VAN NUYS AIRPORT (VNY)

AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMENT MONTHLY REPORT

January 2021
BACKGROUND

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is the City of Los Angeles department that owns and operates the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY). Located in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, VNY is one of the nation's leading general aviation airports. The Southern California airspace, including VNY, is among the most complicated and busiest in the nation, serving thousands of local, national and international travelers on a daily basis. LAWA works diligently to balance the requirements established by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for a safe and efficient air transport system with the needs of local neighborhoods. Over the past four decades, LAWA has adopted ordinances, policies, and developed voluntary programs, while also working with the FAA to implement these programs where necessary to reduce aircraft noise for area residents, and to provide meaningful response to community concerns. Please visit the VNY Noise Management webpage to view the Noise Abatement and Curfew Regulation and Noisier Aircraft Phase-out ordinance, and to learn more 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. To learn more about VNY flight activities in your neighborhood, visit the recently launched VNY NOISE PORTAL.

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.

- **242** Individuals Submitted Comments
- **7%** Change in Individuals from Previous Month
- **17,861** Comments Received
- **22%** Change in Comments from Previous Month
- **5,253 (29%)** Comments Received from 10 Most Active Individuals
INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTING COMMENTS BY CITY

- Beverly Hills: 6
- Encino: 33
- Granada Hills: 8
- Lake Balboa: 4
- Los Angeles: 7
- North Hills: 6
- North Hollywood: 2
- Northridge: 2
- Santa Clarita: 3
- Sherman Oaks: 115
- Studio City: 36
- Tarzana: 2
- Toluca Lake: 2
- Van Nuys: 9
- 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 242 individuals who submitted noise comments, 225 reported *aircraft flying over home* as the main concern.

Additional noise concerns were *unusually loud aircraft* (20); *low flying aircraft* (17); and *late night or early morning* (15).

COMMUNITY NOISE CONCERNS

- **Flying Over Home**: 225
- **Unusually Loud**: 20
- **Low Flying**: 17
- **Late Night or Early Morning**: 15
- **Frequency of Flights**: 14
- **Vibrations or Rumbling**: 6
- **Sustained Noise (>5 minutes)**: 3
- **Hovering**: 3
- **Circling**: 3
- **Other**: 2
- **Inquiries Only**: 1

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?

The number of individuals submitting noise comments in January 2021 was slightly higher with respect to the previous month, and lower when compared to the past year. The slight increase from the prior month may be related to more training operations conducted at VNY.

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

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

- 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)

- 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)

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