VAN NUYS AIRPORT (VNY)

AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMENT MONTHLY REPORT

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Van Nuys
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BACKGROUND

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is the City of Los Angeles department that owns and operates Los Angeles International (LAX) and Van Nuys (VNY) airports. LAWA works to balance the needs of aviation interests with those of local neighborhoods, to reduce aircraft noise for area residents, and to provide meaningful response to the community on noise-related issues.

While all aircraft generate noise, technological advancements have produced quieter aircraft and airports have implemented programs and procedures to reduce the effects of aircraft noise on surrounding communities. LAWA has adopted ordinances, policies, and developed voluntary programs, while also working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to implement these programs where necessary to address this important issue. Please visit the VNY Noise Management webpage to view the Noise Abatement and Curfew Regulation and Noisier Aircraft Phaseout ordinance and to learn about other on-going noise abatement programs such as the VNY Fly Friendly Program, No Early Turn Program, and Helicopter Route and Altitude Deviation Program.

The purpose of this report is to provide information on noise comments received from individuals and communities.
INDIVIDUALS VS NOISE COMMENTS

**Individuals** are community members that have submitted at least one noise comment to LAWA. One individual may submit multiple noise comments.

**Noise comments** are submitted by individuals expressing their concerns or seeking information on noise related events associated with VNY aircraft operations.

NOISE COMMENT SUBMISSIONS

The graph above shows individuals and total comments submitted this month and over the previous 12 months.

- **282** Individuals submitted comments
- **16%** change in individuals from previous month
- **1914%** change in individuals from one year ago
- **14,977** comments received
- **31%** change in comments from previous month
- **7701%** change in comments from one year ago
INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTING COMMENTS BY CITY

Beverly Hills: 4
Burbank: 3
Canyon Country: 2
Encino: 29
Lake Balboa: 7
Los Angeles: 13
North Hills: 2
North Hollywood: 5
Sherman Oaks: 66
Studio City: 66
Van Nuys: 17
Cities with One (1) Individual*: 7

*Cities where only one (1) individual submitted a noise comment are combined in this grouping.
The map above shows the monthly individual locations. Some locations are outside of the map boundary.
**WHAT WAS THE NOISE COMMENT CONCERN?**

Individuals may select one (1) noise concern from a list of multiple aircraft noise concerns when submitting noise comments. Out of 282 individuals who submitted noise comments, 225 reported *aircraft flying over home* as the main concern.

Additional noise concerns were *frequency of flight* (31); *late night or early morning* (31); and *unusually loud aircraft* (27).

**COMMUNITY NOISE CONCERNS**

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Individuals who submit more than one (1) comment during the month may be counted in more than one category.
WHAT IS CAUSING THE CHANGE IN NOISE COMMENTS?

One of the primary reasons for the increase in noise comments over recent months has been the implementation of new flight paths in May 2018, and revised area navigation (RNAV) procedures as part of the FAA’s SoCal Metroplex project. Since then, a number of residents in communities under these more concentrated and/or new flight paths have reported being affected by these changes, thereby resulting in an increase in noise comments.

**NOTE:** As of April 1, 2019, LAWA implemented a new aircraft noise comment system called Viewpoint, which is fully integrated with the VNY noise and operations monitoring system and will work in tandem with the existing WebTrak tool. For more information please visit [www.lawa.org/vnyanc](http://www.lawa.org/vnyanc).

NOISE COMMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO VNY NOISE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OFFICE BY THE FOLLOWING:

1. **NOISE COMMENT FORM**
   - Filling out the VNY Noise Comment Form
   - [https://viewpoint.emsbk.com/vny1](https://viewpoint.emsbk.com/vny1)

2. **MOBILE APP**
   - Filling out the VNY Noise Comment Form using the Viewpoint mobile app available for iPhone and Android devices, available at
   - [https://viewpoint-app.emsbk.com/vny1](https://viewpoint-app.emsbk.com/vny1)

3. **WEBTRAK**
   - Accessing the VNY WebTrak, a live flight tracking website, that allows users to view and identify aircraft operations and perform self-investigation. The online comment form can be accessed by clicking on the “Comments” tab located on the top left hand corner, then the “Comment Form” button.
   - [http://webtrak.emsbk.com/vny4](http://webtrak.emsbk.com/vny4)

4. **TELEPHONE**
   - Call our dedicated 24-hour VNY Aircraft Noise Comment Line at (800) 560-0010. Please follow the instructions to leave a detailed message.