

Plans for AAR's *Weekly Railroad Traffic* Report for Week 53, 2020

Week 53 of 2020 will end on January 2, 2021

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, AAR will release our *Weekly Railroad Traffic* report for the week ended January 2, 2021. This will be the 53rd weekly report for 2020, since five of its days will have fallen in 2020. The WRT report has had 53 weeks in 1992, 1997, 2003, 2008, 2014, and 2020. The next will be 2025. This message explains our plans for Week 53 of 2020, and the following year.

Week	Starting	Ending
Week 1, 2020	29 Dec 2019	4 Jan 2020
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Week 52, 2020	20 Dec 2020	26 Dec 2020
Week 53, 2020	27 Dec 2020	2 Jan 2021
Week 1, 2021	3 Jan 2021	9 Jan 2021

Year-over-year comparisons are always made to the week that was 52 weeks (364 days) earlier —

Week	Starting	Ending
Week 53, 2020	27 Dec 2020	2 Jan 2021
... will be compared to ...		
Week 1, 2020	29 Dec 2019	4 Jan 2020

This provides the maximum overlap of dates, namely the five days from 12/29 through 1/2 (after February, when the comparison year moves beyond February 29, the comparisons will overlap on six days). Then, Week 1 of 2021 will be compared to Week 2 of 2020, and this apparent offset will continue throughout the year. Finally, the report for Week 1 of 2022, will be compared to Week 1 of 2021.

The *WRT Annual Report* for 2020 will be prepared based on the first 52 weeks of the year, so that the cumulative figures can be compared to other years' totals. The Week 53 report's cumulative figures will include data for 53 weeks. The WRT data files, available from the AAR for a fee under license, will show values for 53 weeks in 2020, but just 52 weeks in 2019 and 2022. Users should construct their analyses carefully to make comparisons that cover comparable time periods.

Year-over-year Comparisons for AAR's *Weekly Railroad Traffic Report*

2020					
	Week	Ending		Comparison Week	Ending
	2020 w1	4 Jan 2020	vs	2019 w1	5 Jan 2019
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	2020 w52	26 Dec 2020	vs	2019 w52	28 Dec 2020
	2020 w53	2 Jan 2021	vs	2020 w1	4 Jan 2021
2021					
	Week	Ending		Comparison Week	Ending
January	2021 w1	9 Jan 2021	vs	2020 w2	11 Jan 2020
	2021 w2	16 Jan 2021	vs	2020 w3	18 Jan 2020
	2021 w3	23 Jan 2021	vs	2020 w4	25 Jan 2020
	2021 w4	30 Jan 2021	vs	2020 w5	1 Feb 2020
February	2021 w5	6 Feb 2021	vs	2020 w6	8 Feb 2020
	2021 w6	13 Feb 2021	vs	2020 w7	15 Feb 2020
	2021 w7	20 Feb 2021	vs	2020 w8	22 Feb 2020
	2021 w8	27 Feb 2021	vs	2020 w9	29 Feb 2020
March	2021 w9	6 Mar 2021	vs	2020 w10	7 Mar 2020
	2021 w10	13 Mar 2021	vs	2020 w11	14 Mar 2020
	2021 w11	20 Mar 2021	vs	2020 w12	21 Mar 2020
	2021 w12	27 Mar 2021	vs	2020 w13	28 Mar 2020
	2021 w13	3 Apr 2021	vs	2020 w14	4 Apr 2020
April	2021 w14	10 Apr 2021	vs	2020 w15	11 Apr 2020
	2021 w15	17 Apr 2021	vs	2020 w16	18 Apr 2020
	2021 w16	24 Apr 2021	vs	2020 w17	25 Apr 2020
	2021 w17	1 May 2021	vs	2020 w18	2 May 2020
May	2021 w18	8 May 2021	vs	2020 w19	9 May 2020
	2021 w19	15 May 2021	vs	2020 w20	16 May 2020
	2021 w20	22 May 2021	vs	2020 w21	23 May 2020
	2021 w21	29 May 2021	vs	2020 w22	30 May 2020
June	2021 w22	5 Jun 2021	vs	2020 w23	6 Jun 2020
	2021 w23	12 Jun 2021	vs	2020 w24	13 Jun 2020
	2021 w24	19 Jun 2021	vs	2020 w25	20 Jun 2020
	2021 w25	26 Jun 2021	vs	2020 w26	27 Jun 2020
	2021 w26	3 Jul 2021	vs	2020 w27	4 Jul 2020
July	2021 w27	10 Jul 2021	vs	2020 w28	11 Jul 2020
	2021 w28	17 Jul 2021	vs	2020 w29	18 Jul 2020
	2021 w29	24 Jul 2021	vs	2020 w30	25 Jul 2020
	2021 w30	31 Jul 2021	vs	2020 w31	1 Aug 2020
August	2021 w31	7 Aug 2021	vs	2020 w32	8 Aug 2020
	2021 w32	14 Aug 2021	vs	2020 w33	15 Aug 2020
	2021 w33	21 Aug 2021	vs	2020 w34	22 Aug 2020
	2021 w34	28 Aug 2021	vs	2020 w35	29 Aug 2020
September	2021 w35	4 Sep 2021	vs	2020 w36	5 Sep 2020
	2021 w36	11 Sep 2021	vs	2020 w37	12 Sep 2020
	2021 w37	18 Sep 2021	vs	2020 w38	19 Sep 2020
	2021 w38	25 Sep 2021	vs	2020 w39	26 Sep 2020
	2021 w39	2 Oct 2021	vs	2020 w40	3 Oct 2020
October	2021 w40	9 Oct 2021	vs	2020 w41	10 Oct 2020
	2021 w41	16 Oct 2021	vs	2020 w42	17 Oct 2020
	2021 w42	23 Oct 2021	vs	2020 w43	24 Oct 2020
	2021 w43	30 Oct 2021	vs	2020 w44	31 Oct 2020
November	2021 w44	6 Nov 2021	vs	2020 w45	7 Nov 2020
	2021 w45	13 Nov 2021	vs	2020 w46	14 Nov 2020
	2021 w46	20 Nov 2021	vs	2020 w47	21 Nov 2020
	2021 w47	27 Nov 2021	vs	2020 w48	28 Nov 2020
December	2021 w48	4 Dec 2021	vs	2020 w49	5 Dec 2020
	2021 w49	11 Dec 2021	vs	2020 w50	12 Dec 2020
	2021 w50	18 Dec 2021	vs	2020 w51	19 Dec 2020
	2021 w51	25 Dec 2021	vs	2020 w52	26 Dec 2020
	2021 w52	1 Jan 2022	vs	2020 w53	2 Jan 2021