

Month	2025 total	2026 total	Change
June	138,180	146,455	+8,275 (+6.0%)
July	143,334	158,971	+15,637 (+10.9%)
August	141,726	178,174	+36,448 (+25.7%)

The diversion effect is striking

Across the whole day, Southbound traffic averaged:

Before diversion: 4,947 vehicles/day

During diversion: 5,927 vehicles/day

About **980 additional Southbound vehicles every day**, an increase of **19.8%**.

Between **02:00 and 03:00**, Southbound traffic increased from an average of only **20 vehicles an hour to 111** — an increase of about **468%**.

Top 10 busiest Southbound nights during the August 2026 diversion

Rank	Evening	Vehicles 20:00–06:00
1	Thu 13 Aug	2,808
2	Wed 12 Aug	2,778
3	Tue 18 Aug	2,771
4	Mon 17 Aug	2,664
5	Tue 11 Aug	2,613
6	Fri 14 Aug	2,425
7	Thu 6 Aug	2,415
8	Fri 7 Aug	2,393
9	Wed 19 Aug	2,358
10	Tue 4 Aug	2,242

Hour	Before diversion 13–26 Jul	During diversion 27 Jul–20 Aug	% change	After diversion 21–31 Aug	\
00:00–01:00	41	181	+342%	73	
01:00–02:00	25	134	+436%	57	
02:00–03:00	20	124	+520%	53	
03:00–04:00	20	89	+345%	54	
04:00–05:00	47	61	+30%	56	
05:00–06:00	121	133	+10%	119	
06:00–07:00	203	225	+11%	205	
07:00–08:00	324	332	+2%	316	
08:00–09:00	334	329	–1%	307	
09:00–10:00	300	301	0%	309	
10:00–11:00	299	296	–1%	312	
11:00–12:00	295	292	–1%	318	
12:00–13:00	309	306	–1%	309	
13:00–14:00	309	311	+1%	315	
14:00–15:00	314	315	0%	325	
15:00–16:00	329	323	–2%	320	
16:00–17:00	323	336	+4%	331	
17:00–18:00	321	326	+2%	317	
18:00–19:00	274	289	+5%	293	
19:00–20:00	222	233	+5%	257	
20:00–21:00	182	269	+48%	213	
21:00–22:00	148	334	+126%	172	
22:00–23:00	119	309	+160%	118	
23:00–00:00	71	225	+217%	79	
Average number of vehicles per day in each one-hour period. Aug 20-27 2026 diversion					

Top 5 highest speeds, Northbound and Southbound for June, July and August 2025 and 2026

Northbound 2025

Rank	June	July	August
1	92 mph — 28 Jun 02:56	97 mph — 14 Jul 01:41	90 mph — 17 Aug 17:43
2	90 — 1 Jun 10:24	94 — 15 Jul 07:12	90 — 18 Aug 22:29
3	90 — 25 Jun 03:46	94 — 16 Jul 00:01	90 — 19 Aug 14:10
4	90 — 30 Jun 04:19	90 — 8 Jul 07:21	87 — 29 Aug 23:04
5	85 — 4 Jun 22:30	90 — 24 Jul 09:56	85 — 8 Aug 22:50

Northbound 2026

Rank	June	July	August
1	90 mph — 22 Jun 10:02	91 mph — 26 Jul 18:08	90 mph — 11 Aug 07:45
2	88 — 14 Jun 23:33	90 — 2 Jul 14:45	90 — 28 Aug 00:16
3	88 — 17 Jun 08:29	90 — 6 Jul 09:34	88 — 28 Aug 14:34
4	82 — 24 Jun 07:42	88 — 27 Jul 02:32	83 — 4 Aug 23:46
5	81 — 3 Jun 02:05	86 — 28 Jul 02:38	82 — 10 Aug 05:30

Southbound 2025

Rank	June	July	August
1	79 mph — 10 Jun 03:18	99 mph — 27 Jul 00:02	84 mph — 18 Aug 02:26
2	78 — 17 Jun 03:19	86 — 9 Jul 20:24	82 — 9 Aug 23:17
3	77 — 20 Jun 01:16	82 — 19 Jul 04:20	82 — 29 Aug 23:11
4	76 — 21 Jun 00:39	79 — 2 Jul 00:20	81 — 1 Aug 23:49
5	76 — 29 Jun 00:17	79 — 29 Jul 04:01	79 — 23 Aug 03:37

Southbound 2026

Rank	June	July	August
1	90 mph — 15 Jun 07:24	90 mph — 7 Jul 21:05	86 mph — 7 Aug 16:37
2	85 — 13 Jun 00:50	84 — 15 Jul 00:22	79 — 7 Aug 19:31
3	83 — 24 Jun 02:52	83 — 24 Jul 22:52	79 — 16 Aug 19:47
4	75 — 15 Jun 05:43	80 — 2 Jul 05:52	77 — 8 Aug 03:57
5	75 — 24 Jun 01:44	80 — 25 Jul 21:34	77 — 29 Aug 00:16

A couple of important findings

The first is the **sheer level of the extreme speeding**. Across these six months, we've recorded:

- **99 mph Southbound** — 27 July 2025 at 00:02
- **97 mph Northbound** — 14 July 2025 at 01:41
- Several recordings of **90–94 mph**
- And importantly, extreme speeding isn't exclusively overnight. For example, **90 mph Northbound at 10:02 on 22 June 2026** and **90 mph Northbound at 09:34 on 6 July 2026**.

Table looking at all A14 Junction 2 closures in 2026 (southbound only)

Period	Status	2025 avg/night	2026 avg/night	Change/night	% change	Actual 2026 overnight total
26 Jan– 14 Mar	Diversion	597	1,253	+656	+109.7%	60,143
22–27 Jun	Diversion	722	1,394	+672	+93.1%	8,367
27 Jul– 22 Aug	Major diversion	700	1,829	+1,129	+161.4%	49,377
24–31 Aug	After main eastbound diversion	916	876	–40	–4.4%	7,010

During every identified diversion period, Southbound overnight traffic was roughly double to two-and-a-half times the equivalent 2025 level. Once the main eastbound diversion ended after 23 August, traffic returned almost exactly to the previous year's level.

Average vehicles per hour so periods of different lengths can be compared fairly.
For each diversion, the strongest spikes are in **bold**.

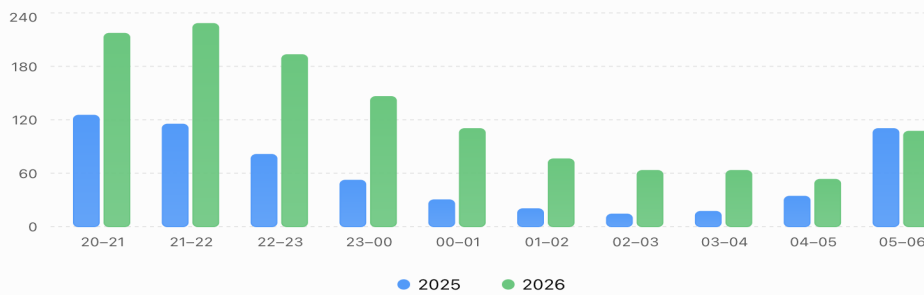
Time	Jan–Mar 2025	Jan–Mar 2026	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	Jul/Aug 2025	Jul/Aug 2026
20:00– 21:00	125	217	173	264	168	263
21:00– 22:00	115	228	133	288	137	314
22:00– 23:00	81	193	97	207	99	290
23:00– 00:00	52	146	53	170	61	210
00:00– 01:00	30	110 (+265%)	26	111 (+320%)	39	175 (+350%)
01:00– 02:00	20	76 (+285%)	20	81 (+299%)	23	131 (+465%)
02:00– 03:00	14	63 (+352%)	21	52 (+146%)	18	123 (+579%)
03:00– 04:00	17	63 (+269%)	15	35 (+134%)	20	92 (+358%)
04:00– 05:00	34	53	49	47	36	62
05:00– 06:00	110	107	138	132	100	128

After diversion Aug 24-31 2026

Time	2025 avg/hour	2026 avg/hour	Change
20:00–21:00	174	213	+22%
21:00–22:00	150	178	+19%
22:00–23:00	132	114	–13%
23:00–00:00	101	76	–25%
00:00–01:00	78	52	–33%
01:00–02:00	53	38	–30%
02:00–03:00	51	31	–40%
03:00–04:00	48	27	–43%
04:00–05:00	39	51	+31%
05:00–06:00	85	129	+52%

26 January–14 March — Southbound overnight traffic

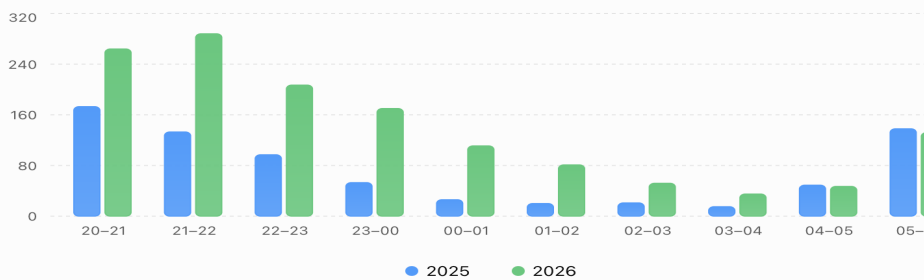
Average vehicles per hour: 2025 compared with 2026. The 2026 diversion period shows a pronounced increase through the late evening and after midnight.



SID data; Southbound traffic, 20:00–06:00.

22–27 June — Southbound overnight traffic

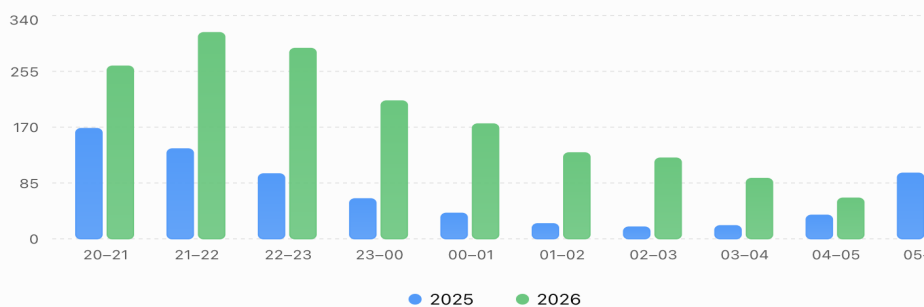
Average vehicles per hour: 2025 compared with 2026. The same diversion-related overnight pattern appears again.



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July/August diversion — Southbound overnight traffic

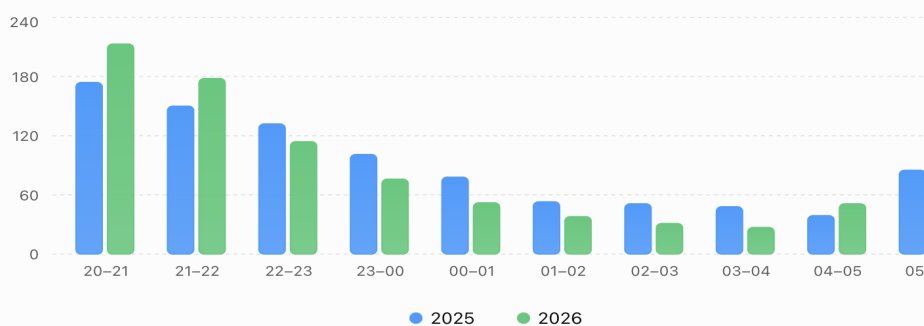
Average vehicles per hour, 27 July–23 August: 2025 compared with 2026. The largest proportional increases occur after midnight.



SID data; Southbound traffic, 20:00–06:00.

24–31 August — Southbound overnight traffic

Average vehicles per hour: 2025 compared with 2026. After the main diversion ended, the large late-night spikes seen during the diversion disappear.



SID data; Southbound traffic, 20:00–06:00.