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VAN NUYS AIRPORT (VNY)

AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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 <u>VNY Noise Management webpage</u> to view the <u>Noise Abatement and Curfew</u> <u>Regulation</u> and <u>Noisier Aircraft Phaseout</u> ordinance and to learn about other on-going noise abatement programs such as the <u>VNY Fly Friendly Program</u>, <u>No Early Turn Program</u>, and <u>Helicopter Route and Altitude Deviation Program</u>.

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.

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437 INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED COMMENTS

27,979 COMMENTS RECEIVED



41% Change in Individuals from Previous Month





CHANGE IN INDIVIDUALS FROM ONE YEAR AGO



21096%

1581%

CHANGE IN COMMENTS FROM ONE YEAR AGO



INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTING COMMENTS BY CITY









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 437 individuals who submitted noise comments, 375 reported *aircraft flying over home* as the main concern.

Additional noise concerns were unusually loud aircraft (45); late night or early morning (43); and frequency of flight (29).



FLYING OVER HOME LEADING CONCERN



86% OF INDIVIDUALS WHO SUBMITTED COMMENTS



375

INDIVIDUALS REPORTED THIS CONCERN



COMMUNITY NOISE CONCERNS



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.

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

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NOISE COMMENT FORM

Filling out the VNY Noise Comment Form

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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



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



TELEPHONE

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

