

Noise Nuisance 2008-09

England and Wales and Northern Ireland

Data represents 186 of 402 (46.3 %) local authorities

	Industrial	Commercial / Leisure	Domestic	Construction / Demolition Sites	Vehicles, Machinery & Equipment in Streets	Traffic	Miscellaneous	Total of all Categories ⁴
Number of Complaints	3,940	24,073	119,438	4,845	3,826	3,692	6,566	170,616
Number of Noise Incidents Complained of	2,973	17,763	86,886	3,763	3,049	1,049	4,599	120,082
Incidents Per Million Population	155	896	4,383	203	168	72	268	6,058
Incidents Confirmed as a Statutory Nuisances etc. ^{1,2}	459	3,904	17,664	1,166	648	9	812	25,193
Nuisances Remedied Without a Notice Being Served ³								
Nuisance Ceased and Not Likely to Recur	54	487	2,455	146	85	19	70	3,316
Referred to Other Services	15	286	712	35	35	19	29	1,131
Resolved Informally	238	1,504	5,003	592	227	33	149	7,857
No action Possible	81	693	4,721	162	112	30	134	5,962
Notices Served								
Abatement Notice	71	670	3,143	136	128		153	4,474
Prior Consent for Construction Noise				22			0	58
Noise Act 1996 Warning Notice			75				4	79
Noise Act 1996 Fixed Penalty			3				0	3
Environmental Protection Act 1990 Fixed Penalty (London)	1	0	4	1	0		0	6
Appeals Against Notice	2	13	4	0	0		0	21
Number of Appeals allowed in Whole or in Part	0	0	3	0	0		0	3
Prosecutions Begun								
Breach of Abatement Notice	3	51	340	1	10		7	438
Breach of restriction on, or prior consent for, Construction Noise				1			0	1
Noise Act 1996			1				1	2
Conviction	1	16	162	2	0		1	202
Nuisance Remedied by the LA in Default	0	26	132	0	32		10	200
Number of Seizures	0	5	163	0	0		0	209

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 provide data on incidents and more than one formal action may be taken to resolve a nuisance.

³ "Nuisances" here means statutory nuisances

⁴ The "Total of all categories" value is greater than the sum of categories as 1 local authority 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