
 - a reduction in cross-country mobility on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th June (compared to the preceding four-day period) which aligns to cooler weather in the second-half of the week, see Figure 7.
 - mobility to parks & beaches in NI has remained above the baseline. The NI average of mobility to parks & beaches remains below the UK average, see Figure 4.
 - there has been a further increase of longer distance journeys, where $d > 0.5\text{km}$, see Figure 1.

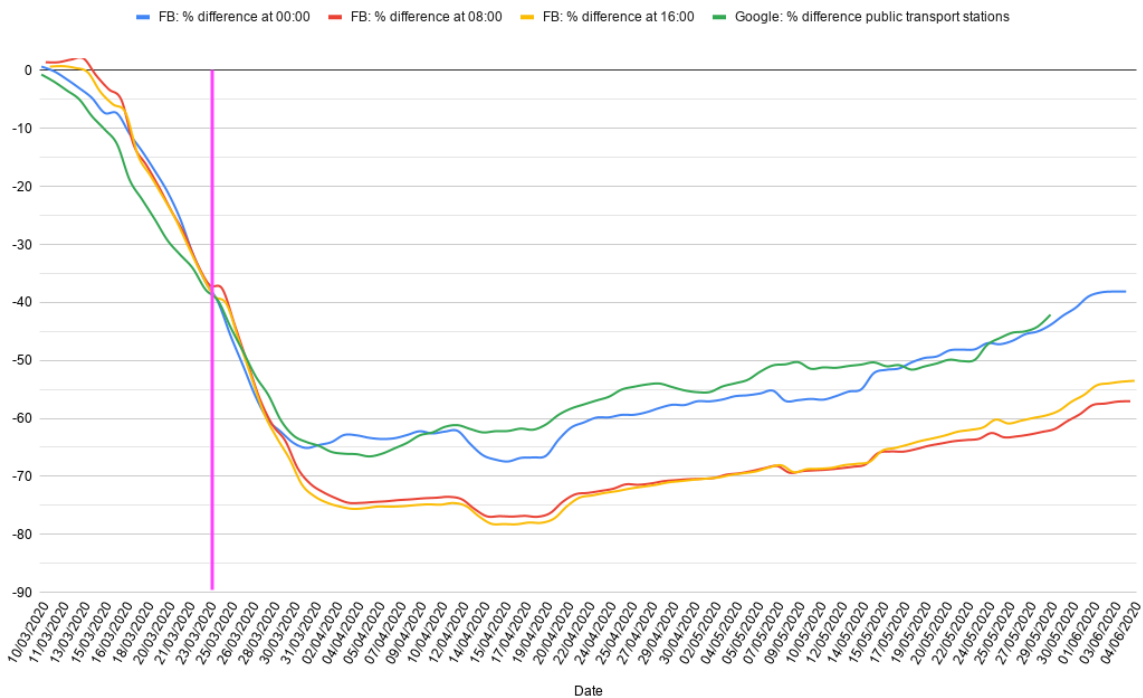


Figure 1: Facebook & Google Mobility Data - % differences for Northern Ireland as rolling averages. UK lockdown marked in purple. See notes A & B.

[A] Facebook Data: % difference in longer mobility vectors, where $d > 0.5\text{km}$. Google Data: % difference in mobility to transit hubs.

[B] Each presented as a simple moving average over previous 7 days.

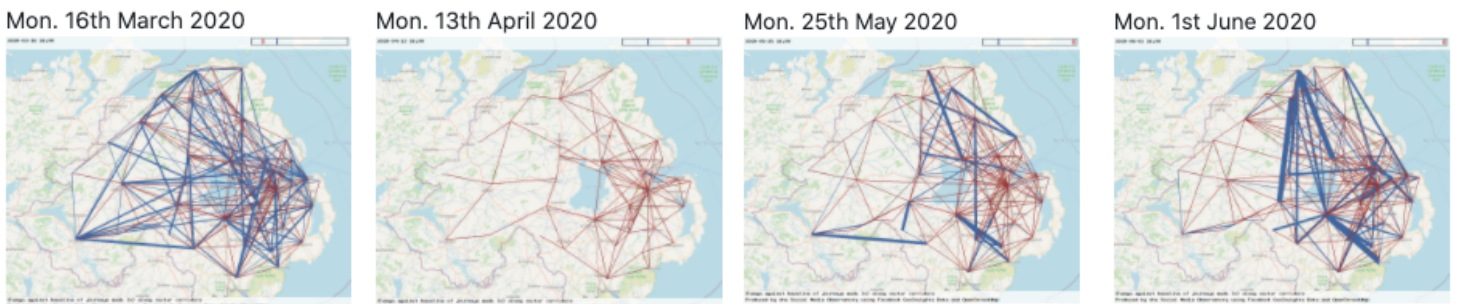


Figure 2: A comparison of four Mondays showing mobility before and after lockdown. The leftmost is a week **before** lockdown, followed by the Monday during lockdown with the lowest mobility (13th April), and then the two most recent Mondays. Blue vectors indicate a positive mobility difference against a ‘pre-Covid crisis’ baseline in February.

Google Mobility Trends

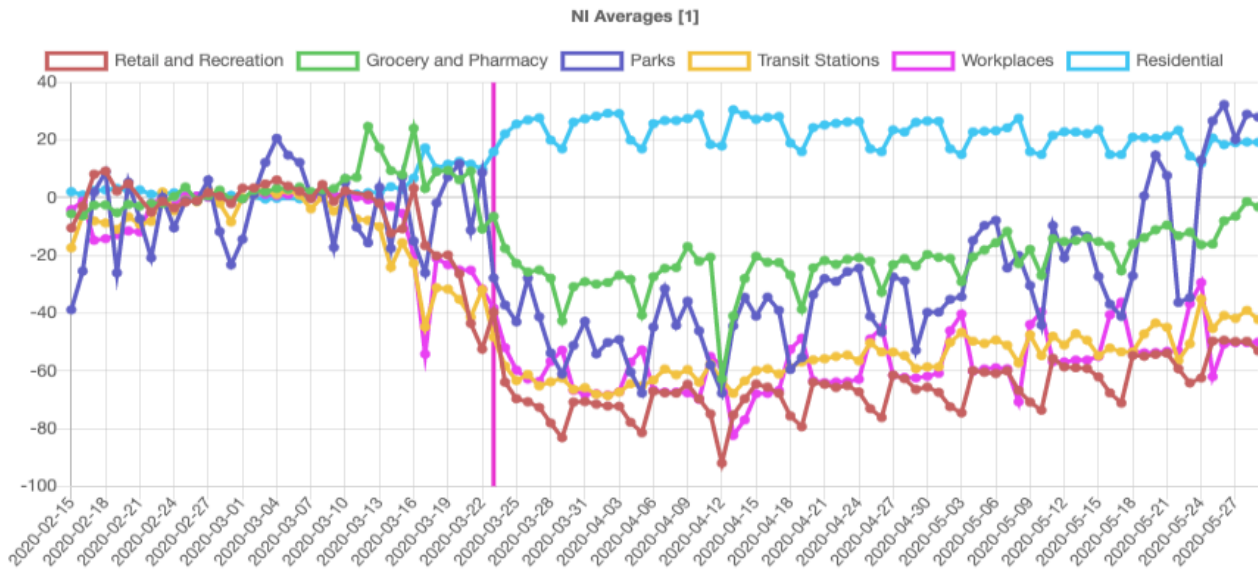


Figure 3: Google Mobility Data - Northern Ireland averages for all sectors until 29th May 2020. UK lockdown marked in purple.



Figure 4: Google Mobility Data - Northern Ireland averages for each sector until 29th May 2020. UK lockdown marked in purple.

Baseline:

The baseline is the median value, for the corresponding day of the week, during the 5-week period Jan 3–Feb 6, 2020.

Definitions:

- **Retail and Recreation:** Mobility trends for places like restaurants, cafes, shopping centers, theme parks, museums, libraries, and movie theaters.
- **Grocery and Pharmacy:** Mobility trends for places like grocery markets, food warehouses, farmers markets, specialty food shops, drug stores, and pharmacies.
- **Parks:** Mobility trends for places like national parks, public beaches, marinas, dog parks, plazas, and public gardens.
- **Transit Stations:** Mobility trends for places like public transport hubs such as subway, bus, and train stations.
- **Workplaces:** Mobility trends for places of work.
- **Residential:** Mobility trends for places of residence.

Notes:

[2] Northern Ireland average is calculated as the mean of change (%) over all NI council areas for which data is recorded. It is not weighted for population or any other adjustment.

[3] UK average is the "headline" overall UK figures from the Google Mobility Trends data for the UK and is not calculated by SMO.

[4] RoI average is the "headline" overall Republic of Ireland figures from the Google Mobility Trends data for the Republic of Ireland and is not calculated by SMO.

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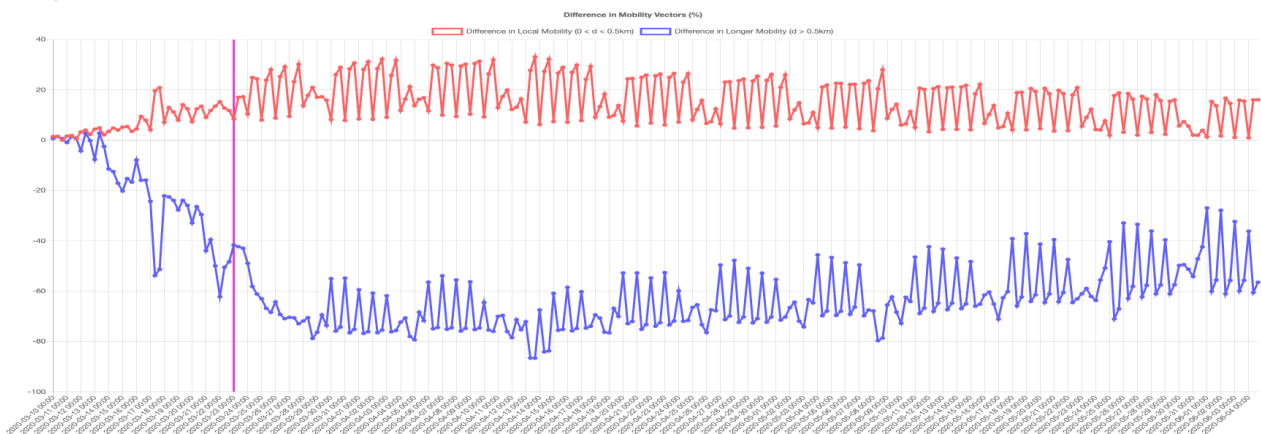


Figure 5: Facebook Mobility Data - Difference in mobility (%) until 4th June 2020. UK lockdown marked in purple.

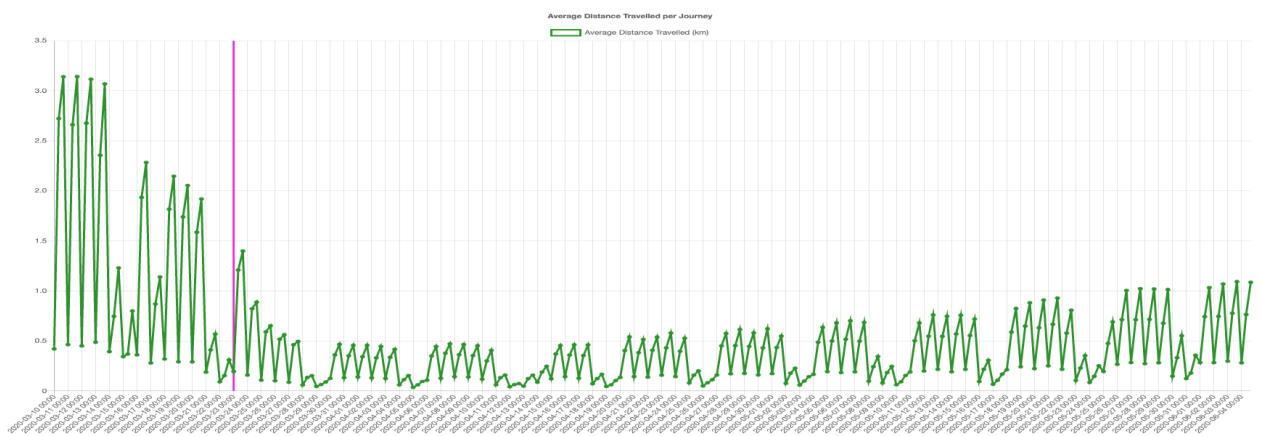


Figure 6: Facebook Mobility Data - Average Distance Travelled (km) until 4th June 2020. UK lockdown marked in purple.

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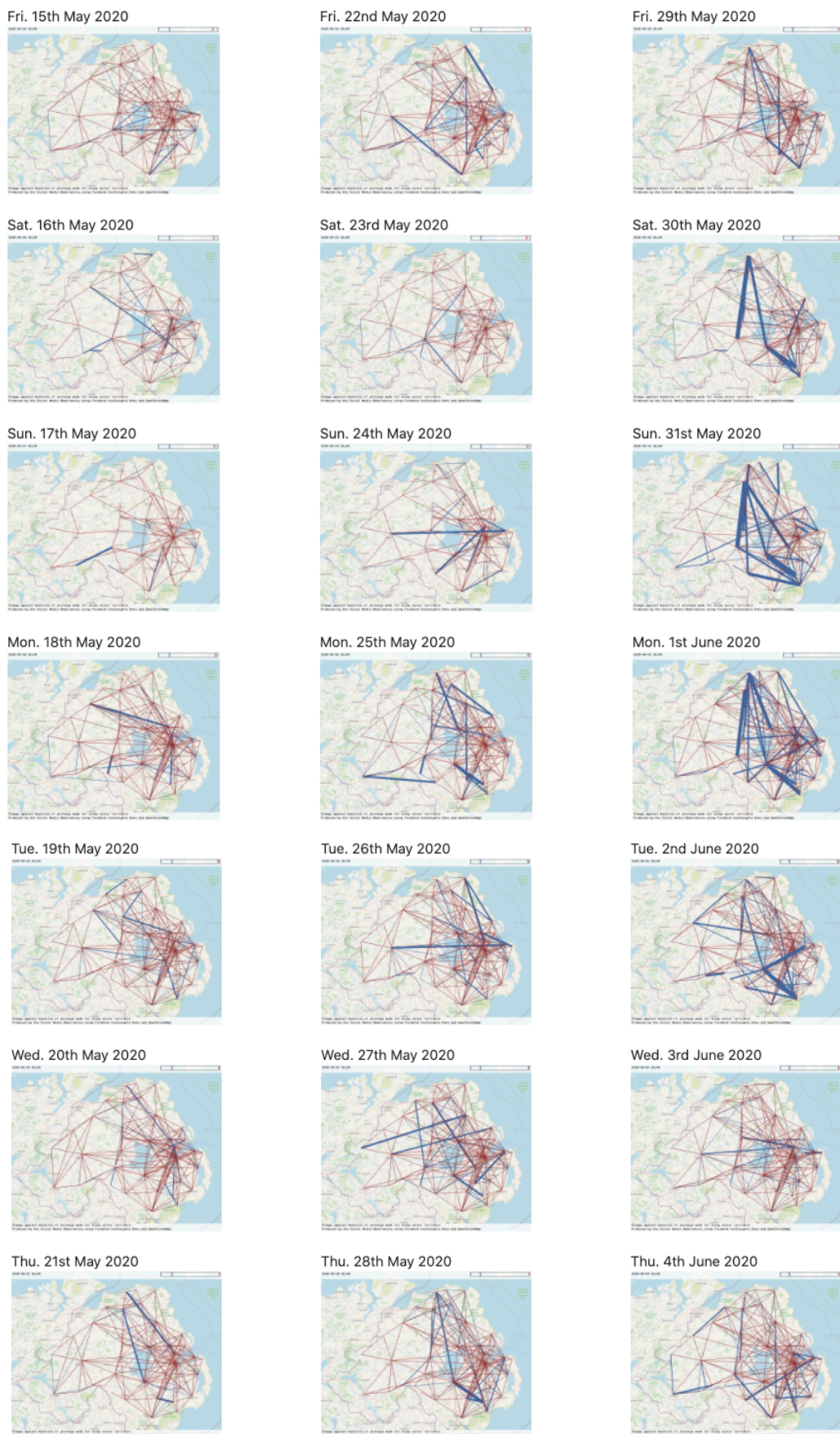


Figure 7: A comparison of mobility vectors in Northern Ireland for the three most recent weeks.

Each column represents a week-long period, starting on a Friday.

Red vectors indicate a negative mobility difference against a 'pre-Covid crisis' baseline.

Blue vectors indicate a positive mobility difference against a 'pre-Covid crisis' baseline.

The width of vector illustrates the size of the change. A wider vector indicates a larger change.