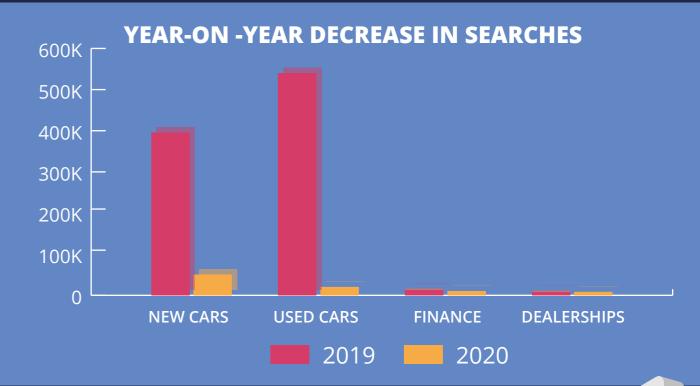
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#### Used Car Interest Down 96%

Online searches for used cars contracted by over 96% during March 2020.

Over 500,000 less searches relating to used cars occurred during March.



#### Dealers still a necessity it seems...

Despite the decline in searches for both new and used cars, searches relating to dealerships experienced the smallest decline at just **25% YoY**.

#### **Finance Put on Hold**

Car finance, a mainstay within the car industry declined by **45%** in March 2020, as Covid-19 Restrictions increased and consumers postponed their intention to buy.

#### **FINANCE SEARCHES**







**WEBSITE SESSIONS** 

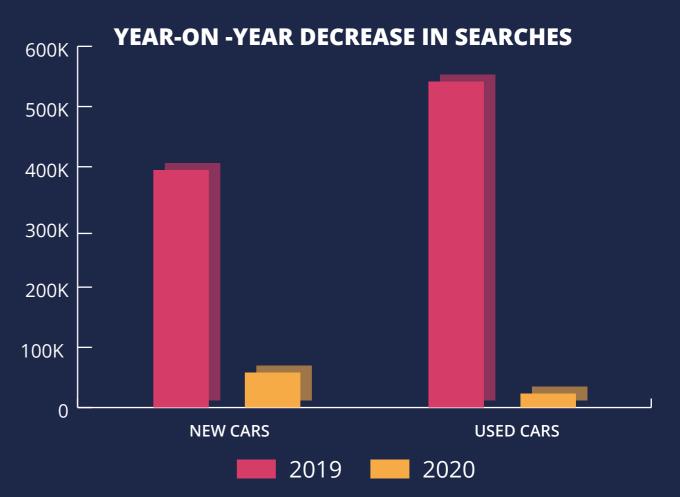
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#### Website Sessions Begin to Decline

As restrictions came into force towards the end of March, consumers visiting car dealer websites began to decline. This led to a **43%** decrease YoY for March.

#### Enquiries Down Across the Board

Generally, dealers experienced a **61%** decline in online inquiries across the month. Finance Enquries being the worst hit decline by **83%** versus last year...





# All Dealers are feeling the effects

The impact of Covid 19 is being felt by dealers across the country. Whether your a New Car or Used Car retailer the effects are being felt by all right now.

#### However, there could be hope!

The decline witnessed in online behavior and search interest repesents a significant shock to the Irish Motor Industry. However, any return to the norm will be witnessed here first, a reason to be optimistic going forward.



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