

Noise Complaint Statistics for the Republic of Ireland for 2018-2020



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1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to raise awareness of noise matters and increase understanding of the nature and type of noise complaints in the Republic of Ireland. Additionally, it will serve as a source of useful information for various agencies, Local Authorities, relevant Government Departments, key influencers and the media. It is also hoped that this data will induce change and promote recognition, classification and quantification of noise as it affects the public as an environmental pollutant.

This report also gives insights into the impact noise pollution has on citizens across the entire country. It is proposed that this report should be considered by the Irish Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) during the development of future noise policy within the Republic of Ireland, and to examine the effectiveness of noise pollution-reducing measures already in place. This report is compiled using self-reported noise complaints gathered via www.noisecomplaint.ie. This research is the first of its kind ever undertaken within the Republic of Ireland.

Data collection for this report took place from the First of May 2018 to the Thirtieth of April 2020. It is analysed as two segments

Period 1: First of May 2018 to Thirtieth of April 2019.

Period 2: First of May 2019 to Thirtieth of April 2020.*

*(Note that Period 2 included 7 weeks of 'lockdown' due to Covid-19)

The data in this report is broken down into four key categories of noise sources: Transport, Commercial, Domestic, and Sports and Entertainment. This allows for concise information delivery and analysis of the most prevalent causes of noise complaints. Each of the four categories are further divided into subcategories, as seen in Table 1.

Transport

Road Traffic Noise.

Rail Noise.

Aircraft Noise.

Commercial

Industrial Noise.

Quarry Noise.

Wind Turbine Noise.

Power Generation, Substations and Electrical Noise.

Construction Noise.

Shipping Port Noise or Distribution Centre Noise.

Recycling Facilities/Metal Processing Plants Noise.

Domestic

Noise from a neighbouring property.

Barking Dogs or Livestock.

Sportsand	Sports Noise (Motorsport, Model Aircraft, Jet Ski).
Entertainment	Noise from Fireworks or Firecrackers (Festivals/Halloween). Entertainment Noise from a venue or bar. Event/Festival Noise. Clay Shooting or Rifle Noise.

Table 1 - Subcategories of Noise Sources

2 Noise

Sound is the reception by the human ear of vibrations or sound waves and is essential on many levels as a key element of daily life. Noise, however, is defined as sound that is unwanted and causes disturbance in daily life, irritation, stress and aggravation. Noise is a frequently occurring pollutant that can damage hearing at high enough levels. Noise in the surrounding environment can be caused by human activity, air, rail or road travel, and commercial activity. The World Health Organization (WHO) have stated that after air pollution, environmental noise pollution is the second most prevalent cause of poor health. The many health risks stemming from noise pollution include; pain, hearing loss, poor mental health, communication difficulties and sleep disorders. Studies by the European Environment Agency have shown that noise pollution is the primary cause of more than ten-thousand deaths in Europe each year. Additionally, noise disturbance has a significant impact on cardiovascular health and has been associated with heart disease, increased blood pressure, and links with stroke and dementia.

3 Noise Complaint Details

As previously outlined, this data will be analysed according to two periods, as follows:

Period 1: First of May 2018 to Thirtieth of April 2019.

Period 2: First of May 2019 to Thirtieth of April 2020.

There was a 48.78% decrease in the number of complaints received in Period 2 when compared with Period 1. Again, we note that Period 2 included 49 days after March 12th 2020, being the date where measures to combat Covid-19 were introduced, generally referred to as 'lockdown'.

3.1 Period 1

Sources of Noise

Data analysis shows that of all the complaints logged, that noise from neighbouring properties appears to be the most notable source of the complaint being the source of one-third of all noise complaints logged. No complaints from some noise sources such as shipping, recycling or noise from fireworks were logged during the course of our research. This may have been due to the geographical location of the complaints and events that may have occurred during the sample period.

In second place to noise complaints from neighbouring properties, traffic noise was the source of almost 18% of all complaints, and industrial noise resulted in just under 10% of all complaints. In summary, neighbouring properties, traffic noise and industrial noise were found to be the greatest source of complaints logged in this observation period.

Sources Period 1	%
Noise from a neighbouring property	32.5
Road Traffic Noise	17.9
Industrial Noise	9.8
Construction Noise	8.9
Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	8.1
Barking Dogs or Livestock	6.5
Aircraft Noise	3.3
Wind Turbine Noise	2.4
Clay Shooting or Rifle Noise	2.4
Power Generation, Substations and Electrical	2.4
Rail Noise	1.6
Event/Festival Noise	1.6
Sports Noise (Motorsport, Model Aircraft, Jet Ski)	1.6
Quarry Noise	0.8
Shipping Port Noise or Distribution Centre	0.0
Recycling Facilities/Metal Processing Plants	0.0
Noise from Fireworks or Firecrackers (Festivals/Halloween)	0.0

Table 2 - Noise Sources Period 1

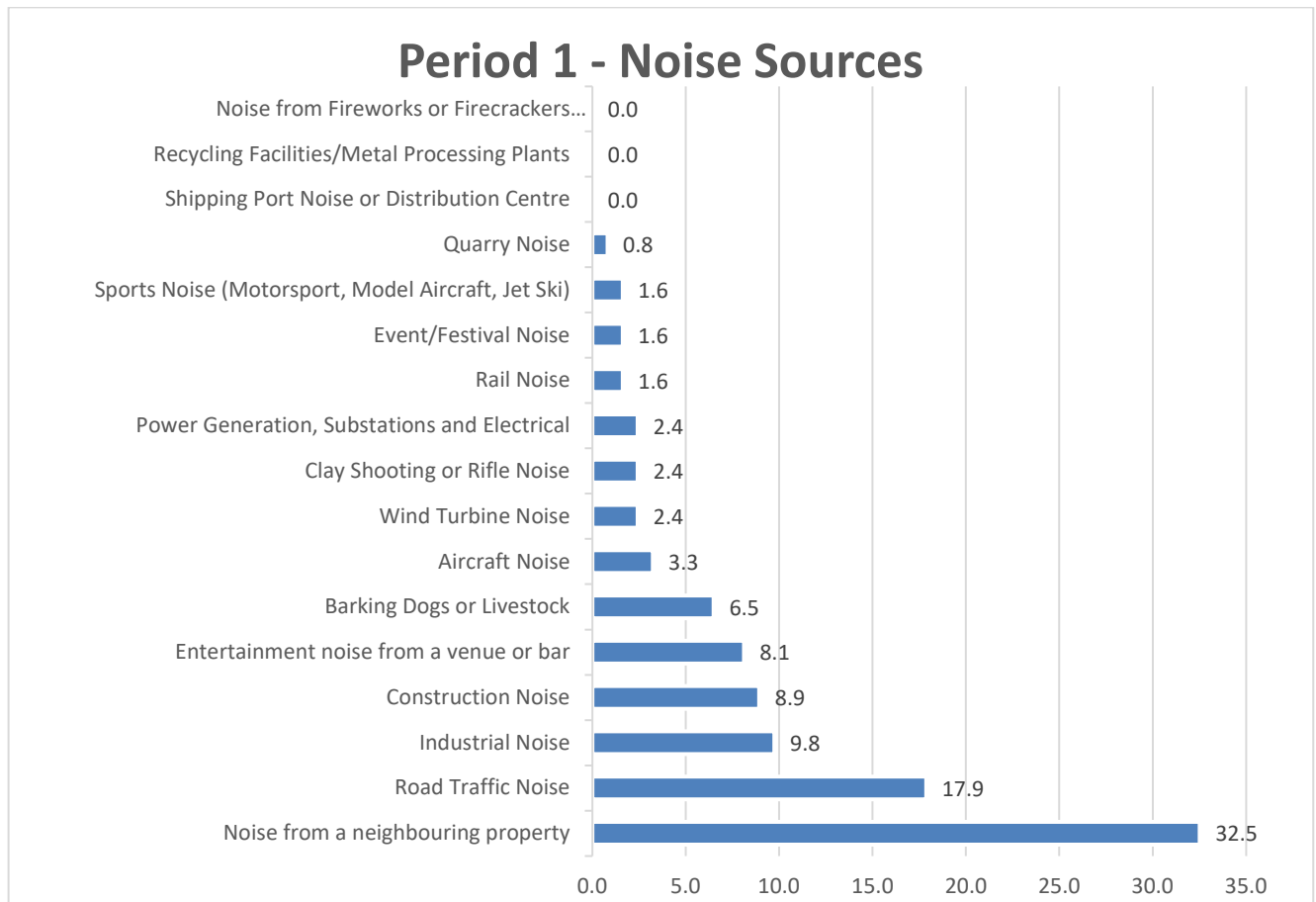


Figure 1 - Noise Sources Period 1

Reporting the Complaint.

When respondents were asked if they had reported their complaint to any local authority, the EPA, DAA, TII or any other person or body 65.85% stated they had reported their complaint, while 34.15% had not reported the complaint.

The 65.85% of respondents who said they had reported their complaint were also asked to indicate who they had reported this complaint too. Many of the respondents had reported their complaint in more than one place. The most frequent response was the Local Authority, where 46% of complaints were reported. Following that, the Irish EPA and the Gardaí accounted for 11% of reports each. The DAA accounted for 4% of complaints, while TII accounted for 3%. Respondents also described reporting their complaints directly to the source, local councillors, citizens' information and the Minister for Environment.

Occurrence of the Noise.

46.3% of complaints received reported being affected by the noise throughout the day, evening and night, in other words, at all or any time of day. Following this, 17.1% of complaints affected complainants mostly during the night. The third most prevalent response was being affected by the noise during the daytime and evening which accounted for 10.6% of responses.

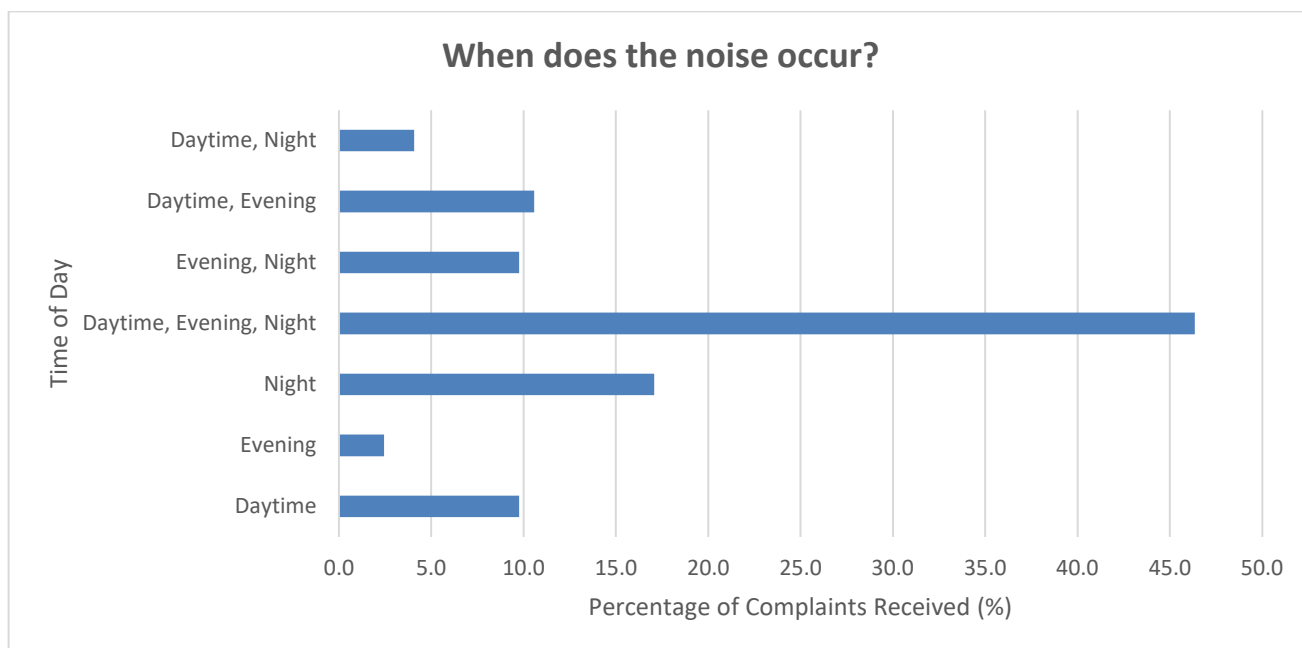


Figure 2 - Occurrence of Noise Period 1

3.2 Period 2

Sources of Noise

In this second period, from to May 1st 2019 to April 30th 2020, similarly to Period 1, noise from neighbouring properties is the most prevalent complaint, comprising 28.6% of all complaints lodged. Entertainment noise from a venue or bar was the second most noted complaint accounting for 22.2% of complaints, followed by Industrial noise at 15.9%. No complaints were received about Noise from Fireworks, Power Generation, Aircraft, Wind Turbines, or Shipping ports, as well as Sports, Quarry or Recycling Facility noise. Construction noise and noise from barking dogs or livestock both accounted for 9.5% of complaints.

Sources Period 2	%
Noise from a neighbouring property	28.6
Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	22.2
Industrial Noise	15.9
Construction Noise	9.5
Barking Dogs or Livestock	9.5
Road Traffic Noise	7.9
Event/Festival Noise	4.8
Clay Shooting or Rifle Noise	1.6
Noise from Fireworks or Firecrackers (Festivals/Halloween)	0.0
Power Generation, Substations and Electrical	0.0
Aircraft Noise	0.0
Wind Turbine Noise	0.0
Rail Noise	0.0

Sports Noise (Motorsport, Model Aircraft, Jet Ski)	0.0
Quarry Noise	0.0
Shipping Port Noise or Distribution Centre	0.0
Recycling Facilities/Metal Processing Plants	0.0

Table 3 - Noise Sources Period 2

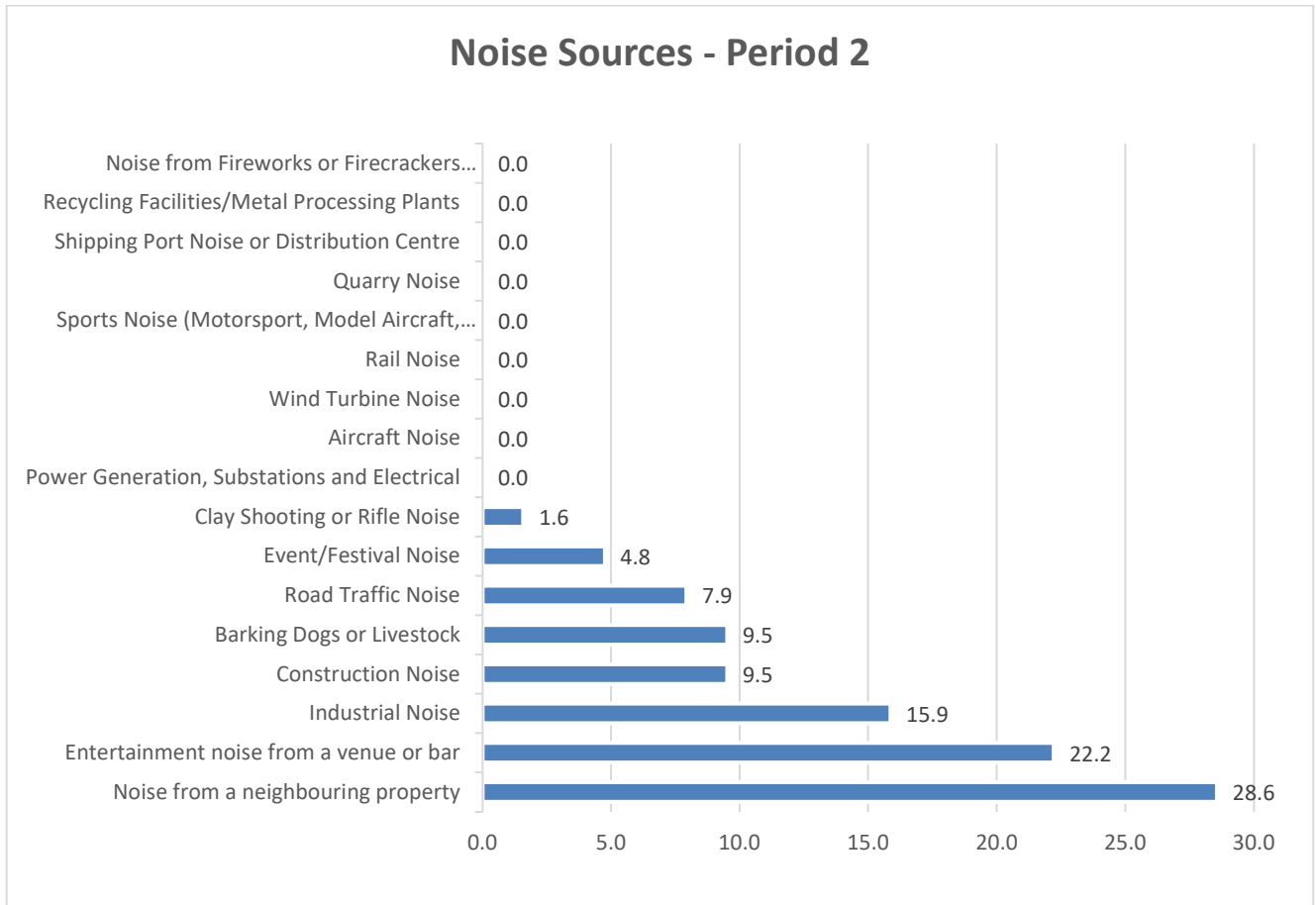


Figure 3 - Noise Sources Period 2

Reporting the Complaint

When respondents were asked if they had reported their complaint to any local authority, the EPA, DAA, TII or any other person or body 68.25% stated they had reported their complaint, while 31.75% had not done so.

The 68.25% of respondents who said they had reported their complaint were also asked to indicate to who they had reported this complaint to. Many of the respondents had reported their complaints in more than one place. 39.1% of complainants stated that they had reported their complaint to their Local Authority; this was the most frequent response. After this, 21.9% had reported their noise complaint to the Irish EPA, 10.9% had reported to the Gardaí, closely followed by 9.4% of persons who described complaining directly to the source of the noise disturbance. Other responses included two complainants reporting to the Fire Brigade and individuals complaining to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), elected officials, solicitors, property management, etc.

Occurrence of the Noise.

Over a third of complainants (36.5%) reported being affected by the noise throughout the day, evening and night. 34.9% of complaints, again over a third of complaints, were reported as being prevalent throughout the night. After consideration of the periods above, 14.3% of complaints stated that the noise was heard throughout the evening and night.

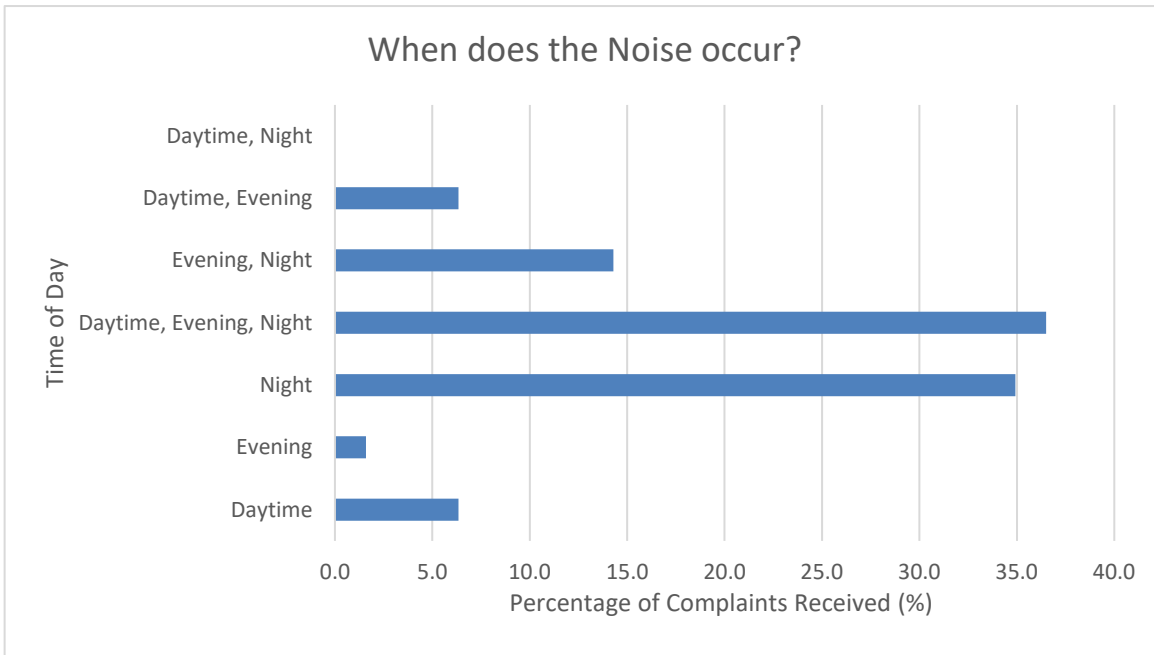


Figure 4 - Occurrence of Noise Period 2

3.3 Comparing Both Periods

Sources of Noise.

In both periods of data analysis, noise from neighbouring properties was the most prevalent complaint. However, in Period 1, entertainment noise was the second most pervasive, strongly contrasting with traffic noise being the second most frequent in Period 2. Industrial noise was frequently reported in both periods.

Sources	Period 1	Period 2
Transport		
Road Traffic Noise	17.9%	7.9%
Rail Noise	1.6%	0
Aircraft Noise	3.3%	0
Industrial		
Industrial Noise	9.8%	15.9%
Quarry Noise	0.8%	0
Wind Turbine Noise	2.4%	0
Power Generation, Substations and Electrical	2.4%	0
Construction Noise	8.9%	9.5%
Shipping Port Noise or Distribution Centre	0	0
Recycling Facilities/Metal Processing Plants	0	0
Domestic		
Noise from a neighbouring property	32.5%	28.6%
Barking Dogs or Livestock	6.5%	9.5%
Sports and Entertainment Noise		
Sports Noise (Motorsport, Model Aircraft, Jet Ski)	1.6%	0
Noise from Fireworks or Firecrackers (Festivals/Halloween)	0	0
Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	8.1%	22.2%
Event/Festival Noise	1.6%	4.8%
Clay Shooting or Rifle Noise	2.4%	1.6%

Table 4 - Sources of Noise

Reporting the Complaint.

The percentages of complaints reported remained similar between periods 1 and 2, 65.85% and 68.25%, respectively. Local Authority was consistently most frequently reported to, followed by the EPA and the Gardaí.

Occurrence of the Noise.

The majority of complainants reported being affected by their noise complaints during the day, evening and night in both periods of time. However, being affected throughout the night by noise was second most frequently reported by complainants in all data.

4 Noise Complaint Locations

In the course of overall data collection from August 31st 2017, to May 5th 2020, noise complaints were reported from all counties in the Republic of Ireland, bar Louth and Longford.

4.1 Period 1

In this observation period, Dublin county had the highest overall percentage with a total of 33.3% (Fingal: 8.1%, South Dublin: 11.4%, Dublin City: 13.8%). The county of Dublin accounts for approximately a third of all complaints received during this measure. Following this, Cork has less than half the amount of complaints, 14.6%. This aligns with the higher population density in Dublin compared to Cork.

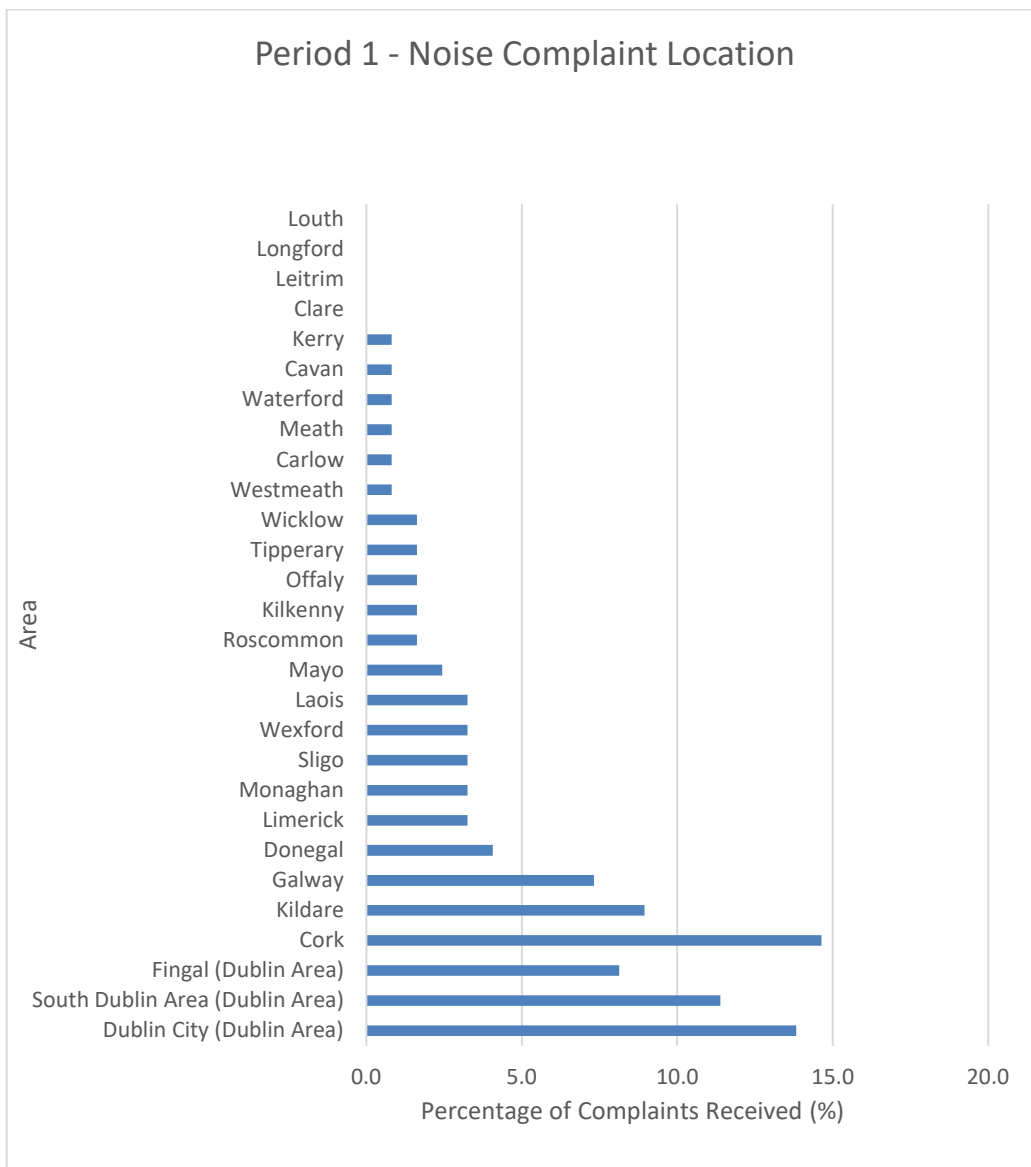


Figure 5 - Noise Complaint Locations Period 1

4.2 Period 2

During this period, again, Dublin county had the highest percentage of complaints, 53.9% total (Fingal: 9.5%, South Dublin: 22.2%, Dublin City: 22.2%). Over half the complaints submitted came from Dublin county. Dublin county accounts for a significantly higher percentage of the complaints made in comparison to the 33.3% in Period 1. Cork is again second highest in the rate of complaints, 12.7%, followed by Donegal and Limerick with 6.3% of the complaints each.

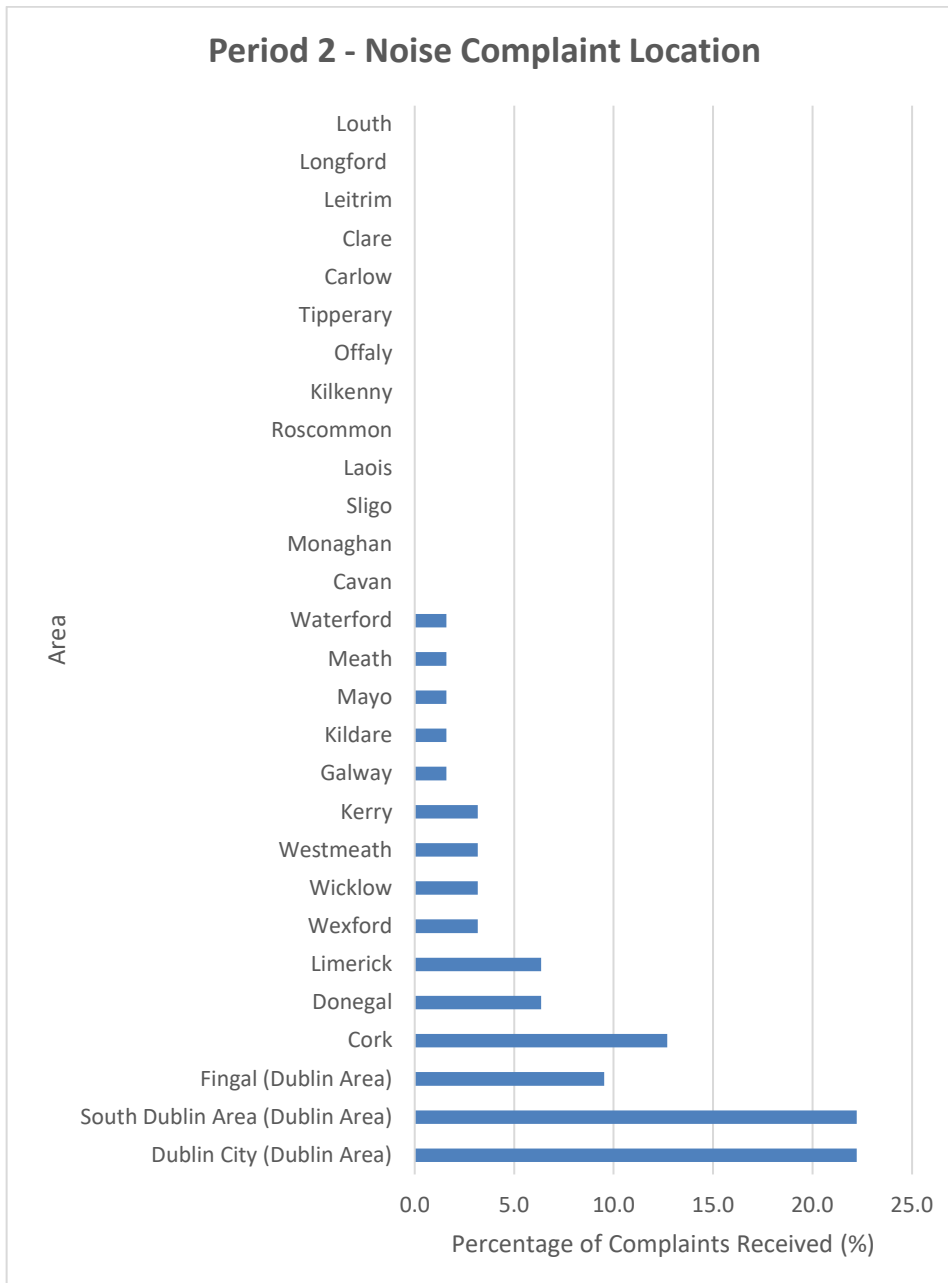


Figure 6 - Noise Complaint Locations Period 2

5 Sectors that give rise to most complaints

As previously discussed, noise from a neighbouring property, road traffic noise, industrial noise, construction noise, entertainment noise and barking dogs and livestock gave rise to the most complaints.

Shipping Port and Distribution Centre Noise, Recycling Facilities/Metal Processing Plants, Noise from Fireworks or Firecrackers were not complained about in either period. In addition, quarry Noise, Sports Noise, Rail Noise, Wind Turbine Noise, Noise from Power Generation and Clay Shooting/Rifle Noise received minimal complaints.

Sources	Period 1	Period 2
Transport		
Road Traffic Noise	17.9%	7.9%
Rail Noise	1.6%	0
Aircraft Noise	3.3%	0
Industrial		
Industrial Noise	9.8%	15.9%
Quarry Noise	0.8%	0
Wind Turbine Noise	2.4%	0
Power Generation, Substations and Electrical	2.4%	0
Construction Noise	8.9%	9.5%
Shipping Port Noise or Distribution Centre	0	0
Recycling Facilities/Metal Processing Plants	0	0
Domestic		
Noise from a neighbouring property	32.5%	28.6%
Barking Dogs or Livestock	6.5%	9.5%
Sports and Entertainment Noise		
Sports Noise (Motorsport, Model Aircraft, Jet Ski)	1.6%	0
Noise from Fireworks or Firecrackers (Festivals/Halloween)	0	0
Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	8.1%	22.2%
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Clay Shooting or Rifle Noise	2.4%	1.6%

Table 5 - Sectors that give rise to the most complaint.

6 Concluding Remarks

Having collected, analysed and interpreted the data collected and presented in this report, we have provided independent data for the first time in Irish history to inform decision-makers to allow for future noise planning in the Republic of Ireland. In addition, this report should help raise awareness and increase our understanding of the nature and type of noise complaints in the Republic of Ireland.

It is envisaged that this study will serve as a source of helpful information for various agencies, such as Local Authorities, relevant Government Departments, key influencers and the media. In our view, this study has the potential to induce change and promote recognition, classification and quantification of noise as it affects the public as an environmental pollutant.

It is envisaged that data collection will continue at www.noisecomplaint.ie on an ongoing basis. Any use of the data in this report should include referencing of the authors and acknowledgement of the source. Parties interested in further research, research opportunities or joint research should contact the authors listed.

7 Disclaimer, GDPR & Privacy Statement

7.1 General Disclaimer

Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this document, complete accuracy cannot be guaranteed. The document authors do not accept any responsibility for loss or damage claimed to have occurred, in part or in full, as a consequence of any person or corporate body acting, or refraining from acting, as a result of information included in this report.

7.2 GDPR Website Compliance.

The following text has been extracted from www.noisecomplaint.ie, which sets out the website's strategy for GDPR compliance.

We comply with guidance from the data protection commissioner. Irish legislation is required before May 2018 to fully implement the GDPR. Draft heads of that legislation were published recently, which set out an overview of the proposed sanctions regime and information on the restructuring of the office of the Data Protection Commissioner (the "Commissioner"). The new regime will include the ability to have up to three Commissioners. There are still a lot of open questions, and the detail of the new Irish regime will need to be clarified. We will continue to track developments as the draft legislation progresses and keep you updated.

The purpose of the website is to compile information on noise complaints from the public, providing statistics for government departments, data for decision-makers, local authorities, ministers,

councilors and key influencers. It is proposed that the data will be published every 6 months and that it will be publicly available via a results page.

The data will also be used to create awareness on noise matters, to induce change, to recognise and quantify the extent of noise and how it affects the public as an environmental pollutant.

Please note that this site compiles information ONLY for the purposes of providing publicly available statistical data. When your complaint is logged, it will not be followed up with a call-back or indeed any contact from those who manage the site. The purpose of collecting your details and location is to verify that your complaint is legitimate and that it is being reported from a true location. It also allows us to cross-check complaints against previous complaints and to avoid repetitive logging of the noise complaints from the same location. It is important to us that all our website users fully understand the purposes of this website (www.noisecomplaint.ie). If you are not fully satisfied with the terms of this site, we would ask you to refrain from using it, and your submission cannot be made without acceptance of our terms.

7.3 PRIVACY STATEMENT

The following text has been extracted from www.noisecomplaint.ie, which sets out the website's privacy statement.

We are aware that you may have concerns over disclosing information about yourself to us. This Privacy Statement explains, amongst other things, what information we collect about you on this website and the reasons for this.

OVERVIEW

Our primary aim in collecting personal information is to provide in an effort to build up a knowledge base in relation to the number of noise complaint issues that exist in Ireland.

We also collect information for statistical purposes and, where agreed by you, to offer you products and services that may be of interest to you.

INFORMATION WE COLLECT

We collect and process Personal Data relating to you in connection with our relationship with you. Personal Data may include name, e-mail address, address, telephone number.

PERSONAL DATA

Any personal data relating to you gathered by us in the registration process or during your use of the service will be recorded and only be used in accordance with our Data Protection Policy.

In some cases, you will need to provide us with information such as your name, address, e-mail address and telephone number.

Any personal data we collect during registration or otherwise is designed to allow us to enable us to compile statistical information for regulatory or business purposes.

If you register, request further information or contact us, we may keep a record of that correspondence and incorporate the information it contains into our database(s), which we will keep secure in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

We will not transfer your personal data to any third parties other than state authorities such as local councils, government authorities and will annually publish statistical data on noise complaint figures in Ireland.

The webserver that hosts this site is not used to store personal information of any kind.

Access to certain areas of the site is limited to specific registered user groups only. Registering as an accepted applicant or active is restricted; we will verify your status before granting a user account of this type. If your status changes then your user account may be withdrawn or downgraded to 'general visitor' without further notice.

Whilst we do not directly track or record your usage of this website, in the event that we become aware that site security has been compromised as a result of external activity (including but not limited to external security attacks) we shall take reasonable measures which we deem appropriate. This includes but is not limited to internal investigation and reporting, and notification to and cooperation with law enforcement authorities.

This privacy policy may not apply to you if we believe you are misusing the website or if we are required to disclose information by a court of law or other relevant body.

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Please be aware that some of the websites to which we provide links may collect personally identifiable information about you. We do not control these sites and are not responsible for the content or practices of third-party websites. This privacy policy does not cover such sites.

WHO WE SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH

We do not share your information with third parties. If we require your data to be shared, we will do so with your consent for example, in the partaking of a tender process.

HOW LONG WE HOLD YOUR INFORMATION

The length of time we hold your data depends on a number of factors, such as regulatory rules and the type of data we hold about you.

Where you have provided consent for the use of your Personal Data, you can withdraw it at any time by sending an e-mail to office@noisecomplaint.ie.

YOUR RIGHTS

You have the following rights:

- *The right to ask what personal data we hold about you*
- *The right to ask us to update and correct any out-of-date or incorrect personal data that we hold about you free of charge*
- *The right to opt-out of any marketing communications that we may send you*
- *The right to have any personal data we hold about you erased or blocked within 40 days of the receipt of such a request from you*
- *If you wish to exercise any of the above rights, please contact us by e-mailing office@noisecomplaint.ie.*

CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE

We will update this Data Privacy Notice from time to time. Any changes will be communicated to you and made available on this page and, where appropriate, notified to you by e-mail.

7.4 TERMS OF USE

The following text has been extracted from www.noisecomplaint.ie, which sets out the website's terms of use.

By accepting these 'Terms of Use' you agree to not post any material that a reasonable person would consider:

- *As including any racial, sexual or other offensive, provocative or discriminatory language*
- *Is inappropriate to discuss within a forum which has users under the age of 18*
- *Is defamatory, abusive, harassing or hateful and capable of damaging the reputation of a person or organisation. If successfully sued you could be held liable for considerable damages and costs*
- *That you do not have the necessary rights, licences and consents to post*
- *Constitutes spam, unauthorised advertising or solicits*
- *Infringes dilutes, breaches, undermines or in any way constitutes unauthorised use of the intellectual property rights held by others including The University of Law and its related organisations*
- *Contains long embedded URLs*
- *Invades anyone's privacy or impersonates anyone*
- *Is far off-topic as irrelevant posts lower the value of the debate for everyone and may be removed*

- *Encourages conduct that may or would constitute a criminal offence or give rise to civil liability, or that otherwise violates any law*
- *The comment appears to contain irrelevant or excessive links or appears to contain code*
- *Personal information as it is unacceptable to publicise your or anyone else's contact details including address, place of employment, name of educational establishment, telephone or mobile number, e-mail address, etc. This is for your own safety and that of everyone who uses this service*
- *In a different language to English. Posts containing languages other than English may be removed. Common greetings and salutations in languages other than English may be acceptable*
- *As raising your voice. The use of capital letters is considered as raising your voice in internet shorthand*
- *As inappropriate usernames that are vulgar or offensive, etc*

We will not edit comments to remove objectionable content, so please ensure that your posting contains none of the above to avoid it being removed.

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The information contained within this site is correct to the best of our knowledge and with the best of intentions but should be treated as general guidance only. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of any information, position or actions discussed.

8 Appendix

The following appendix contains anonymised details from a sample of individual complaints, listed by location, the source of the complaint and how it affected the complainant. Many reported noise complaints contained insufficient information describing how the noise affected the complainant. For the purposes of deriving meaningful data from the complaints logged, these have been omitted from those listed in the following table.

Location	Source of Complaint	How the noise affects them?
Cork	Road Traffic Noise	A constant stream of traffic and accompanying road noise
Dublin City	Road Traffic Noise	Continued noise from M7 motorway. Screening vegetation planted along this part of the motorway has not grown and has died away. Road surface seems to be noisier here than in other places. Cold weather, wet weather and wind direction all have an effect on the level of noise.
South Dublin Area	Road Traffic Noise	The volume of traffic on the road is constant throughout the night, and my apartment block is not far from the road. Even sealing the window with extra draught excluders makes no difference. I have been wearing earplugs since I moved in.
Cork	Industrial Noise	A nearby wastewater treatment plant is a 24/7 source of noise pollution with an unending drone sometimes escalating to a very loud motorised noise.
South Dublin Area	Sports Noise	Football being pounded against the barriers and cages surrounding 4 all-weather soccer pitches. This noise is worse before or after a match as the footballers constantly pound the balls full force against the barriers. The sound can be heard from inside my home.
Fingal	Aircraft Noise	We are woken approx. 5am every morning with aeroplanes flying over, sometimes earlier and including weekends
Kilkenny	Industrial Noise	The noise is coming from a concrete batching plant. The plant itself causes bad vibrations which can be felt all through the house; the main problem is when the trucks are mixing the concrete, which is almost constant. The noise levels at our front door can reach in excess of 65-70 DB. This noise can start from 5:30 am Monday to Saturday. It has woken the whole family on a number of occasions.
Fingal	Aircraft Noise	Sleepless nights due to aircraft flying over my house from 23:00 or earlier, the noise is terrible
Laois	Noise from a neighbouring property	loud slamming of doors, scraping of chairs and tables across the tiled floor, music and loud washing machine/dryer
South Dublin	Event/Festival	There is a gaming event in the local sports grounds. People are speaking on a

Area	Noise	microphone, and it's is very loud. I can hear exactly what they are saying.
South Dublin Area	Noise from a neighbouring property	High pitched whistling noise 24/7 which sounds like a malfunctioning AC Inverter's external unit. It's been going on since at least August 2017 and getting louder by each passing month. It's absolutely disturbing during quiet night hours since where we live only has single sheet windows which do little to nothing to muffle the sound.
Cork	Noise from a neighbouring property	Neighbour is turning on his boat's engine at 20:30 when kids are sleeping. It is extremely noisy, and the baby keeps waking crying with the noise.
Galway	Noise from a neighbouring property	Farmers crow scarer. Shotgun type noise approximately once every five minutes 24 hours a day, every day.
Dublin City	Noise from a neighbouring property	People out drinking playing music on the canal all night
Laois	Noise from a neighbouring property	Loud music and frequent parties
Dublin City	Noise from a neighbouring property	It is 11:30 pm, and my children cannot go to sleep
South Dublin Area	Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	Loud music from outdoor speakers in the smoking area at the back of the Pub in a newly renovated bar. During the daytime at weekends. At loud night-time noises from large groups in the back outdoor smoking area.
Dublin City	Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	Blasts of music from nearby Gym... currently just been woken up by it at 2.30am. I have lodged 3/4 complaints with them and no change.
Dublin City	Noise from a neighbouring property	Loud music and shouting and screaming from a party out a back garden till 3am.
South Dublin Area	Road Traffic Noise	M50 Traffic increasing, can be clearly heard from all bedrooms in our house, more so since recent large trees were removed. Motorbikes speeding and regularly wake our baby and us.
Sligo	Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	Extremely loud music, affecting the ability to sleep, Sat and Sun, and often during the week
Roscommon	Barking Dogs	Large dog barking

	or Livestock	
Dublin City	Noise from a neighbouring property	Music loud all the time, especially night-time. Jumping and dropping objects on the floor. Speak very loud.
Galway	Quarry Noise	Noise and traffic from quarry from 4am in the morning and regular blasting
Waterford	Noise from a neighbouring property	DIY noise drills hammers etc .some nights up until 11 o clock affect our sleep and can't relax watchingTV.
Meath	Road Traffic Noise	Our estate has recently been built alongside a bypass. The extent of the noise of road traffic was a realisation after we purchased the house. There is constant traffic noise, particularly trucks braking and accelerating coming into/driving out of the roundabout, which results in interrupted sleep, particularly for my baby whose bedroom is at the back of the house. This noise starts as early as 4.30am. Large volumes of traffic use this bypass to avoid paying a toll on the nearby motorway.
Kerry	Road Traffic Noise	Animal noises from Mart, HGV Mart traffic through the night and unsociable hours 7 days a week.
Cork	Wind Turbine Noise	Loud whirring and turbine noise, upsets my dogs and myself and the more they build, the louder it gets.
Cork	Road Traffic Noise	The traffic from the main road which we are a reasonable distance away from is getting louder and louder, especially since trees have been cut down, sound travels hugely in this area despite the rural setting.
Cork	Industrial Noise	Noise from the very large forestry opposite us, particularly if they are making new paths or harvesting, it goes on for weeks, I can't even open a window when they are there, and there is never any warning even as a courtesy.
Cork	Barking Dogs or Livestock	Every neighbour that has dogs in our area seems to keep them outside they bark constantly, and then my dogs get disturbed, the loudest are the greyhounds,they bark and howl 24/7 and also fight at least that's what it sounds like
Cork	Noise from a Neighbouring Property	plays music that extremely loud and noisy every night,about 7 pm-5 am
Offaly	Barking Dogs or Livestock	Dog is left alone 80% of the time while they work etc. he's left in the house and barks constant has been nights where he's been barking till half 2 in the morning and wakes us up mostly at half 8 in the mornings have approached them about it a few times over the course of 2 years but nothing has been done.

Fingal	Aircraft Noise	Planes constantly taking off
Dublin City	Noise from a Neighbouring Property	A building alarm that regularly goes on at the early hours over the weekend (commercial property) - most recently it went for over 2h! There are multiple complaints submitted to the Dublin City Council and there is no improvement.
Cavan	Construction Noise	They are turning an office into an apartment directly below mine. The drilling is constant. All day long. It is radiating through my apartment. I am due a baby in 2 weeks time and I'm exhausted. No prior notice was given to any tenant in the building. The builder will not furnish me with the details of who hired him so that I can make enquiries. I understand they are allowed to work during these hours however no notice was given to tenants and the noise is unbearable, it is shaking my apartment.
Kildare	Barking Dogs or Livestock	Affecting my mental health - barking first thing morning (5am) into the night (10pm) can't open window & can hear barking even when window is closed.
Cork	Road Traffic Noise	Between our estate a national route there is a company nearby. I don't know why, but there is no hedges between them and road- maybe company like to be visible from main road but I think it is not right. on the opposite side of the road are some big buildings which I think make this situation even worse because it might make some echo or reflection of sound. In the last year trees which were kind of natural barrier between the estate, and the road had been removed. Since then another side of the estate is not covered anymore by trees. It is very loud even during the night is difficult to sleep
Dublin City	Construction Noise	I am doing my exam revision. I was trying to adapt myself to that construction noise with drills and bang bang. But they recently play rock and roll or very high music even louder than the drills. This kept distracting me and made me feel nervous and uncomfortable.
Mayo	Noise from a Neighbouring Property	Nearby apartment is used as Airbnb. This is a residential area and not suitable for people coming on holidays. We constantly complain to the guards because of the noise.
Galway	Noise from a Neighbouring Property	This is social house. This man lives there for years and for are there alcohol party's. Last night at 3am two young lads ware throwing items on my car and house. Also they used the door bell and woke up my whole family I had to call the police.
Fingal	Noise from a Neighbouring Property	As a result of the previous problem I have had in relation to anti-social behaviour from the tenant whom resides in an apartment above the premise I have had to visit a counsellor/doctor and am currently on medication. This noise disturbance has and continues to have a severe detrimental impact on

		my mental health.
Kildare	Road Traffic Noise	Huge lorries, cars, motorbikes and other heavy machinery thundering past constantly my home at ridiculous speeds all day and night. They use the road to avoid the tolled M4 motorway.
Fingal	Noise from a neighbouring property	Neighbours playing loud music during the day both behind and beside me, heavy metal music beside me and allsorts behind, neighbour behind plays same compilation cd over and over again when both neighbours play their music at the same time I have to leave my home it unbearable, cannot sit in my garden in spring/summer months, have to keep windows and doors closed because all I hear is the music they play, they ignore any complaints made to them, the neighbour behind is permanently drunk so plays his music really loud, neighbour beside leaves all windows open blaring music from heavy metal (downstairs) kids blaring music upstairs playing U2 so all music on together is awful, its a horrible way to live I get no peace
South Dublin Area	Industrial Noise	Local Carwash makes unacceptably high noise. The car wash is attached to the wall of residential houses and the carwash makes no attempt to protect residents from the relentless noise of the car wash and in particular the roar of the vacuum driers and blowers.
South Dublin Area	Power Generation, Substations and Electrical	Generator at rear of Government Building. 24/7 noise. Worse at night when ambient traffic noise dies down. Persistent high frequency signal and hum. Very irritating high pitch and "waterfall" sound. Significantly affecting enjoyment of our garden at rear of our abutting premises. Windows need to be kept closed at night
Kildare	Construction Noise	Constant banging and beeping all day and night. No one can sleep, and for people working from home, it is impossible to concentrate. Even with the windows closed, the noise is so loud. Headaches have ensued on a daily basis! The builders and the machines are about 15 feet from the house!
Wicklow	Industrial Noise	Noise similar to washing machine on high spin. Can be felt physically as well as causing a high pitch ringing in ears. Nausea/malaise inducing and sleep disruption.
Donegal	Road Traffic Noise	The bypass at the back of the house is extremely loud. Unable to sleep in the back room. Also sitting in the garden at the back and it is very noisy.
Limerick	Road Traffic Noise	Motorcycles with extremely loud exhausts gathering outside a local shop daily
Dublin City	Entertainment noise from a venue or bar.	Bass music until after 1 am in Sunday's when the bar is due to close at 11pm

Westmeath	Barking Dogs or Livestock	Barking Dog after 10pm until 4am most nights, this particular Dog causes other Dogs to bark, overall preventing us from sleeping sufficiently and our ability to work productively.
Donegal	Clay Shooting or Rifle Noise	Crow banger from local farmer going off every 3 minutes
Dublin City	Noise from a neighbouring property	Neighbour is hard of hearing and plays TV/Radio at an extremely high volume.
South Dublin Area	Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	It's 1am, and the local Pub make a Party every Friday, Saturday and Sundays. The sound it's so high!! I can't hear my TV. I feel the Pub is inside my house!
South Dublin Area	Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	A guy busking on the street most nights, starting at 10 pm going until as late as 3 am.
Meath	Noise from a neighbouring property	Neighbour's constant partying every weekend, I dread the weekends as I end up being up all night as my kids get woken up I have 3 children routine is critical for them my neighbour's know this but don't seem to care about how their behaviour affects other people, when I pulled them on the noise they got abusive I don't know what to do as I can't keep living like this.
South Dublin Area	Construction Noise	Construction workers using power tools etc. very early in the morning, especially annoying Saturday mornings
Limerick	Noise from a neighbouring property	Music pumping out from a nearby house with bass so loud the walls are shaking. Cannot hear my own TV over the noise at half-past midnight.
Dublin City	Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	commercial music being loudly played on a daily basis
Fingal	Noise from a neighbouring property	Loud music until 2/3am, loud TV almost everyday, dogs barking, slamming doors
South Dublin Area	Event/Festival Noise	There is an outdoor movie playing right in front of my home and it's so loud I can hear every word clearly; it's upsetting my child
Dublin City	Barking Dogs or Livestock	Dog barking constantly
South Dublin Area	Industrial Noise	Noise of weights dropping in Gym
South Dublin	Industrial	Local Treatment Plant -noise coming from upgrade works that start approx 1

Area	Noise	am -4am
Donegal	Road Traffic Noise	Heavy tractors and trailers driving on roads continuously from 6am to midnight and sometimes earlier or later
Cork	Industrial Noise	Late night/early morning trucks are arriving at the store, and the unloading/packing noise is so loud it can be heard throughout the house. This can occur upto 3 times a week from 11.30pm to 2.30am and starting again before 5am.
Cork	Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	Our apartment is above a gym with non or poor noise insulation. The noise level is unacceptable (music and training machines). On weekdays, the Gym in the building starts at 5:30am, and from that time onward we are unable to sleep, until closing time at 10:30pm. Weekends and bank holidays are open too.
Waterford	Barking Dogs or Livestock	Our neighbour's Alsatian is outside in their yard for hours at a time on most days. The Dog is left outside when they are at work or late at night if they are gone out. It disturbs my sleep at night, and my partner's at different times as he does shift work. We have very rare days of peace or respite from the dog barking. This has gone on for over two years and despite us asking them on three occasions to do something about it, they won't. At this stage, I'm stressed, tired and upset and really need some help and advice
Leitrim	Noise from a neighbouring property	Constant slamming doors at all hours of the day everyday affects my ability to feel safe and comfortable in my own home. Loud slamming from neighbours is creating cracks in the ceilings and walls of my home.
Wicklow	Noise from a neighbouring property	A traditional crow banger used to stop crows entering an industrial store.
Cork	Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	Music playing until 2 or 3am any night of the week, customers leaving the premises standing in the street and screaming until 2 or 3am, taxies sounding horns until 2 or 3am as people are collected, kegs being delivered and bottles thrown into bins from 5am.
South Dublin Area	Noise from a neighbouring property	Hammering on walls, banging doors and presses continuous noise from 7am until 6am 7 days a week
Cork	Entertainment noise from a venue or bar	People are leaving the premises and screaming and fighting in the street. It's 1.55am Monday morning. Taxis are still arriving and honking their horns.
Cork	Noise from a	My next-door neighbour plays a recording of a dog barking all night every

	neighbouring property	single night it is upsetting my whole family and disturbs my child from sleeping every night
South Dublin Area	Road Traffic Noise	Elevated vehicle noise from the significant traffic volumes using a local road. The roadway could benefit from resurfacing as it's an older hot rolled asphalt surface at the minute. Also, traffic calming, including speed reduction, would help.
Wexford	Industrial Noise	High pitched and constant sound from industrial machines, constant clanging on metal and constant sound from multiple grinders on metal. Heavy deep bass sound from overloaded gantry crane with no grease. Constant clanging of forklift driving on rough terrain. The noise of very scary pollution, toxic chemicals being sprayed, plasma cutter fumes, grinding disc particles, diesel fumes.
Dublin City	Noise from a Neighbouring Property	Two largely overcrowded apts have their residents frequently disturbing all the complex (around 100 apt) night and days. They are smoking in the stairways at night triggering fire alarms several times some nights. They are organising parties, shouting on balconies and doing BBQ courtyard sometime until 3am in the middle of the week. Apts owned by the same landlord have been transformed in Airbnb with up to 12 people per apts. They are exclusively used for Stag and hens parties, sometimes we have large groups split in different apts. Parties every night at every floor and communal areas with people walking from apt to another, loud music, large group coming back drunk and very noisy in the courtyard from temple bar around 3 am each night, fire alarms triggered by the tourists frequently at night, fire once in one of the apt, etc
Wexford	Noise from a Neighbouring Property	Diesel log chopping machine
Fingal	Industrial Noise	Generator type of noise, not exactly loud however constant and disruptive considering it's frequency is causing ear ringing, especially at night