

# Jet Noise Reports, January 2015 - December 2016

Data gathered from reports filed on the  
San Juan County Jet Aircraft Noise Reporting website

<http://sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/>

- ⇒ Total reports for 2015 and 2016
- ⇒ Loudness Reports
- ⇒ Reports of Noise by Hour of the Day
- ⇒ Reports by Month
- ⇒ Sample of recent comments submitted with each report

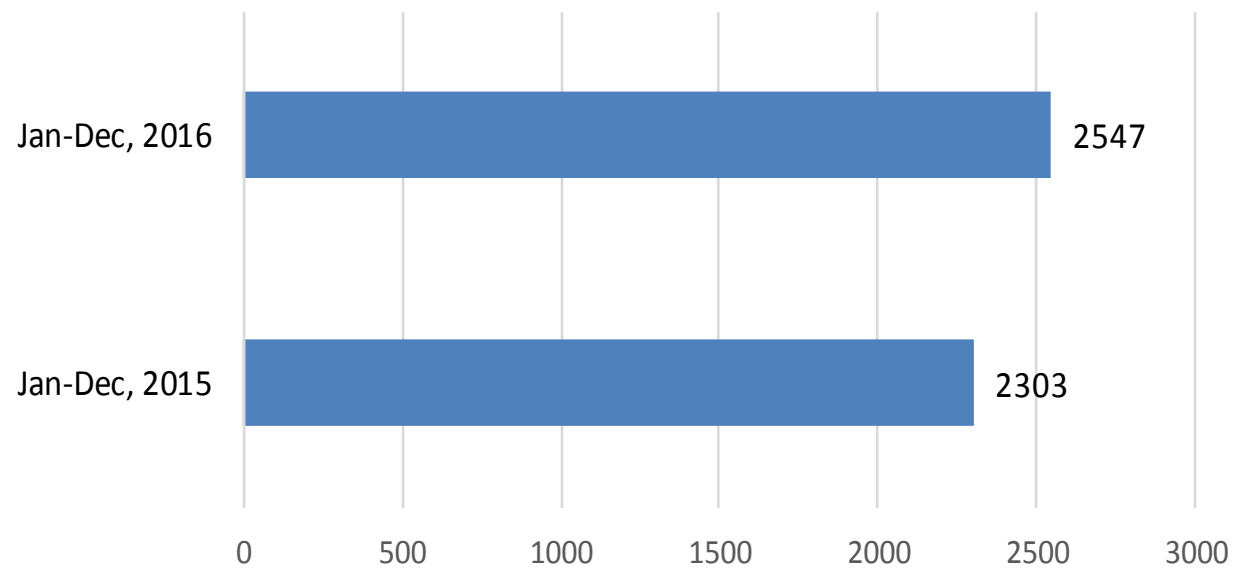
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Reporting began on May 15, 2014; data has been analyzed since January 2015. Users of the website enter type of loudness, date, time, comments, aircraft type, etc. Due to the variety of devices used to submit data (e.g. desktop, laptop, I-pad, smartphone), data such as time of day can be recorded differently. Efforts have been made to standardize data. This report is compiled monthly; some monthly data may change in subsequent months due to late reporting which is not captured until the following month. Errors in totals are estimated to be less than half a percent.

*Special Note:* A number of comments reveal multiple incidents of jet noise, but the report is only counted once. Thus, the noise incidents are larger than the number of reports.

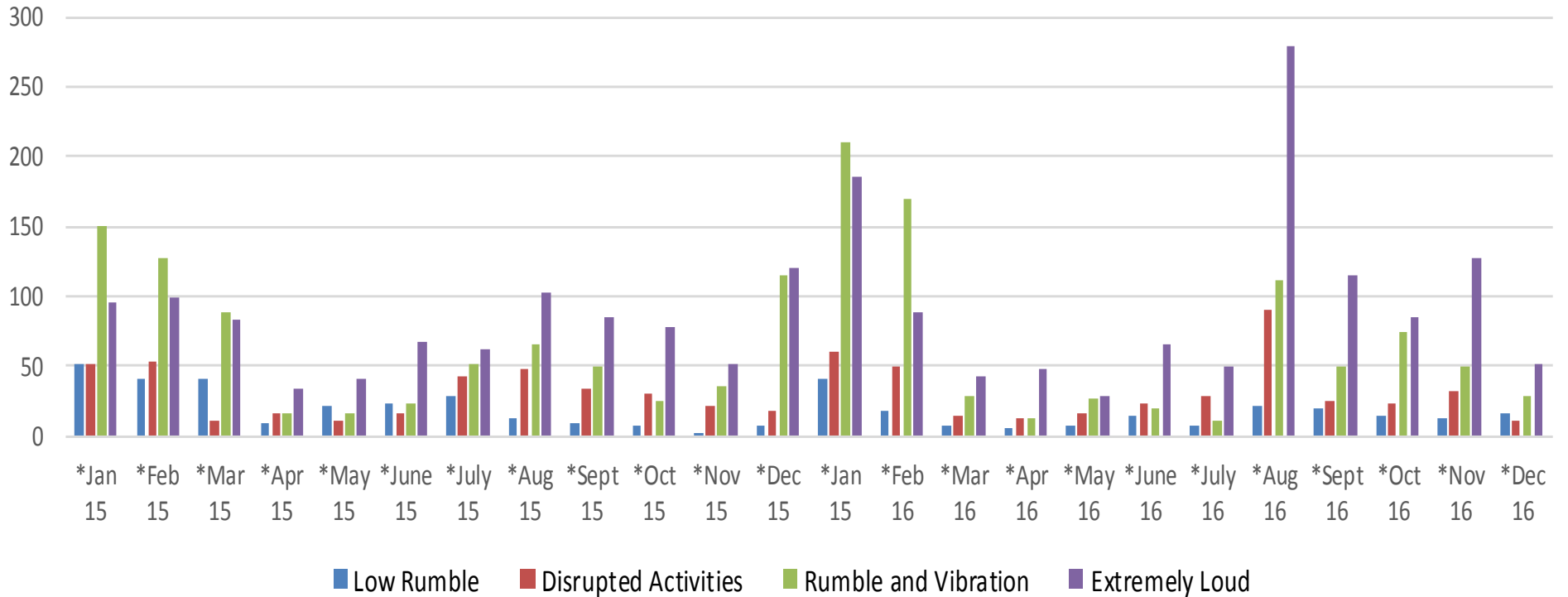
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## Jet Noise Reports Comparison of 2015 with 2016

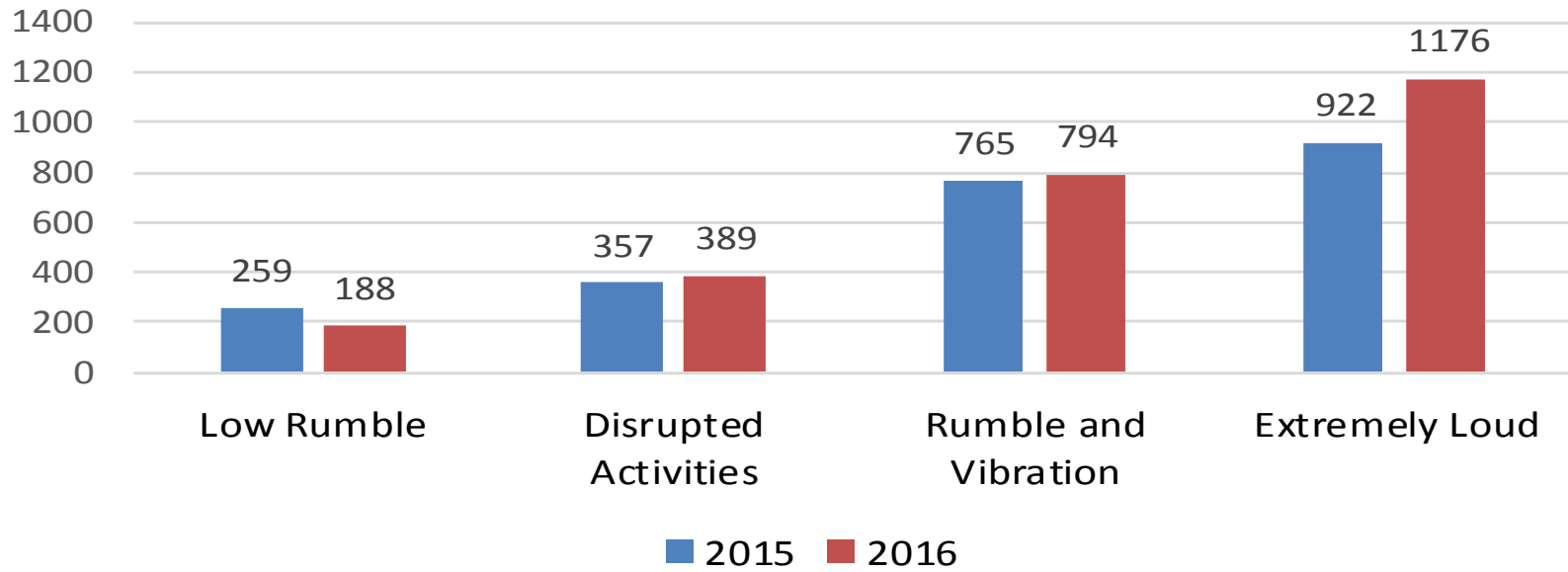


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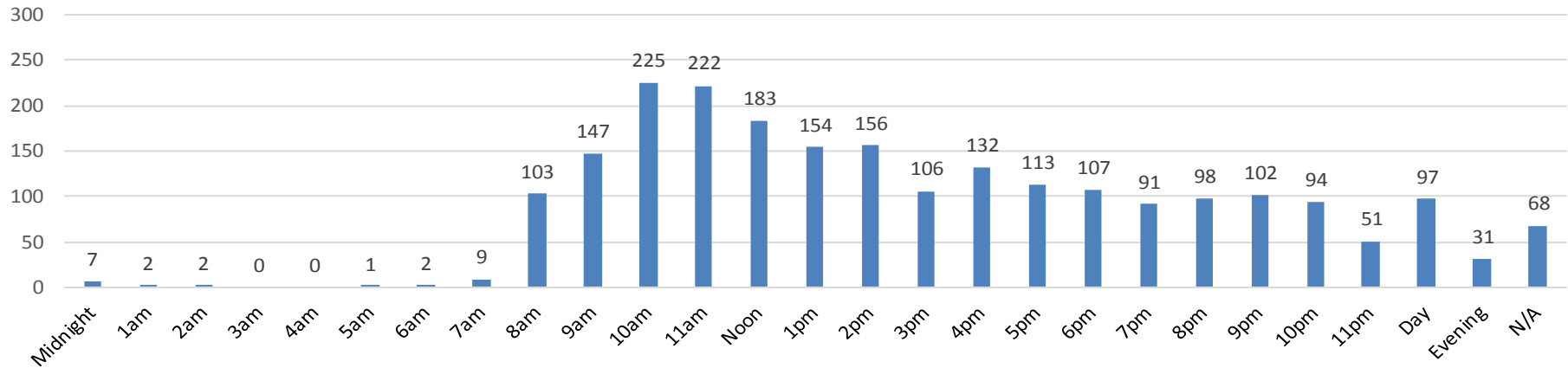
# Jet Noise Report: Loudness 2015 and 2016



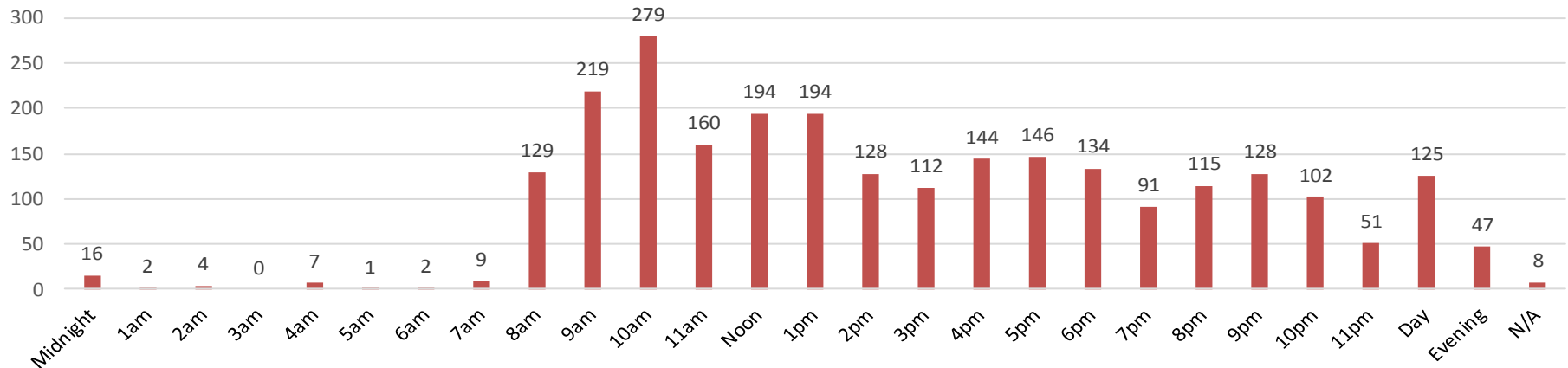
## Jet Noise Report: Loudness Comparison by Year



Jet Noise Reports by Hour of the Day: 2015  
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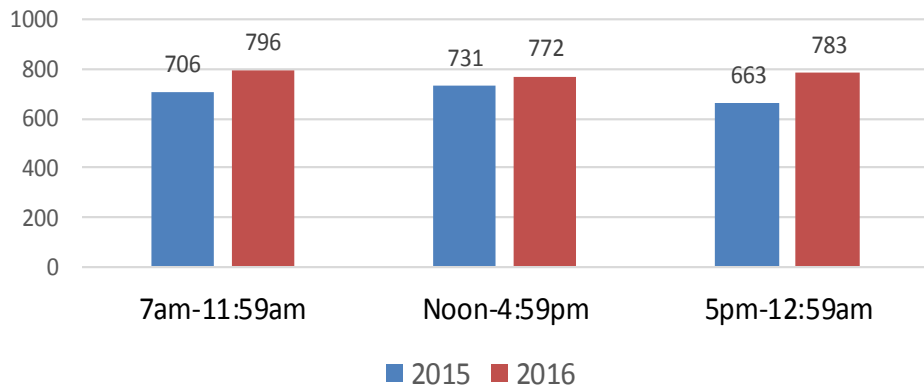


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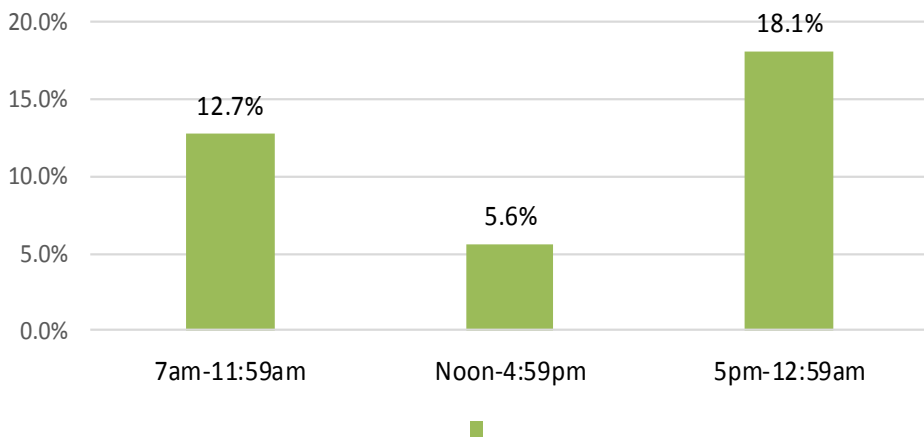


For example, reports submitted from 11:00 am through 11:59am are clustered in the 11 o'clock hour.

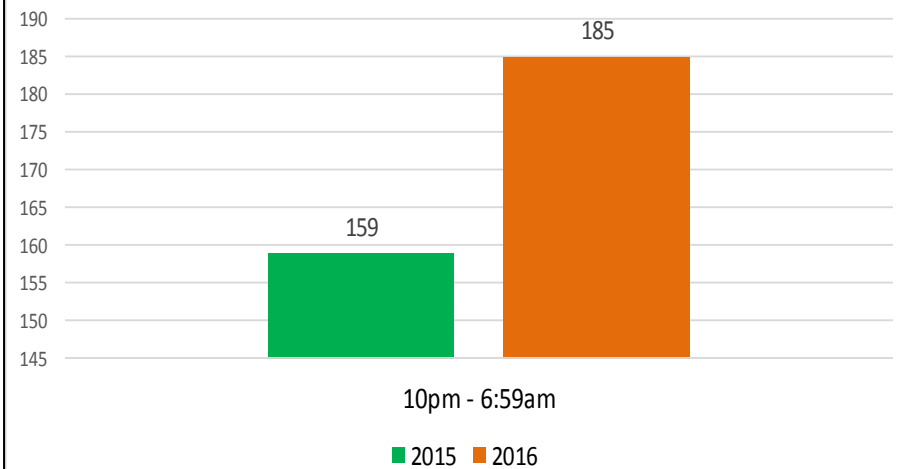
Comparison of Jet Noise Report Frequency  
Morning, Afternoon, Evening  
2015 and 2016



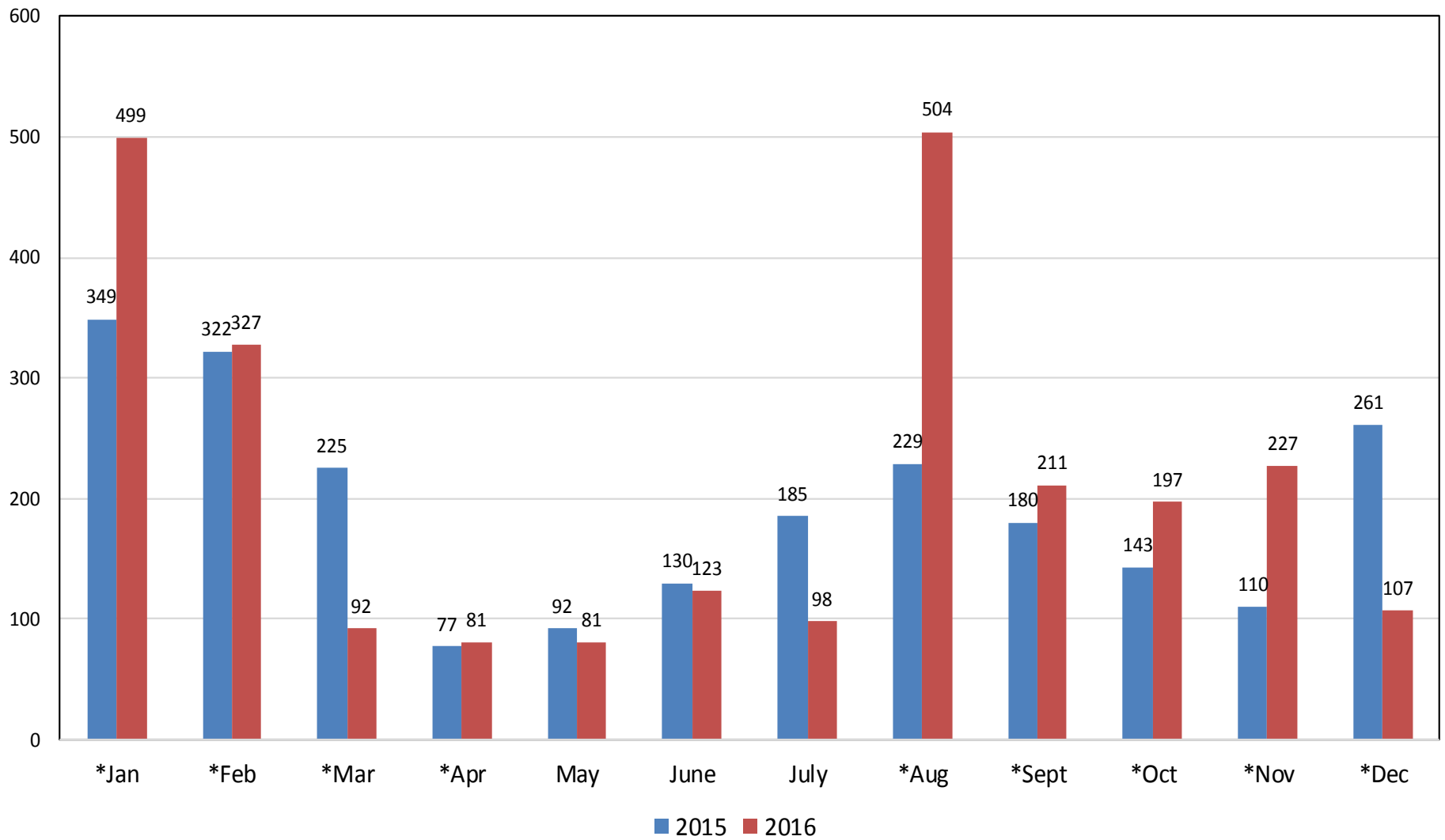
Percent Increase of Noise Reports by  
Time of Day, from 2015 to 2016



Jet Noise reports during the time period in the  
DNL metric that adds a 10 dB penalty for  
night activity: 10pm to 7am



## Jet Noise Reports by Month: 2015 and 2016



## Comments Submitted with December 2016 Reports.

Very loud low flying plane headed north north-east as I walked on DNR & Park land. I had to put my hands over my ears, but it was still a terrifying noise. Why is our government doing this to us?

Very loud jet above our home. Too many clouds but it had all the sounds of a Growler. I was outside and had to cover my ears.

Is this the Growler doubling back over my home, or just circling? LONG LONG LOUD LOUD roaring above. Cloudy, so cannot see. Had to run inside to escape the roaring.

Too much jet noise in the skies. Hardly ever a quiet moment it seems. Always feeling like there's a war on.

Walking - hopefully before the Growlers are up 76.5dbA

Still walking - another huge blast

Fixing dinner for friends - a huge BLAST. 76.1 INSIDE

Painful. Awful. Shakes the house. Not even gales shake this house. Feel it as much as hear it. Makes my inner ear feel as if it's imploding.

Loud jet noise, interrupted a conference call.

Jarring Blasts. Definitely Growlers. Measured inside roughly 68.9dBA

Loud jet noise. Fortunately I wasn't on a call or teaching.

12/12 to 12/16 The engines were rumbling - super loud and disruptive. At times ear splitting loud and bodily painful. This went on all week long. I am on a construction site so no time to record each one but overall it was very disturbing.

Loud jet noise

Loud jet noise. Fortunately I wasn't trying to have a conversation

Noise has been intermittent and consistent since early morning

Does anyone in the Navy or Congress understand that when you live in a QUIET area 35-40dBA and then you are blasted with 65.7dBA repeatedly, your body reacts. Adrenalin happens. Heart races. It's automatic. This is an invasion of home!

2hrs intermittent

Jets are roaring overhead. Growlers by their deep sound. Cloudy. Noisy ALL DAY!!!!

Here is ANOTHER Loud jet roaring over us. Why fly over Lopez? WHY???? Just touring? On my tax dollars?

Roar and Vibrations AGAIN. We leave Lopez in 2 days, and I am happy about that. It means NO GROWLER jets to disturb us for 2 weeks. Sad that one has to leave home in order to feel good. Lopez is a Navy war zone.

Just had another jet roar and vibration rattle my home and my bones. This has been almost continuous. Wish I could leave, but I have work to do here.

Annoying

Jet noise basically all day. I'm just lucky I wasn't teaching today, or my students would have been PO'd!!

Rumble

Trying for a quiet dinner by the water. Had to give it up - too noisy.

Night

Very very loud and disruptive

How is this legal? This noise and shaking is completely disruptive and shatters ALL peace.

Rumble

There's a deep rumble that vibrates our house despite the closed windows, heater and wind outside.

terrible rumble frequently through day

63.2dBA, 67.2dBA inside the house

Low flying Growler aircraft

Flying on Saturday! Weekend warriors? LOUD!!!!!!

Low flying aircraft

Couple of jets so far this morning. I thought they were off this week! Interrupted work - I was recording audio.

66.4DBA and 69.6dBA



At the Anacortes ferry dock. Very disturbed by LOUD jets flying above. Due to cloud cover I could not see them, but they had the signature C-growl of the growler. Extended roaring.

House is shaking. Bones are rattling. Head feels as though it is being pummeled. The vibrations are like shock waves, they affect the whole body. AWFUL.

Did the Trout Lake Dam burst? Is there a chimney fire? Are we having an earthquake? No, it is the reassuring sound of freedom

Incredible shrieking and roaring jet is zooming somewhere overhead. I am inside, not looking outside, but the jet scream obliterates all other sounds in my home. So startled that I jumped up thinking a jet was crashing.

Growler flying E to W, gear down, 1500 -2000 feet, over S. Lopez. HUGH NOISE

Too much jet noise coming from Whidbey this afternoon. Doors and windows are closed, and the TV is on, yet the whole house is filled with jet roaring. The growler jets are NOT APPROPRIATE for this area. The Navy does NOTHING to mitigate the noise.

Suddenly a whole lot of roaring going on in the skies. I can hear it inside above all the household sounds. Suddenly distracted from conversation to see if something was wrong outside. Opened the door and knew it was jet roaring noise.

Lots of jet noise overhead today. Too cold to be outside, but the roaring came right into my home. No escape. Signature growler long and drawn out deep roar. Go bother someone else!

There goes ANOTHER loud jet, disrupting the typical sounds of our household. These growler jets are too loud and they should not be flying over populated areas.

The Navy is assaulting us with jet roarings that vibrate through our home. Another one just rumbled. It has been constant today. Very disturbing. Feels uncomfortable to feel the floor vibrate.

4:42pm. Big roars and vibrations coming from Whidbey - like the one NOW - threaten to disturb dinner party.

And here is ANOTHER loud jet rumble shaking our home. Been going on all day. Very annoying to be shaken.

ROARING, RUMBLING AND VIBRATIONS CONTINUE TO BLAST OUT FROM WHIDBEY. NAVY IS AN AWFUL NEIGHBOR.

Loud jet roaring in the skies is penetrating into my home. Jet roaring from Whidbey pollutes our environment.

Just got hit by a wall of noise, and vibration from Whidbey. Sitting at my computer, the vibration comes up from the floor to my feet and body. This is NOT GOOD.

ANOTHER roar and vibration from Whidbey. Is this going to be ANOTHER miserable day thanks to the arrogant Navy?

The jet roaring continues this morning. Blasting thunders that come from Whidbey and hit our home.

Thunderous walls of jet blasts seem to be coming consecutively now Vibrating our home and through us.

The roars and vibrations of jets from Whidbey (taking off?) are now coming one after another. The assault is apparently on.

The jet thunder keeps coming from Whidbey this morning. The Navy needs to accurately measure the noise from these jets. There is certainly a serious impact.

Flights all morning, but this one was particularly disruptive.

Not only are we disrupted with jet take-off vibrations, but we now have jet noise filling the skies as they roar around. Impossible to be outside.

"9 Growlers were heard in one hour. This is 30 kms from the military airport.

This is a horrible airplane. Where does this data go? I the delete basket?"

Huge jet roar just now....along with this whole day of wall after wall of jet noise. 4:11pm. I am having company for dinner. Will it be disrupted by this jet noise that invades our home?

4:38pm. Just got hit by another jet roar and vibration. ALL DAY. Horrible day, courtesy of the Navy.

The jet roaring in the skies is just about continuous now. There is no peace inside or outside. The noise comes right into our home.

This has been a noisy and disturbing morning, filled with jet roaring, and as currently, jet noise filling the skies as they roar around. I am distracted,

because I never know if it is a car driving up, or whatever, or JETS. So I am distracted.

My day to monitor the National Monument lands at the marsh. constant Blasting - extremely loud. Encountered a visitor - they were incredulous that this kind of noise was allowed - that people have to live with this.

Jet roaring fills the sky. Very noisy. Heard inside even above normal household sounds. Noisier than the dishwasher.

Rumbling since 10am loud bursts overhead intermittent

Noisy day today from the Navy. Just now we got hit with another jet roar overhead. The noise comes right into the house even though we are 14 miles from Ault.

Just experienced a terrific roar and vibration shuddering through the house. Very long shudder. What is going on? Why are there such jets in this populated area?

Not sure what that was but it sounded like a freight train through the front yard. Realize it is part of the jet noise today. An awful day of noise.

There are now ROLLING thunderous roars and vibrations coming at us. This has been intense and constant since this morning. The Navy must be at war and we are the enemy.

Ground rumble this afternoon. Rattling window panes. Disruptive to computer work.

1:47pm. Incredible vibration, and huge long roar is shaking our home. Jet engines at Whidbey disturbing us. It has been like this all day.

I have been hearing these Growlers all morning. Terrible. Get some noise suppression devices installed immediately. Terrible neighbors!

Just felt another vibration from jet activity on Whidbey. It has been almost NON-STOP today. The growler jet is NOT appropriate for this area. It is too loud. The Navy refuses to measure the noise because they know it is excessive.

69.9dBA in the house

a few more days of intermitant disturbance . We hear you , Do you hear us?!!

A lot of jets roaring around in the skies. Very noisy and annoying outside.

All of the sudden a HUGE roar, like a tornado I imagine, sweeps through the air. A big jet roar.

Growlers flying over our home so loud I can't hear my music ☹

Sounds like we have a bunch of jets sweeping overhead. That is what it sounds like. Like a hurricane is going on outside. GO AWAY!

Too much jet noise tonight. The jet roaring comes straight into our home.

I am very distracted by all the jet noise going on outside. It sounds like we are living next to the truck lane on I-5. The noise comes right into our home. The Navy is an awful neighbor.

Jet roaring overhead. Flying too low. Incredible roaring wall of noise blots out all other sounds of conversation.

Loud jet noise

more noise....

Loud jet noise, fortunately I was not on a call!

Enjoying our hot tub watching the stars when a growler blasts over shaking the deck and totally drowning out the hooting of the owls 🦉🦉 and sparkling of the winter night sky. Shame on you Navy.

I have heard Growlers earlier this week as well but have not reported them.

Pretty steady noise and blasts ranging from 59dBA - 73dBA. Forget having a peaceful dinner - or a peaceful anything.

The Navy day begins - two giant BLASTS

Loud rumbling from base, followed by an extreme aroma of burning kerosene. The fumes were strong enough to be slightly nauseating. Three people present and can confirm.

Off and on throughout most of the day.

A few of these this afternoon. Not too disruptive as I had no calls and wasn't teaching this afternoon.

Steady roars, overflights and BLASTS- 8 different measurements ranging from 60.1dBA - 76.8 dBA in the house

Jets all day -- too many to report individually.

Disrupts normal activity. Have to wait to resume talking and hearing.

Hideous noise day ranging from 61.4dBA - 87.9dBA in the house. Pretty steady roars, and Blasts. Our legislators should be ashamed.

frequent disturbing roars and vibration. Inescapable repeated assaults

Pretty steady Roaring and Blasting - a few precious moments of quiet and then overflights and ear splitting noise returns.

roughly 67.6dBA in the house. So hard to concentrate on work.

Working outside. Jet noise louder than the chain saw - not all the time - but enough that it feels oppressive even wearing ear protection. Why is it right to create a war zone over our homes?

Horrible loud noise.

Overflight of 2 Growlers - estimate 2000 feet headed S. - EXTREMELY LOUD.