

Noise Nuisance 2007-08 - summary data for all respondents

England and Wales and Northern Ireland

Data represents 212 of 402 (52.7%) local authorities

	Industrial	Commercial / Leisure	Domestic	Construction / Demolition Sites	Vehicles, Machinery & Equipment in Streets	Traffic	Miscellaneous	Total of all Categories ⁴
Number of Complaints	4,415	29,025	141,906	7,434	4,776	2,895	11,679	217,351
Number of Noise Incidents Complained of	3,110	19,905	95,199	5,531	3,873	2,190	8,324	138,132
Incidents Per Million Population	159	973	4,648	284	211	139	443	6,857
Incidents Confirmed as a Statutory Nuisances etc. ^{1 2}	596	5,051	20,663	1,730	923	40	969	30,127
Nuisances Remedied Without a Notice Being Served ³								
Nuisance Ceased and Not Likely to Recur	101	659	3,537	280	163	11	82	4,833
Referred to Other Services	20	329	814	42	68	45	59	1,377
Resolved Informally	279	1,988	6,771	926	276	30	156	10,429
No action Possible	117	896	4,705	252	167	48	197	6,382
Notices Served								
Abatement Notice	91	896	3,282	206	101		232	5,431
Prior Consent for Construction Noise				81			0	109
Noise Act 1996 Warning Notice			87				0	378
Noise Act 1996 Fixed Penalty			1				0	9
Environmental Protection Act 1990 Fixed Penalty (London)	0	2	0	0	0		0	2
Appeals Against Notice	6	26	10	1	0		9	60
Number of Appeals allowed in Whole or in Part	3	3	0	0	0		0	6
Prosecutions Begun								
Breach of Abatement Notice	2	109	336	6	6		27	527
Breach of restriction on, or prior consent for, Construction Noise				9			0	58
Noise Act 1996			2				0	4
Conviction	1	15	144	2	0		0	170
Nuisance Remedied by the LA in Default	2	37	160	1	23		14	252
Number of Seizures	2	9	124	0	0		2	171

¹ "Nuisances etc." includes all those 'triggers' giving rise to formal enforcement power

² The sum of actions taken to resolve Nuisances may exceed the "incidents confirmed as Statutory Nuisances etc" figure because not all local authorities could distinguish incidents giving rise potentially to formal action from all incidents recorded and more than one formal action may be taken to resolve a nuisance etc.

³ "Nuisances" here means statutory nuisances

⁴ The "Total of all categories" value is greater than the sum of categories as 7 local authorities provided aggregate data

⁵ Figures reported from 2005-06 may seem lower than previous years as they have not been subject to a 'grossing' calculation. Before 2005-06, where responding authorities were not able to provide data on the questions concerning outcome of noise incidents, estimates were made by pro-rating on number of noise incidents complained of