



# Noise Complaint Statistics for Northern Ireland

2023 - 2024

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## Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform central government, district councils, the general public and any other interested parties as to the number and nature of noise complaints received each year by district councils across Northern Ireland. The Natural Environment Policy Division of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has compiled this report from data supplied by district councils, the organisations that are legally empowered to deal with the vast majority of noise complaints.

This report analyses noise complaints received by all 11 councils between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024. During this reporting period 10,684 noise complaints were received in Northern Ireland. This is a 5.8% decrease in the total number of complaints received compared to the previous year.

There has also been a 28% decrease in the number of notices served this year compared to last year (162 served this year and 225 served in 2022/23). There were 3 prosecutions for the 2023/24 year, compared to 4 prosecutions in 2022/23 and no prosecution in 2021/22. The information in this report is an important indicator of public awareness of noise issues and the effectiveness of current noise controls. The statistics provided by district councils enable the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to target policy development.

This report also enables councils to compare their noise statistics to those of neighbouring districts, to examine trends and to consider initiatives implemented by other district councils that have proved effective in increasing noise awareness or reducing noise.

## Noise

Noise is commonly defined as ‘sound which is undesired by the recipient’. Noise can be any sound that is intrusive, disturbing, or annoying. It can be one of the most pervasive pollutants and is capable of causing annoyance, stress, sleep disturbance and other serious conditions. The likelihood of individuals complaining to their council about noise depends on the degree of disturbance and the individual’s awareness of the noise control service provided by the council.

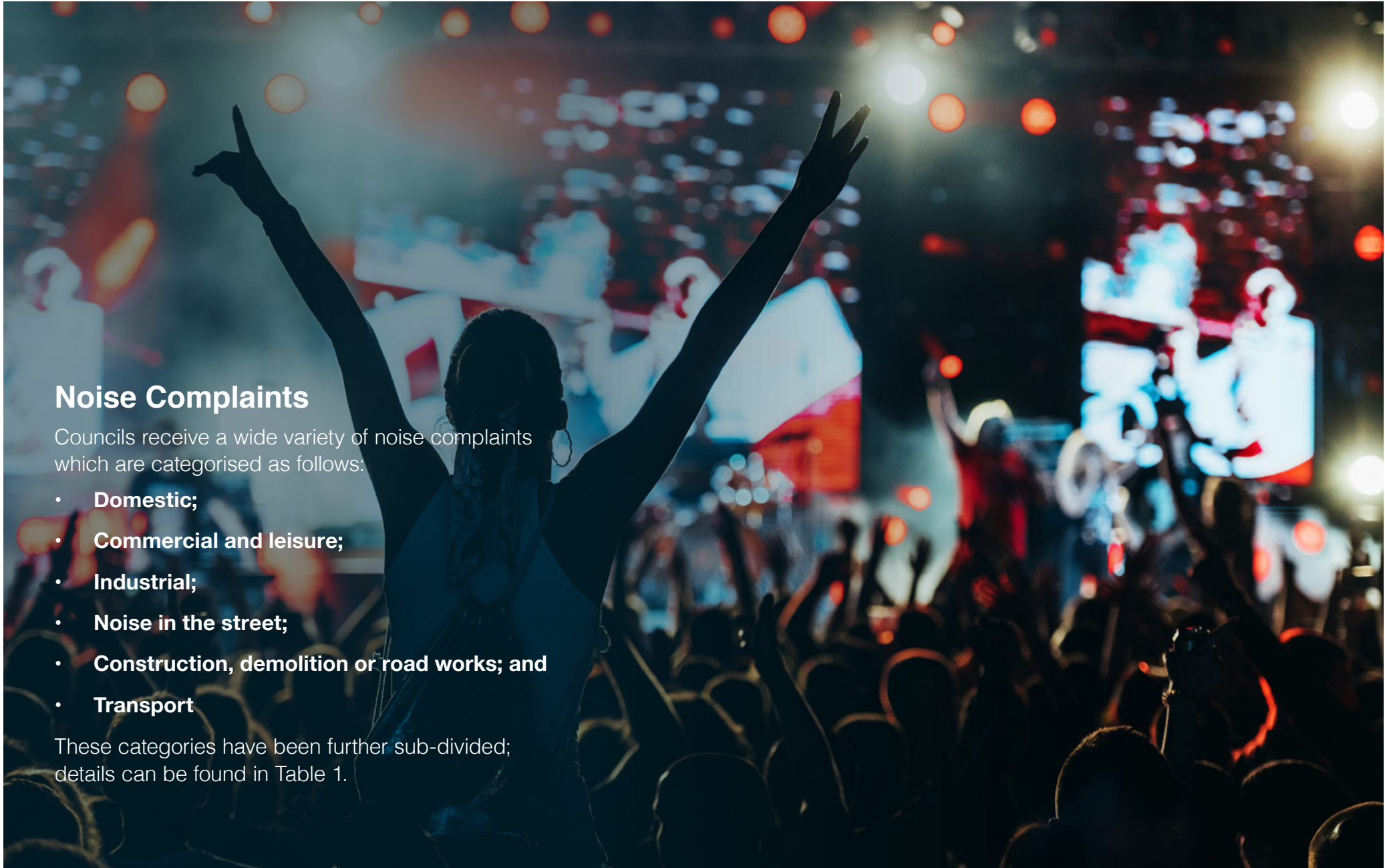
A 2018 report published by the World Health Organisation (WHO)- Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region<sup>1</sup> describes the public health burden from environmental noise. Exposure to noise can lead to auditory effects on health for example through direct injury to the auditory system, noise leads to auditory effects such as hearing loss and tinnitus. It can further lead to nonauditory effects on health as noise is also a nonspecific stressor that has been shown to have an adverse effect on human health, especially following long-term exposure. These effects are the result of psychological and physiological distress.

A Compendium of WHO and other United Nations (UN) guidance on health and environment was updated in April 2022. This updated version of the compendium provides a systematic compilation of published guidance from WHO and other UN organizations on health and environment that addresses all major areas of health and the environment into one resource.<sup>2</sup>

Given the potential adverse impacts on health, it is important that instances of noise pollution are taken seriously and fully addressed. The most common complaints relating to excessive noise suffered in Northern Ireland include lack of sleep, inability to relax and interruption to conversations or television programmes.

<sup>1</sup> Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region (2018), xviii + 160 pages ISBN 978 92 890 5356 3.

<sup>2</sup> Compendium of WHO and other UN guidance on health and environment, 2022 update, Environmental Noise page 149.



## Noise Complaints

Councils receive a wide variety of noise complaints which are categorised as follows:

- **Domestic;**
- **Commercial and leisure;**
- **Industrial;**
- **Noise in the street;**
- **Construction, demolition or road works; and**
- **Transport**

These categories have been further sub-divided; details can be found in Table 1.

## What can be done?

### Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Articles 63 and 65 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (CNEA) give district councils the power to deal with noise from premises, including land, which they consider is prejudicial to health or amounts to a statutory nuisance. These powers apply to not only existing noise, but also where noise is expected to occur or reoccur. There is no fixed level of noise that constitutes a statutory nuisance. Individual circumstances differ and each case is judged on its merits. In deciding whether or not a noise is sufficient to amount to a statutory nuisance, the authorised officer of the district council has to consider the reaction of the average, reasonable person to the nuisance, taking account not only of its volume, but factors such as when and how often the noise occurs and the duration of the occurrence.

Where a council is satisfied that a nuisance exists, articles 63 and 65 require the district council to serve an Abatement Notice. The notice may require the noise to be stopped altogether or limited to certain times of the day. A notice must be served on the person responsible for the noise or if this person cannot be located, the owner or occupier of the premises. A person on whom an abatement notice is served has the right to appeal it within 21 days of being served.

### Noise Act 1996

The Noise Act 1996 (NA) allows council officers to issue warning and fixed penalty notices and, in certain circumstances, to seize noise making equipment from premises emitting noise during night hours (from 11pm to 7am). These powers apply to premises including

dwellings, those with an exhibition or entertainment licence, premises with a licence to sell intoxicating liquor (including an occasional licence) or where meals or refreshments are supplied for consumption on or off the premises, or premises occupied by a registered club.

## Key findings

### Complaints

- 10,684 noise complaints received in Northern Ireland in 2023/24.
- 5.8% decrease in the total number of complaints received compared to the previous year.

Figure 1 shows the number of complaints in each council area per 1,000 people, based on mid 2022 population estimates<sup>3</sup>. Noise complaints occur more often in urban areas where there are large numbers of people who may be bothered by the noise. As expected, the greatest number of complaints occur in Belfast (14.95 complaints per 1,000 people) and the fewest complaints per 1,000 of population occur in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (1.92 per 1,000 people).

### Notices

- 28% decrease in the total number of notices served by district councils.
- A total of 162 notices were served in 2023/24, 140 of which were served in Belfast. 225 were served in 2022/23.

Table 2 illustrates the numbers of all notices served by district councils in Northern Ireland under the CNEA and the Noise Act 1996 per 100 complaints received. Councils serving the greatest number of notices per 100 complaints in 2023/24 were Belfast (2.69), Ards and North Down (1.23) and Fermanagh and Omagh (1.16).

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2022-mid-year-population-estimates-northern-ireland>

## Analysis by noise source

Analysis of the data reveals that domestic noise accounted for 76% of all complaints this year, followed by complaints relating to commercial and leisure (12%), noise in the street (3%) and construction (3%). Figure 3 contains a breakdown of the figures, but the tables below give a snapshot comparison of some of this year's statistics compared to last year's.

Domestic		
	2022/23	2023/24
Music, television and parties	37%	40%
Animal noise	43%	42%
Other neighbourhood noise	15%	12%

Commercial and Leisure		
	2022/23	2023/24
Entertainment premises	57%	56%
Security alarms	16%	14%
Other Shops and Offices	6%	6%
Other	10%	12%
Sport and leisure	9%	8%

Industrial		
	2022/23	2023/24
Industry, manufacturing and workshops	48%	63%
Agriculture	43%	29%
Wind Turbine (Individual)	7%	8%
Wind Farm	2%	0%

Noise in the Street		
	2022/23	2023/24
Other	26%	32%
Road Works	7%	11%
Antisocial behaviour	34%	25%
Street performance/public address	13%	10%

Transport		
	2022/23	2023/24
Road vehicles	30%	31%
Delivery vehicles	13%	16%
Vehicle horn/revving engine/exhausts	30%	27%

The CNEA enables district councils to designate all or part of their district as an alarm notification area and enter premises with or without force to silence an alarm. No councils have designated alarm notification areas since this legislation came into operation. In 2023/24 Belfast City Council used the powers to silence alarms without force on one occasion.

## Analysis since 2003/04

The total number of noise complaints in Northern Ireland in 2023/24 are 27.2% greater than the total number of noise complaints in Northern Ireland in 2003/04<sup>4</sup>. Noise complaints rose each year between 2003/04 and 2006/07 when they reached 11,923 complaints. Since 2006/07 the highest number of complaints received was for the 2021/22 year when they reached 13,261. The lowest since 2006/07 was 2020/21 when a dip to 10,494 occurred (Figure 2).

Full details of the annual changes by sector are illustrated in Figure 4. This demonstrates that the proportion of noise complaints attributable to each category has varied little each year until the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. Domestic noise complaints far outweigh all the other sources and, in general, since 2003/04 the commercial and leisure sector is the second largest category. Figures 5 to 10 show the changes in numbers of noise complaints across the various categories over the past 21 years.

Domestic			
	2022/23	2023/24	% Change
Number of complaints	8,739	8,141	6.8% decrease

Levels of domestic noise complaints increased notably between 2003/04 and 2006/07. In 2003/04 6,879 complaints were received, this rose to 10,393 in 2011/12 when complaints relating to domestic noise reached their peak. Domestic noise complaints decreased steadily from 10,268 complaints in 2018/19, to 8,046 complaints in 2020/21, however returned to higher levels in 2021/22. There has been a further reduction in the total number of complaints this reporting year concerning domestic noise, with animal noise and other neighbour noise category showing reductions.

Commercial and Leisure			
	2022/23	2023/24	% Change
Number of complaints	1,242	1,285	3.5% increase

Complaint numbers peaked in 2021/22 compared to all other years in the time series, more than double compared to 2020/21. After a decrease in complaints last year, complaints have increased again by 3.5% this reporting year. Complaints are 79% higher for this category than in 2003/04.

Industrial			
	2022/23	2023/24	% Change
Number of complaints	269	302	12.3% increase

Industrial noise complaints showed a significant increase in the 2020/21 reporting year when complaints peaked at 402. The total number of industrial complaints received this year is 61.5% greater than in 2003/04, when 187 industrial complaints were received.

<sup>4</sup> The total number of noise complaints in 2003/04 was 8397.

Noise in the Street			
	2022/23	2023/24	% Change
Number of complaints	532	346	35% decrease

Complaints relating to noise in the street have decreased for the second successive year. In relation to 2003/04, complaints in this category are 79.3% greater in 2023/24.

Construction			
	2022/23	2023/24	% Change
Number of complaints	365	360	1.4% decrease

Construction noise complaints rose almost 86% between 2003/04 and 2007/08 and subsequently fell until 2010/11, possibly due to the decline in construction and property development following the economic downturn. 2021/22 saw the highest peak in the last 21 years with 513 construction noise complaints. The total number of construction/ demolition noise complaints is 83.7% greater than in 2010/11 (Figure 9).

Transport			
	2022/23	2023/24	% Change
Number of complaints	191	250	30.9% increase

Transport noise complaints make up only 2% of complaints this year and figures 3 and 8 provide a breakdown of the number of complaints by type of transport. Road vehicles are the predominant source of noise complaints in this category (31%) followed closely by vehicle horns/ revving engines/noisily exhausts (27%). The number of complaints in relation to road noise has varied notably since 2003/04.





## Conclusion

The report shows that neighbourhood noise problems can arise from many quarters. The lack of consideration for the rights of others is a contributory factor in a lot of these problems. The Department of Agriculture, the Environment and Rural Affairs considers that increasing education is one way of tackling the problem and is keen for the councils to continue their efforts to raise noise issues on local agendas.



# Noise Complaint Figures & Tables

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**Table 1** Total noise complaints received by district council 2023 - 2024

COUNCIL	Category of Source															
	Industrial				Commercial & Leisure							Domestic				
	Industry, Manufacturing & Workshops	Agricultural	Wind Turbine (Individual)	Wind Farm	Entertainment Premises	Sports & Leisure	Petrol Stations/Car Wash	Hot Food Bars/Restaurants	Other Shops & Offices	Security Alarms	Other	DIY	Music/Televisions/Parties	Animal Noise	House Alarms	Other Neighbour Noise
Antrim & Newtownabbey	34	11	0	0	16	8	0	0	0	12	21	15	114	375	9	115
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	19	7	9	0	2	10	3	2	0	2	7	7	128	405	5	89
Belfast	4	0	0	0	620	47	3	9	71	139	51	117	2,429	691	247	382
Causeway Coast & Glens	13	13	4	1	9	7	2	3	3	1	7	4	71	243	12	50
Derry & Strabane	5	4	0	0	29	4	2	2	1	6	5	8	84	231	7	38
Fermanagh & Omagh	16	10	1	0	7	3	0	1	0	3	7	4	36	106	1	33
Lisburn & Castlereagh	10	11	2	0	13	9	1	2	0	7	14	6	111	236	5	69
Mid & East Antrim	19	8	2	0	18	4	0	2	4	3	20	5	101	295	4	86
Mid Ulster	35	9	3	0	5	5	4	2	2	0	4	8	78	245	1	19
Newry, Mourne & Down	21	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	197	2	23
Ards & North Down	13	9	3	0	2	7	3	4	2	4	17	18	53	372	11	76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>3,269</b>	<b>3,396</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>980</b>
	<b>302</b>				<b>1,285</b>							<b>8,141</b>				

**Table 1** Total noise complaints received by district council 2023 - 2024 (continued)

COUNCIL	Category of Source																Total
	Construction	Transport							Noise in the Street								
	Construction Sites/ Demolition Works Road Works	Road Vehicles	Railways	Civil Aircraft	Military Aircraft	Delivery Vehicles	Vehicle Alarms	Vehicle horns/rewinding engines/noisy exhausts	Loudspeakers	Road Works	Ice Cream Van Chimes	Street Traders	Street Performance/ Public Address	Children Playing	Antisocial Behaviour	Other	
Antrim & Newtownabbey	40	9	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	14	802
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	16	6	0	0	0	3	0	19	6	0	1	0	0	1	15	14	776
Belfast	145	40	34	0	0	25	7	2	24	32	6	0	18	3	30	26	5,202
Causeway Coast & Glens	15	3	1	0	0	1	2	9	4	0	2	3	1	1	10	9	504
Derry & Strabane	16	3	0	0	0	1	2	6	2	1	0	0	0	2	9	3	471
Fermanagh & Omagh	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	6	259
Lisburn & Castlereagh	39	5	0	0	0	3	0	8	0	2	0	0	3	2	1	6	565
Mid & East Antrim	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	9	2	7	18	649
Mid Ulster	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	456
Newry, Mourne & Down	10	1	0	0	0	1	16	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	351
Ards & North Down	22	6	1	1	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	1	3	3	1	9	649
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>10,684</b>
	<b>360</b>	<b>250</b>							<b>346</b>								

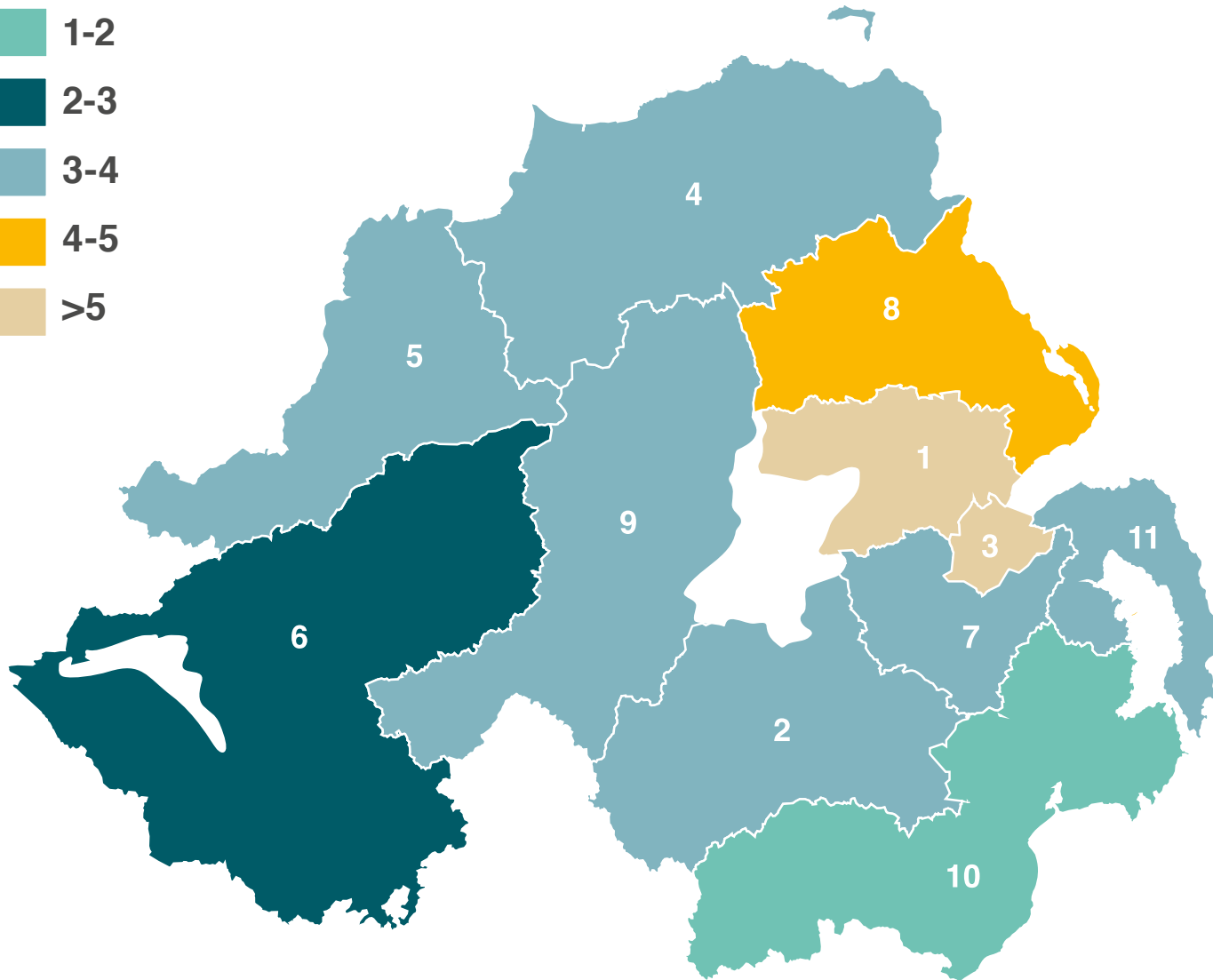
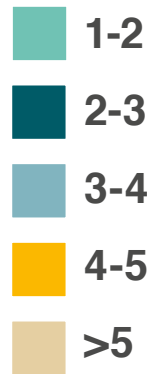
Table 2

## Notices served per 100 complaints 2023 - 2024

COUNCIL	Number notices served (CNEA & NA)	Number of notices per 100 complaints
Antrim & Newtownabbey	0	0.00
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	6	0.77
Belfast	140	2.69
Causeway Coast & Glens	0	0.00
Derry & Strabane	4	0.85
Fermanagh & Omagh	3	1.16
Lisburn & Castlereagh	0	0.00
Mid & East Antrim	1	0.15
Mid Ulster	0	0.00
Newry, Mourne & Down	0	0.00
Ards & North Down	8	1.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>1.52</b>

Figure 1

Noise complaints per 1,000 head of population 2023 - 2024



- 1 Antrim & Newtownabbey
- 2 Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon
- 3 Belfast
- 4 Causeway Coast & Glens
- 5 Derry & Strabane
- 6 Fermanagh & Omagh
- 7 Lisburn & Castlereagh
- 8 Mid & East Antrim
- 9 Mid Ulster
- 10 Newry, Mourne & Down
- 11 Ards & North Down

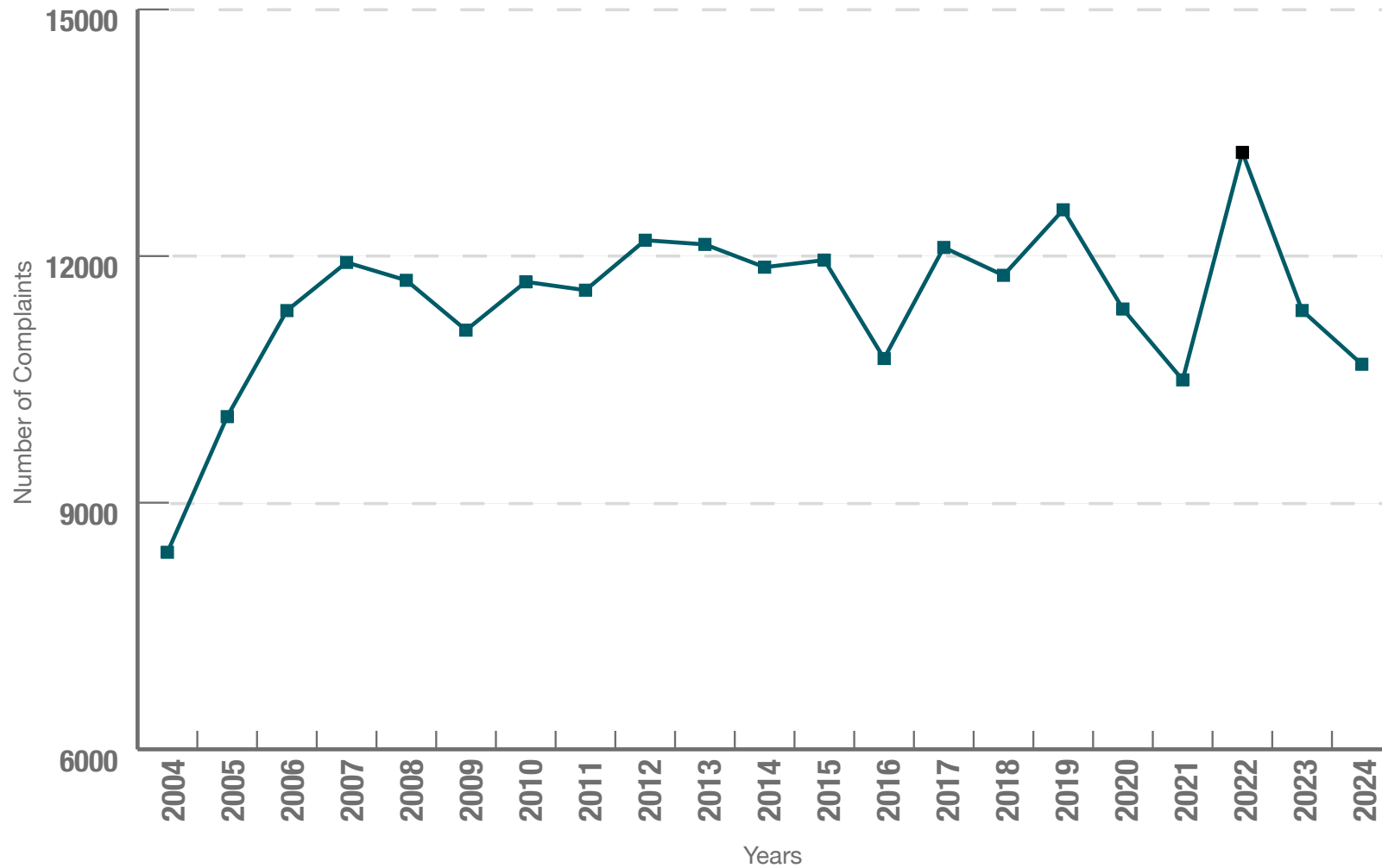
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## Noise complaints per 1,000 head of population 2023 - 2024 (continued)

COUNCIL	No. Complaints	Population (mid 2022)	Complaints per 1000
Antrim & Newtownabbey	802	146,100	5.49
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	776	220,300	3.52
Belfast	5,202	348,000	14.95
Causeway Coast & Glens	504	141,300	3.57
Derry & Strabane	471	150,800	3.12
Fermanagh & Omagh	259	117,000	2.21
Lisburn & Castlereagh	565	149,900	3.77
Mid & East Antrim	649	139,200	4.66
Mid Ulster	456	151,000	3.02
Newry, Mourne & Down	351	182,600	1.92
Ards & North Down	649	164,200	3.95

**Figure 2**

**Total number of complaints 2004 - 2024**



Total No. Complaints	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	8,397	10,047	11,337	11,923	11,705	11,099	11,687	11,585	12,193	12,142	11,865	11,951	10,754	12,105	11,766	12,563	11,356	10,494	13,261	11,338	10,684

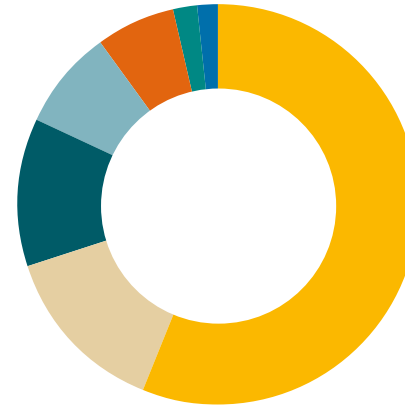


**Figure 3** Noise complaints by category 2023 - 2024



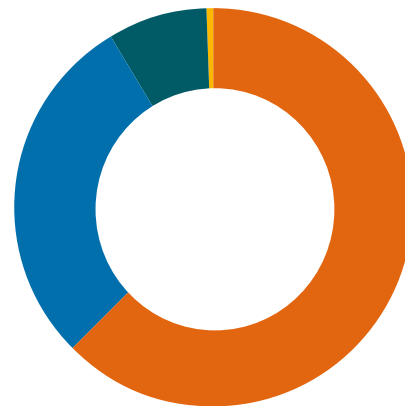
**Total Noise Complaints**

● Domestic	76.20%
● Commercial & Leisure	12.03%
● Construction	3.37%
● Noise in the street	3.24%
● Industrial	2.83%
● Transport	2.34%



**Commercial and Leisure Complaints**

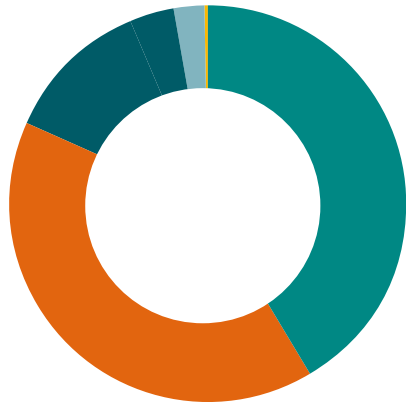
● Entertainment Premises	56.26%
● Security Alarms	13.77%
● Other	11.91%
● Sports & Leisure	8.09%
● Other Shops & Offices	6.46%
● Hot Food Bars Restaurants	2.10%
● Petrol Stations/Car Wash	1.40%



**Industrial Complaints**

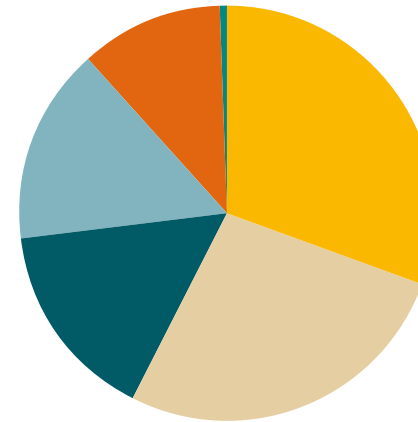
● Industry Manufacturing & Workshops	62.58%
● Agricultural	28.81%
● Wind Turbine (Individual)	8.28%
● Wind Farm	0.33%

**Figure 3** Noise complaints by category 2023 - 2024 (continued)



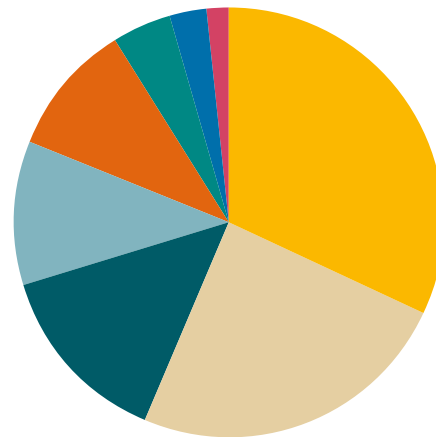
### Domestic Complaints

Animal Noise	41.71%
Music, Televisions & Parties	40.15%
Other Neighbour Noise	12.04%
House Alarms	3.73%
DIY	2.36%



### Transport Complaints

Road Vehicles	30.80%
Vehicle horns/revving engines/noisy exhausts	26.80%
Delivery Vehicles	15.60%
Railways	15.20%
Vehicle Alarms	11.20%
Civil Aircraft	0.40%
Military Aircraft	0%

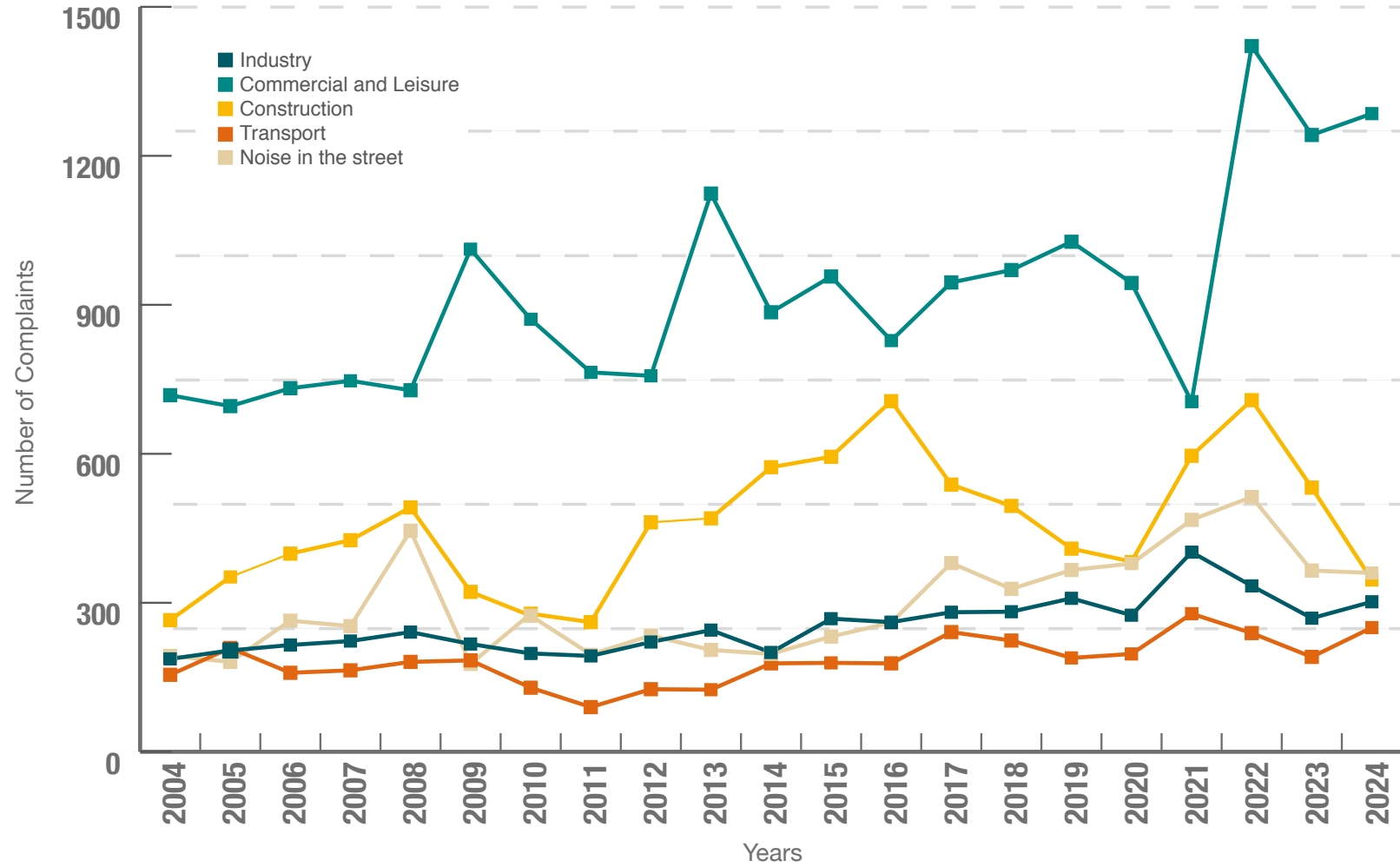


### Noise in the Street Complaints

Other	32.08%
Antisocial Behaviour	24.57%
Loudspeakers	13.87%
Road Works	10.69%
Street Performance Public Address	10.12%
Children Playing	4.34%
Ice Cream Van Chimes	2.89%
Street Traders	1.45%

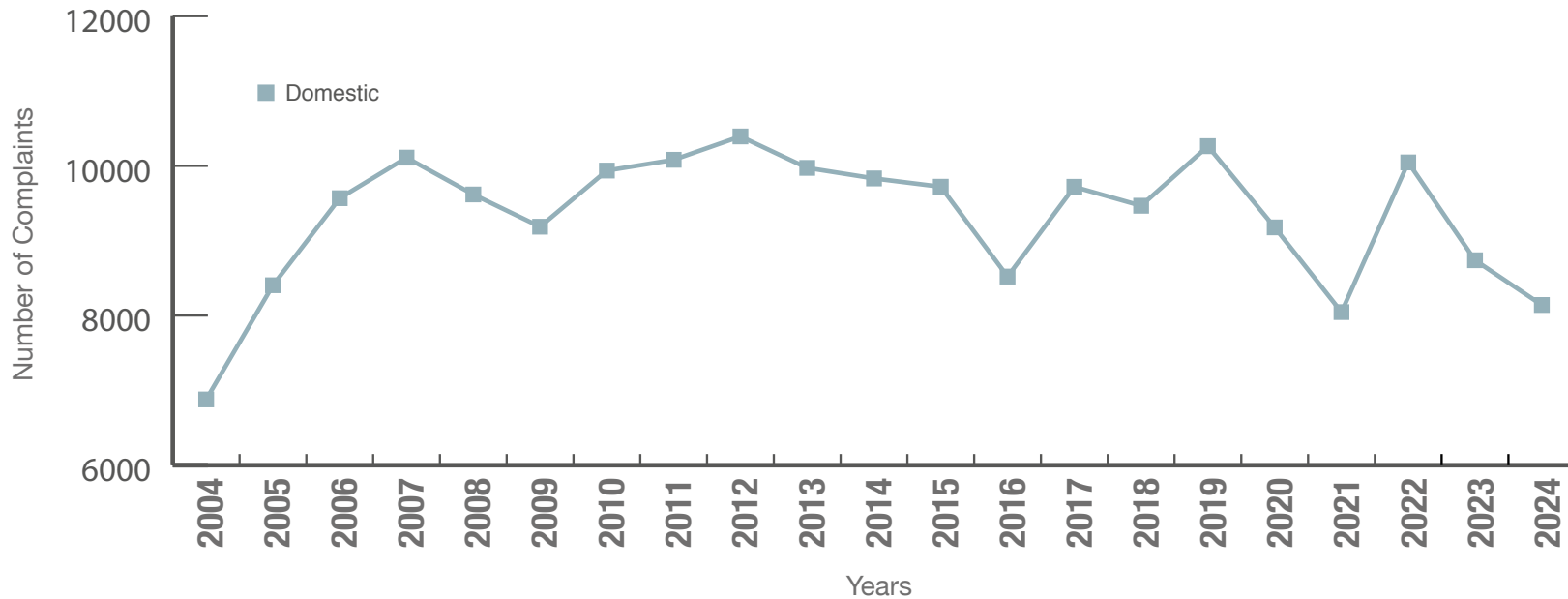
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Total Noise Complaints Comparison by category 2004 - 2024



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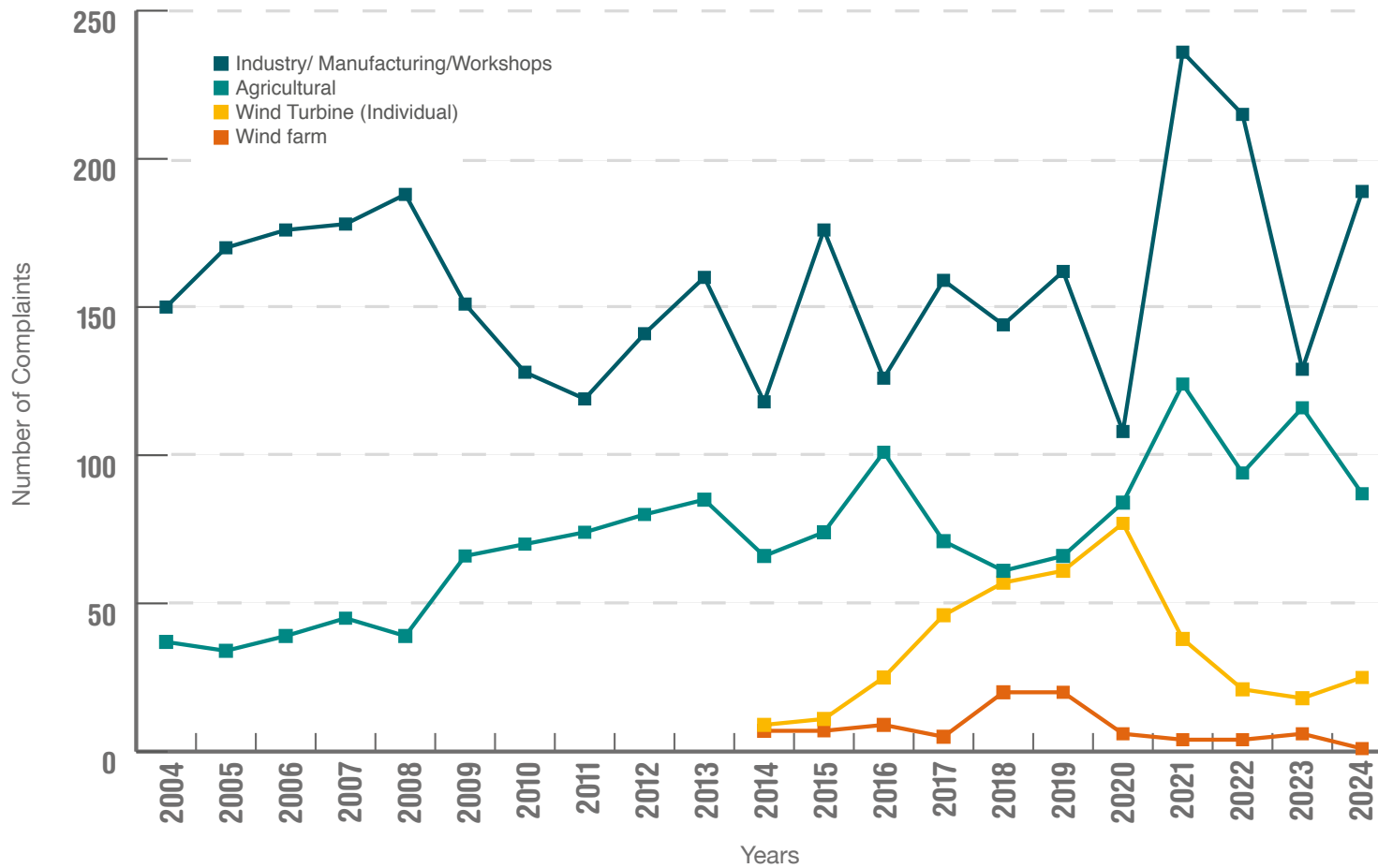
**Total Noise Complaints Comparison by category 2004 - 2024 (continued)**



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Industrial</b>	187	204	215	223	241	217	198	193	221	245	200	268	261	281	282	309	275	402	334	269	302
<b>Commercial &amp; Leisure</b>	718	696	732	747	728	1,012	871	764	757	1,124	885	957	828	945	970	1,027	944	705	1,421	1,242	1,285
<b>Domestic</b>	6,879	8,405	9,568	10,110	9,618	9,187	9,937	10,081	10,393	9,973	9,832	9,721	8,521	9,720	9,467	10,263	9,178	8,046	10,046	8,739	8,141
<b>Construction</b>	265	352	399	426	492	322	274	196	234	205	197	232	260	380	328	366	379	467	513	365	360
<b>Transport</b>	155	209	159	164	181	184	129	90	126	125	178	179	178	241	224	189	197	278	239	191	250
<b>Noise in Street</b>	193	181	264	253	445	177	278	261	462	470	573	594	706	538	495	409	383	596	708	532	346
<b>Totals</b>	8,397	10,047	11,337	11,923	11,705	11,099	11,687	11,585	12,193	12,142	11,865	11,951	10,754	12,105	11,766	12,563	11,356	10,494	13,261	11,338	10,684

Figure 5

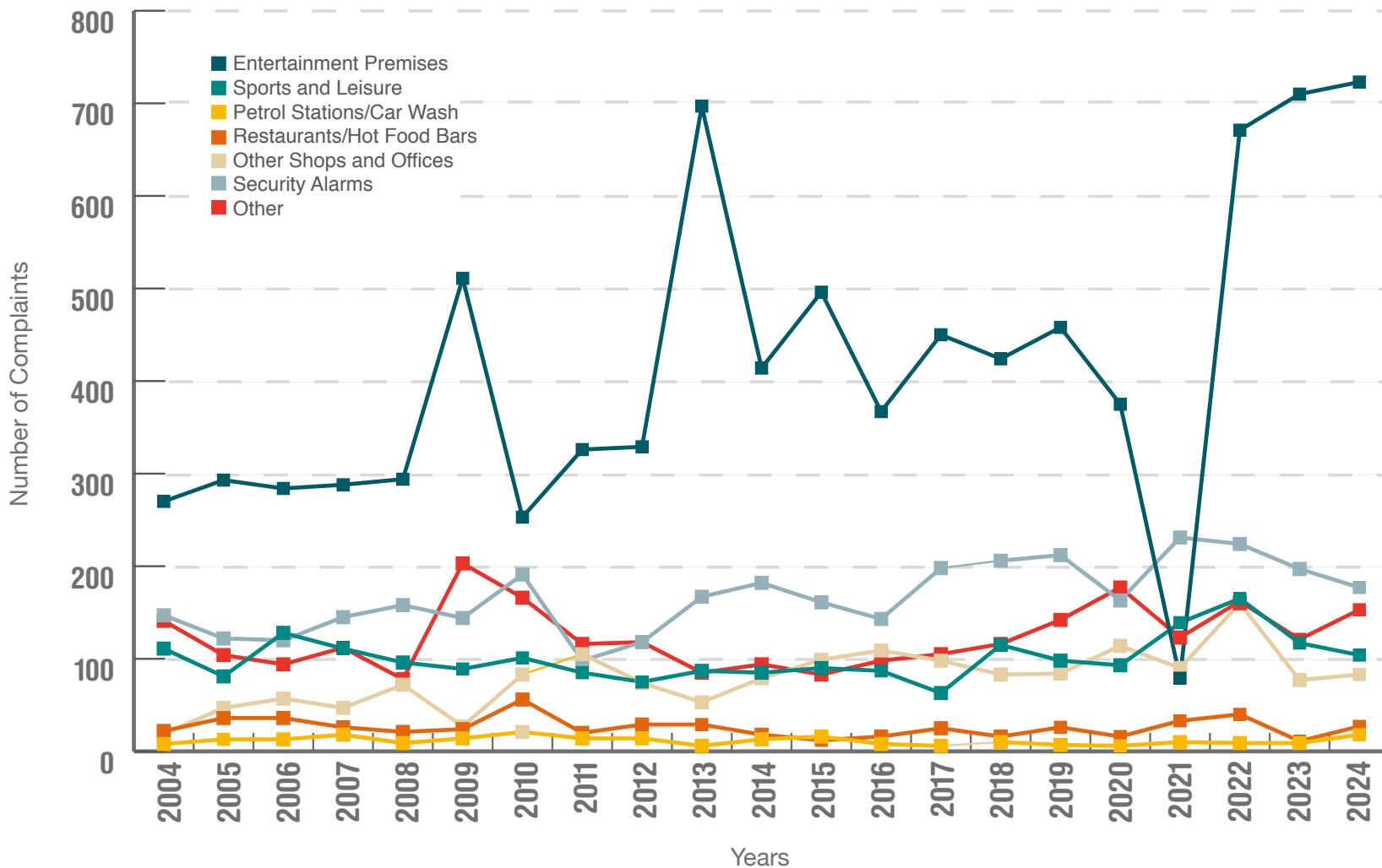
Industrial Noise Complaints comparison 2004 - 2024



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Industry Manufacturing & Workshops	150	170	176	178	188	151	128	119	141	160	118	176	126	159	144	162	108	236	215	129	189
Agricultural	37	34	39	45	39	66	70	74	80	85	66	74	101	71	61	66	84	124	94	116	87
Wind Turbine (Individual)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	11	25	46	57	61	77	38	21	18	25
Wind Farm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	9	5	20	20	6	4	4	6	1

Figure 6

Commercial and leisure noise complaints comparison 2004 - 2024



**Figure 6**

**Commercial and leisure noise complaints comparison 2004 - 2024 (continued)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Entertainment Premises</b>	270	293	284	288	294	511	253	326	329	697	414	496	367	450	424	458	375	79	671	710	723
<b>Sports &amp; Leisure</b>	111	81	128	111	96	89	101	85	75	87	85	90	87	63	115	98	93	139	165	117	104
<b>Petrol Stations/Car Wash</b>	8	13	13	18	9	14	21	14	14	6	13	16	8	6	10	7	6	10	9	9	18
<b>Restaurants Hot Food/ Bars</b>	22	36	36	26	21	24	56	20	29	29	18	12	16	25	16	26	16	33	40	11	27
<b>Other Shops &amp; Offices</b>	19	47	57	47	72	27	83	105	74	53	79	99	109	98	83	84	114	90	150	77	83
<b>Security Alarms</b>	147	122	120	145	158	144	191	98	118	167	182	161	143	198	206	212	163	231	224	197	177
<b>Other</b>	141	104	94	112	78	203	166	116	118	85	94	83	98	105	116	142	177	123	162	121	153

Figure 7

Domestic noise complaints comparison 2004 - 2024

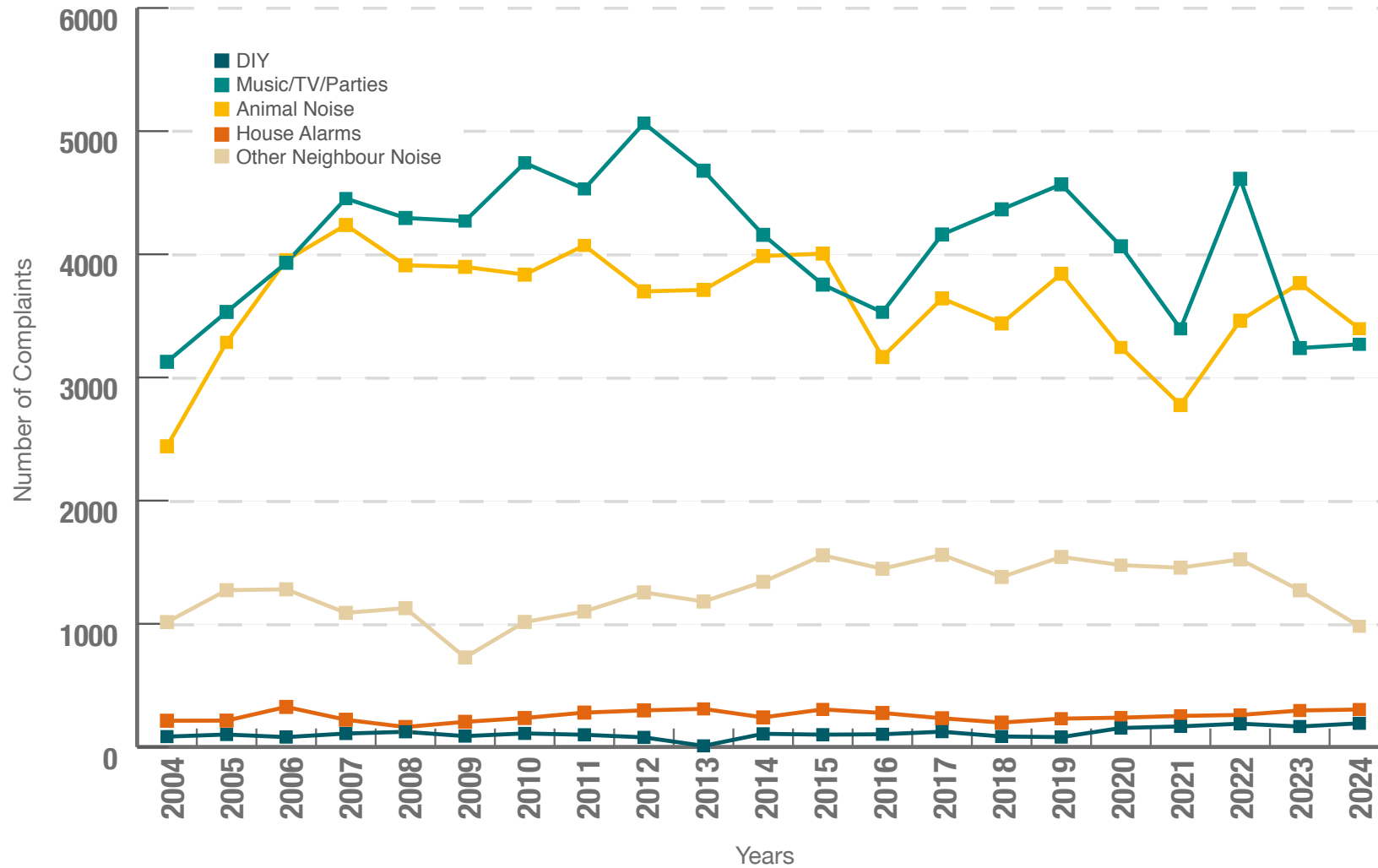




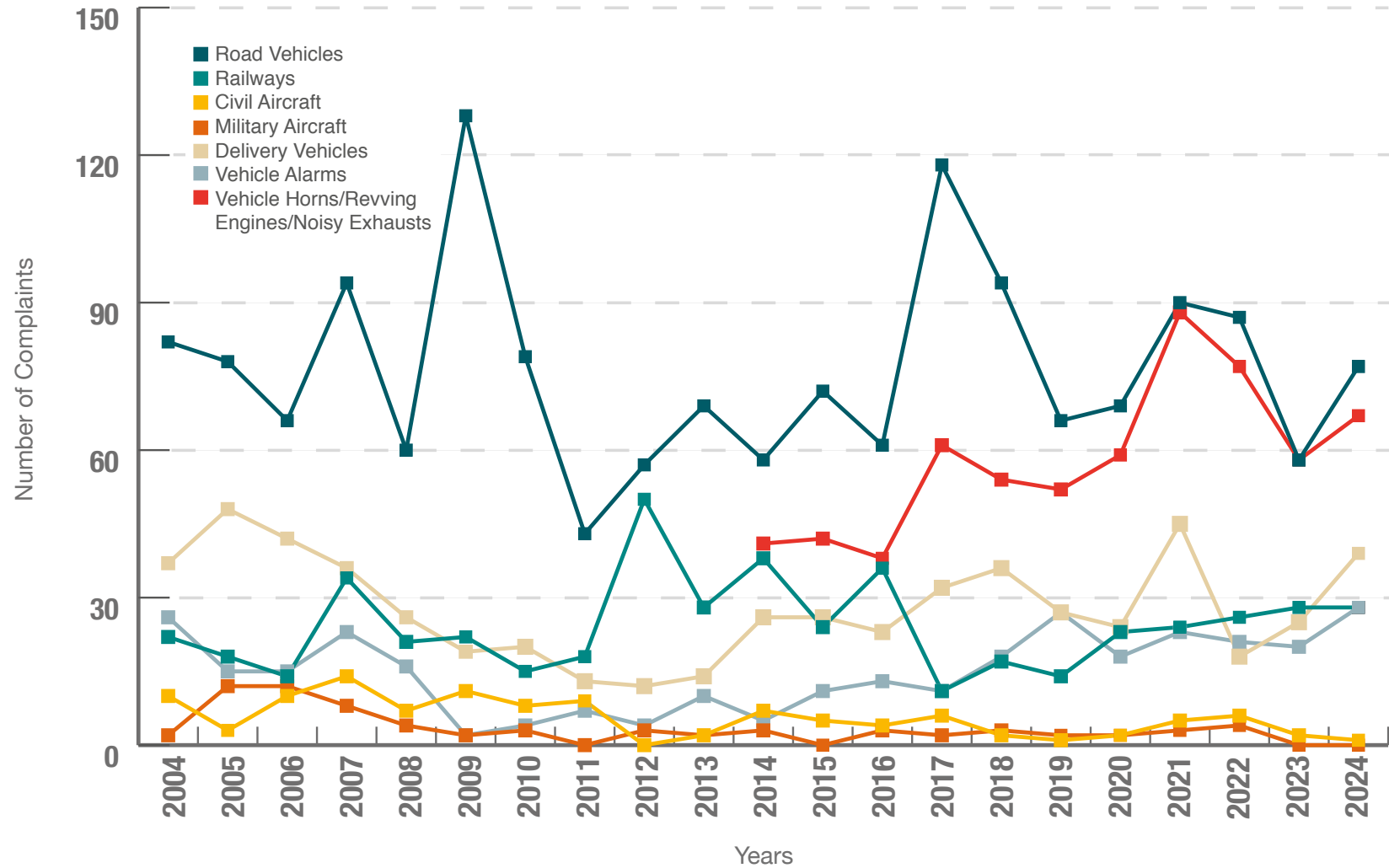
Figure 7

## Domestic noise complaints comparison 2004 - 2024 (continued)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>DIY</b>	84	101	80	109	123	88	110	99	78	9	107	100	103	124	85	80	154	167	189	166	192
<b>Music/TV/ Parties</b>	3,127	3,532	3,931	4,453	4,295	4,270	4,742	4,531	5,064	4,679	4,158	3,754	3,529	4,161	4,365	4,568	4,065	3,395	4,613	3,239	3,269
<b>Animal Noise</b>	2,441	3,285	3,952	4,238	3,911	3,898	3,835	4,072	3,699	3,711	3,986	4,006	3,166	3,642	3,439	3,842	3,244	2,776	3,461	3,766	3,396
<b>House Alarms</b>	213	214	325	221	162	204	235	279	297	309	240	305	276	233	198	230	238	252	260	296	304
<b>Other Neighbour Noise</b>	1,014	1,273	1,280	1,089	1,127	727	1,015	1,100	1,255	1,181	1,341	1,556	1,447	1,560	1,380	1,543	1,477	1,456	1,523	1,272	980

Figure 8

Transport noise complaints comparison 2004 - 2024

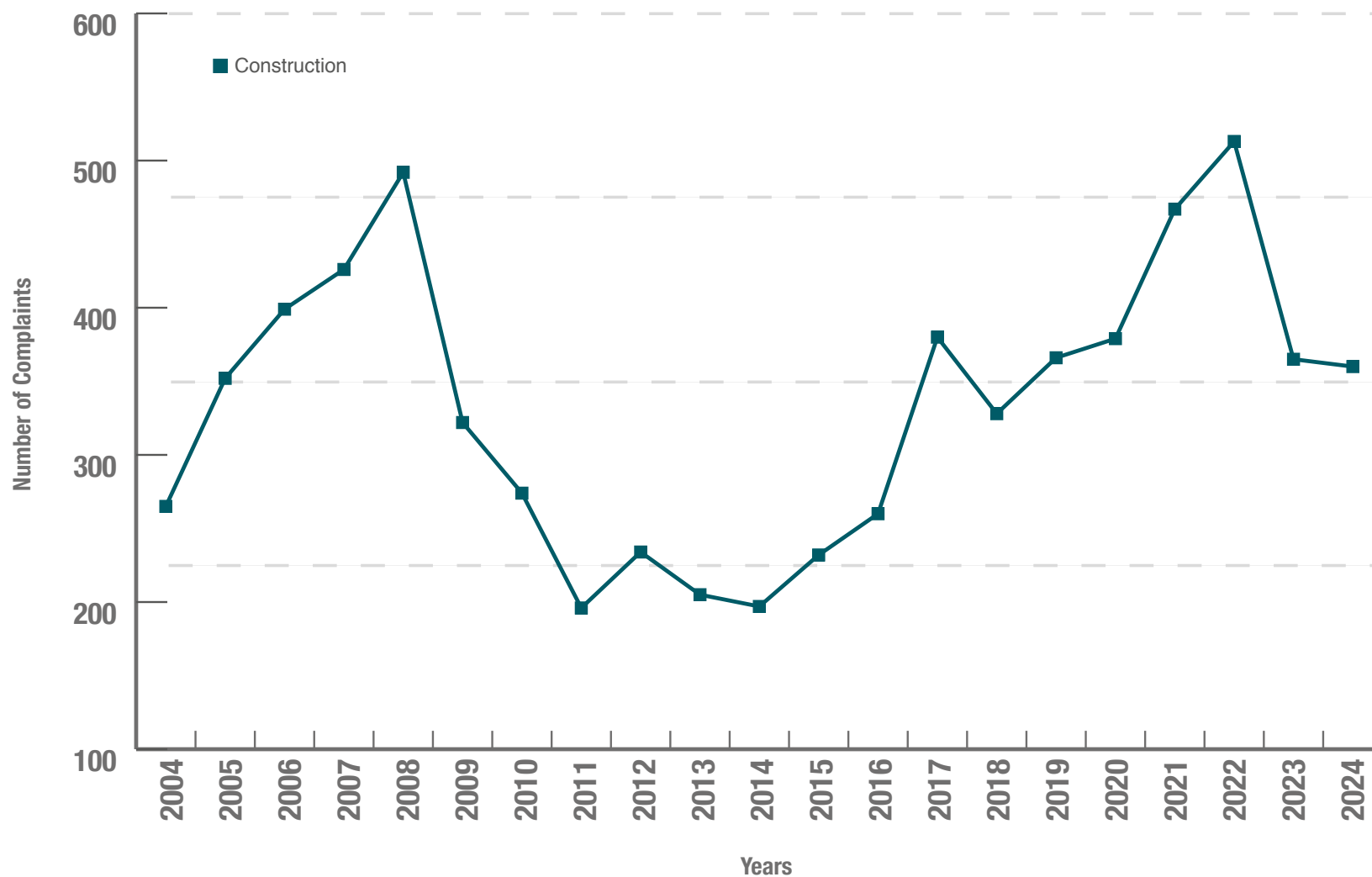


**Figure 8**
**Transport noise complaints comparison 2004 - 2024 (continued)**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Road Vehicles</b>	82	78	66	94	60	128	79	43	57	69	58	72	61	118	94	66	69	90	87	58	77
<b>Railways</b>	22	18	14	34	21	22	15	18	50	28	38	24	36	11	17	14	23	24	26	28	38
<b>Civil Aircraft</b>	10	3	10	14	7	11	8	9	0	2	7	5	4	6	2	1	2	5	6	2	1
<b>Military Aircraft</b>	2	12	12	8	4	2	3	0	3	2	3	0	3	2	3	2	2	3	4	0	0
<b>Delivery Vehicles</b>	37	48	42	36	26	19	20	13	12	14	26	26	23	32	36	27	24	45	18	25	39
<b>Vehicle Alarms</b>	26	15	15	23	16	2	4	7	4	10	5	11	13	11	18	27	18	23	21	20	28
<b>Vehicle Horns/Reving Engines/Noisy Exhausts</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	42	38	61	54	52	59	88	77	58	67

Figure 9

Construction noise complaints comparison 2004 - 2024



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Construction	265	352	399	426	492	322	274	196	234	205	197	232	260	380	328	366	379	467	513	365	360

Figure 10

Noise in the street complaints comparison 2004 - 2024

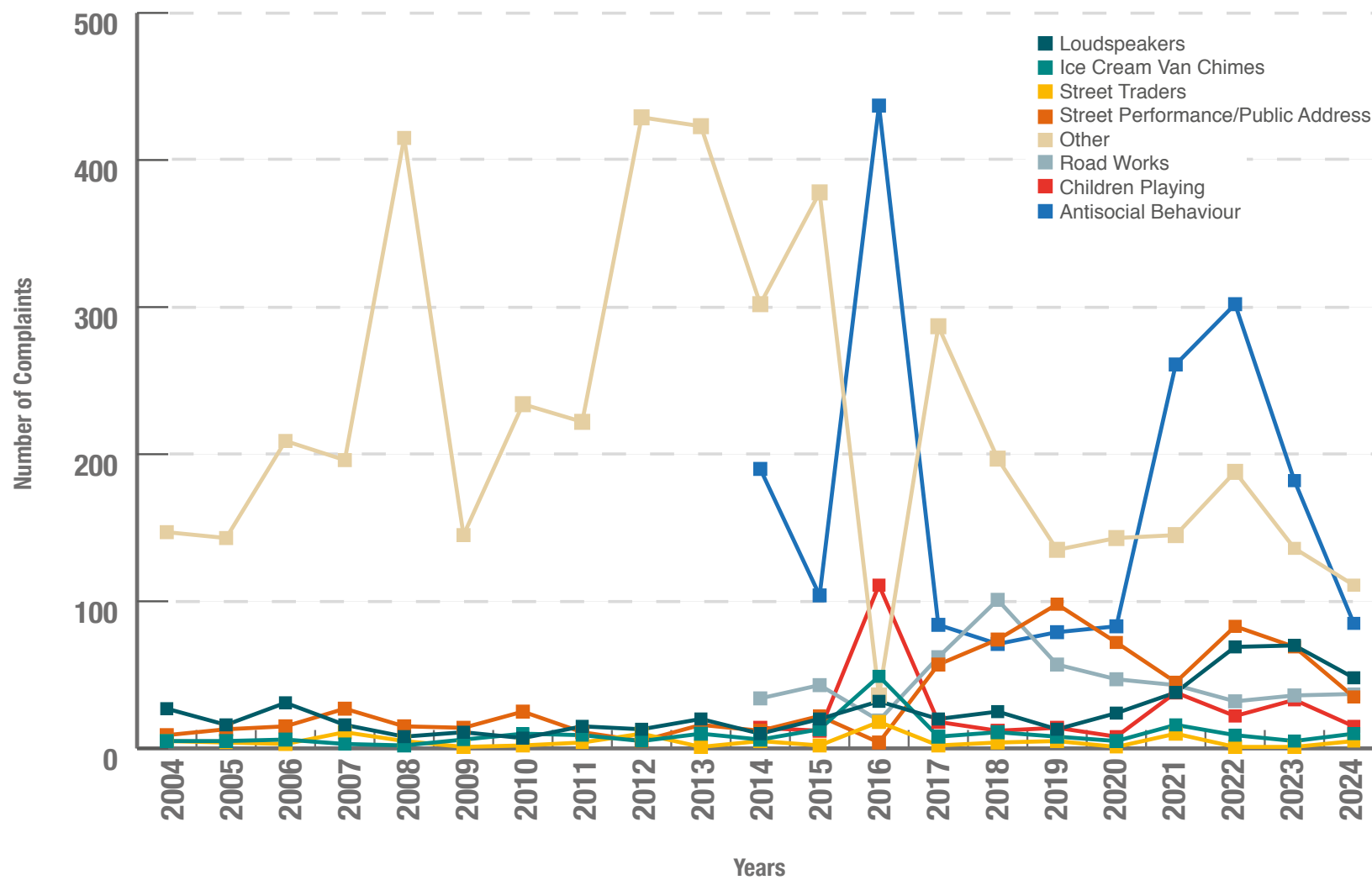


Figure 10

## Noise in the street complaints comparison 2004 - 2024 (continued)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Loudspeakers</b>	27	16	31	16	8	11	7	15	13	20	10	20	32	20	25	13	24	38	69	70	48
<b>Ice Cream Van Chimes</b>	5	5	6	3	2	6	10	9	5	10	6	13	49	8	11	8	5	16	9	5	10
<b>Street Traders</b>	5	4	3	11	5	1	2	4	10	1	5	2	18	2	4	5	1	10	1	1	5
<b>Street Performance/ Public Address</b>	9	13	15	27	15	14	25	11	5	16	12	22	4	57	74	98	72	45	83	69	35
<b>Other</b>	147	143	209	196	415	145	234	222	429	423	302	378	36	287	197	135	143	145	188	136	111
<b>Road Works</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	43	19	62	101	57	47	43	34	36	37
<b>Children Playing</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	12	111	18	12	14	8	38	22	33	15
<b>Antisocial Behaviour</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190	104	437	84	71	79	83	261	302	182	85

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