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CITY OF SUNNYVALE

Q1 – FLIGHT OPERATIONS AND NOISE REPORT

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The FAA System Wide Information Management (SWIM) flight track position data has a stated minimum accuracy of  $\pm 150$  feet and temporal accuracy of approximately 1 second.

# INTRODUCTION

The City of Sunnyvale's primary goal in procuring a Noise and Operations Monitoring System (NOMS) is to monitor flight activity and the aircraft noise associated with overflights that affect residents living within the city limits. Secondly, to provide this data to interested parties in a transparent and unfiltered way.

The data contained in this report is presented with that goal in mind. On each page, you will find an explanation of how to read the various charts and definitions of the different metrics and data types. What you will not find is any interpretation by the “City” about the data in this report.

For a more detailed explanation of the various noise metrics, general aircraft operations, or ATC procedures discussed in this report, please refer to the Education section of the City of Sunnyvale's NoiseLab website (<https://syv.noiselab.casper.aero>). The website also contains interactive data browsers that allow interested parties to view detailed noise and flight operations statistics concerning areas around the City of Sunnyvale.

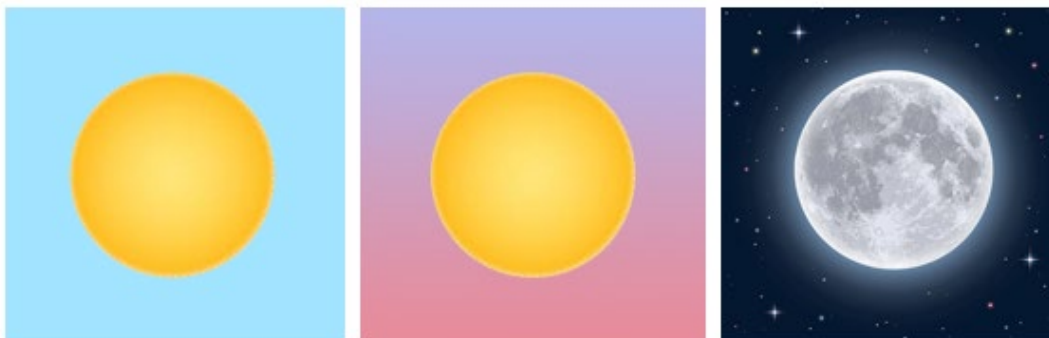
When reading this report, it is essential to consider the following factors:

- This report's data may vary from San Jose International Airport's (SJC) information as this report does not include South Flow arrivals to SJC that did not overfly the “City”.
- Not every aircraft overflight is captured by one of the four NMTs due to spikes in ambient noise levels, which may obscure the aircraft event or environmental factors such as wind speed and direction.
- The maximum noise level of a specific flight may vary based on the point of closest approach (PCA) slant distance and altitude of the aircraft in relation to the NMT. In addition, aircraft engine power settings, flap position, and landing gear state also influence the maximum noise level and event duration.
- The City's noise monitors capture noise events from all sources such as people, vehicles, animals, trains, and planes. The NOMS system analyzes every noise event captured by each NMT to determine if it meets the parameters to identify it as an aircraft noise event. Once the system identifies the source of a noise event as an aircraft, the NOMS system then attempts to match the noise event based on the time stamp, altitude, and lateral distance from the noise monitor to a specific flight.

## 24 HOUR VIEW OF AIRCRAFT NOISE

Most aircraft overfly the City during daytime hours between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM when ambient noise levels tend to be higher due to increased community activity. Aircraft overflight volumes during the evening (7:00 PM to 10:00 PM) and nighttime (10:00 PM to 7:00 AM) periods are significantly reduced. However, individual events during these periods can be more disturbing to residents due to the lower ambient noise levels in the City. Below is the breakdown of flights by time of day in Q1-2021.

### SUNNYVALE OVERFLIGHTS BY TIME OF DAY



DAY = 7,932

EVENING = 878

NIGHT = 407

# SJC AIRPORT SOUTH FLOW DATA FOR Q1 – 2021

One of the City of Sunnyvale's primary objectives in installing a Noise and Operations Monitoring System (NOMS) was to monitor and report on South Flow arrivals that overfly the City on their approach to land to Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC).

There are two types of approaches flown by airplanes landing in South Flow at SJC Airport. The widely dispersed ILS/Visual approach is shown in yellow. The highly concentrated RNP approach is shown in blue on the facing page.

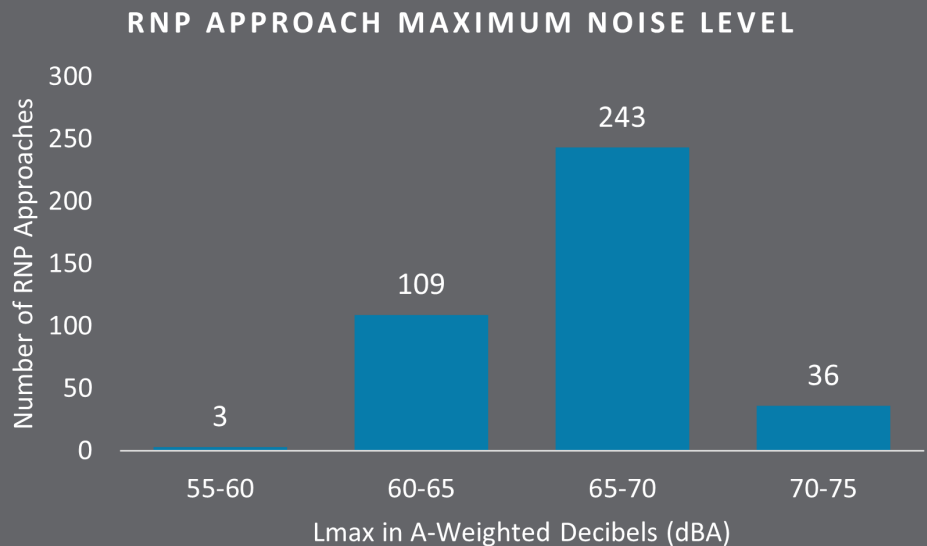
The ILS/Visual approach has a wide lateral footprint because the pilots are flying vectors (headings) under ATC's direction. The controller determines their turn onto the final approach. By contrast, the RNP approach is a precision instrument procedure that utilizes fixed GPS waypoints that must be precisely overflown and have very small lateral error tolerances.

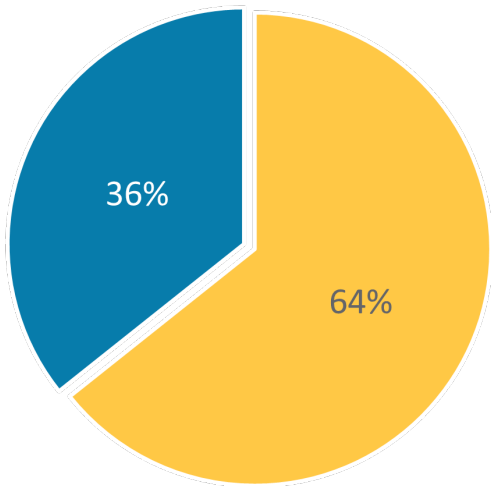
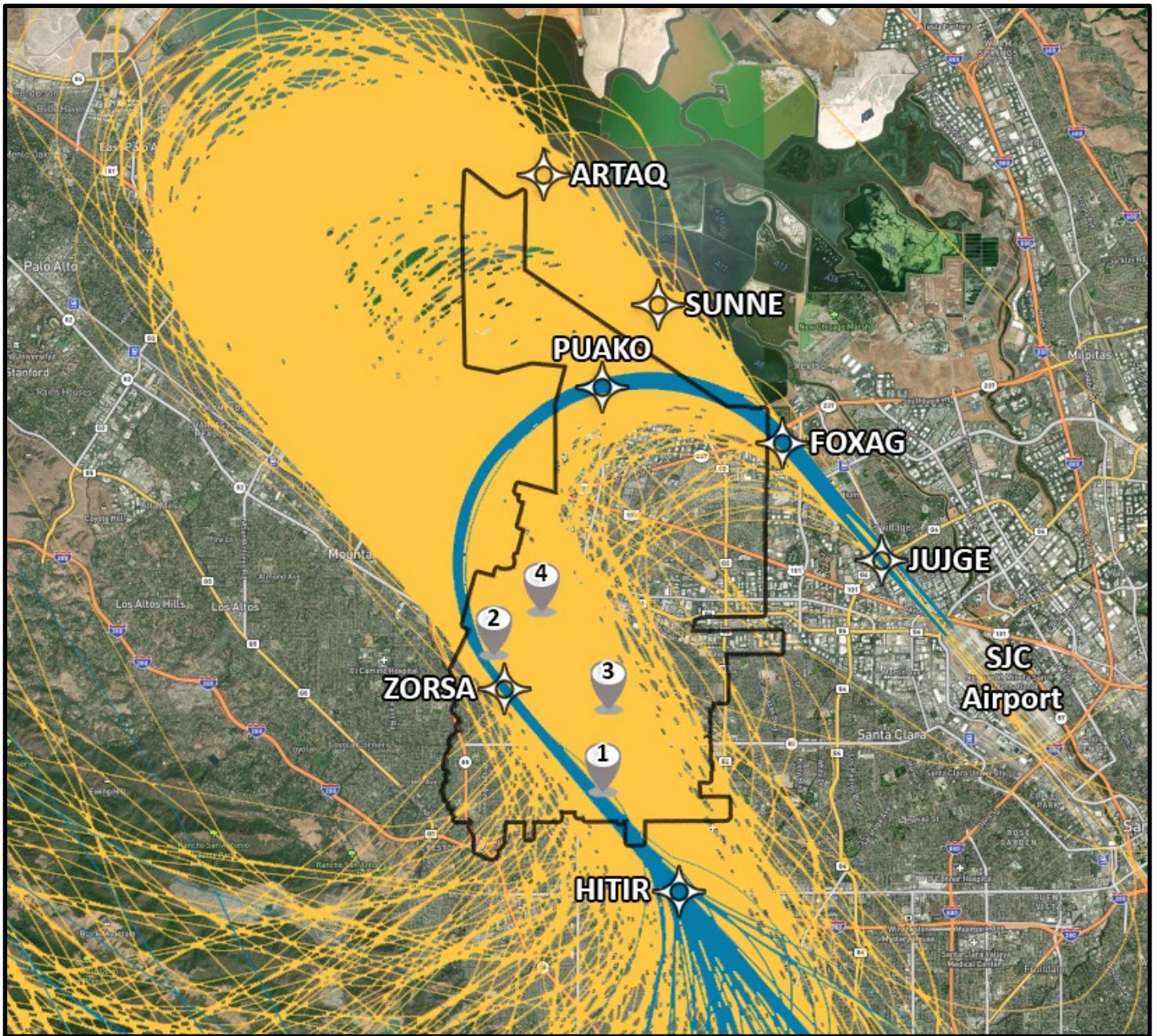
Because of the wide dispersion caused by the ILS/Visual approach, a single noise monitoring terminal (NMT) cannot capture a noise event for each flight. However, the concentrated flight path of the RNP approach makes it possible to capture noise events at SYV-2 Dona Ave. for the vast majority of aircraft flying this approach.

In the 1st quarter of 2021, the Casper system successfully captured noise events for 85% of the total South Flow RNP approaches flown to SJC Airport, the distribution of which is shown in the chart below.

The chart at right illustrates the maximum noise level (L<sub>max</sub>) recorded at the Dona Ave (SYV-2) permanent noise monitor for aircraft that flew the RNP Approach to Runway 12L or 12R at SJC Airport and passed over the City of Sunnyvale.

The number above each bar represents the total number of aircraft noise events in which the L<sub>max</sub> fell within the specific five decibel bucket identified on the chart.



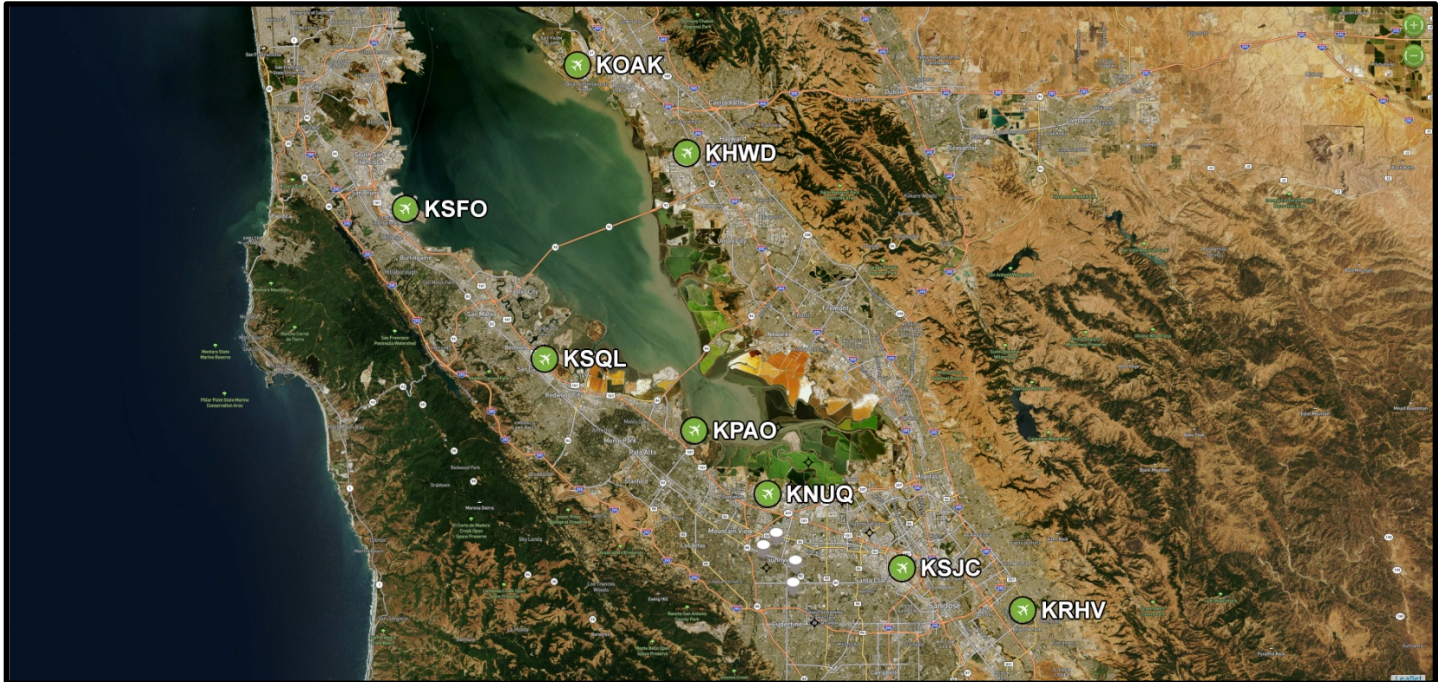


■ ILS/Visual Approach
 ■ RNP Approach

### SOUTH FLOW APPROACHES IN Q1-2021

	ILS/Visual	RNP
Average Altitude ft.	3,205	3,191
Runway 12L App.	45	72
Runway 12R App.	780	386
<b>Total Approaches</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>458</b>

# CITY OF SUNNYVALE OVERFLIGHT DATA FOR Q1 – 2021

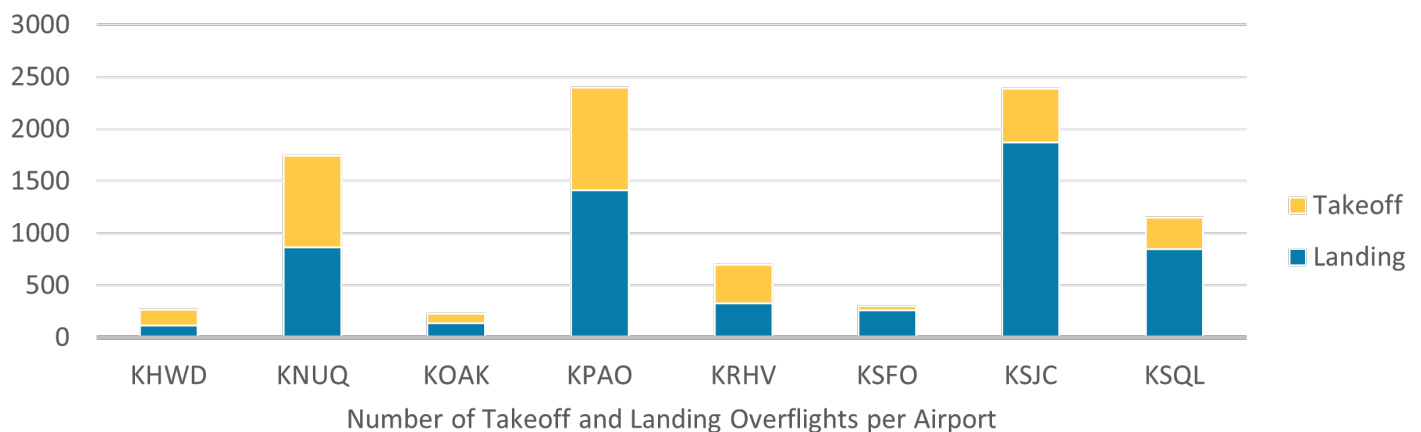


While SJC Airport is the closest major airport to the City of Sunnyvale, residents are overflowed by aircraft arriving and departing from many different airports in the region. The data in this section quantifies overflights associated with each of the eight primary airports of interest listed below and helps explain the distribution of flights across the four zip codes that fall within the City limits.

## AIRPORTS OF INTEREST

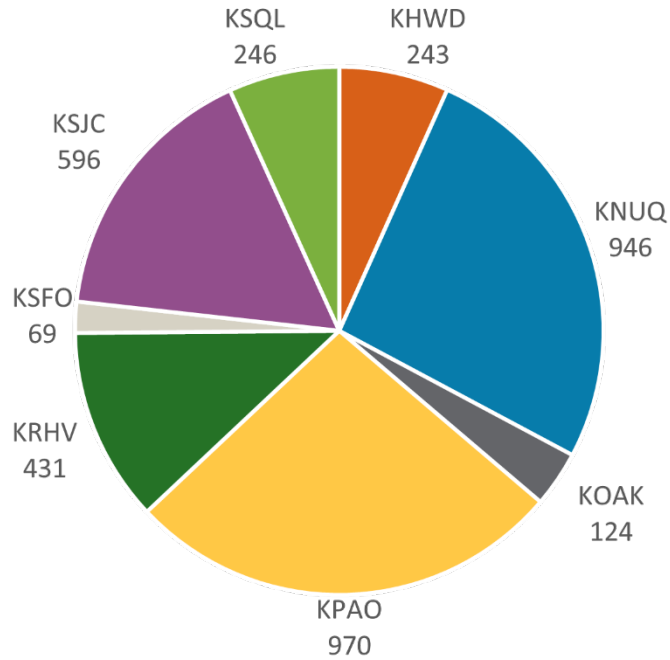
- KHWD – Hayward Executive Airport
- KNUQ – Moffett Federal Airfield
- KOAK – Metro Oakland Int’l Airport
- KPAO – Palo Alto Airport
- KRHV – Reid-Hillview Airport of Santa Clara County
- KSFO – San Francisco Int’l Airport
- KSJC – Norman Y Mineta San Jose Int’l Airport
- KSQL – San Carlos Airport

## CITY OF SUNNYVALE OVERFLIGHTS BY AIRPORT

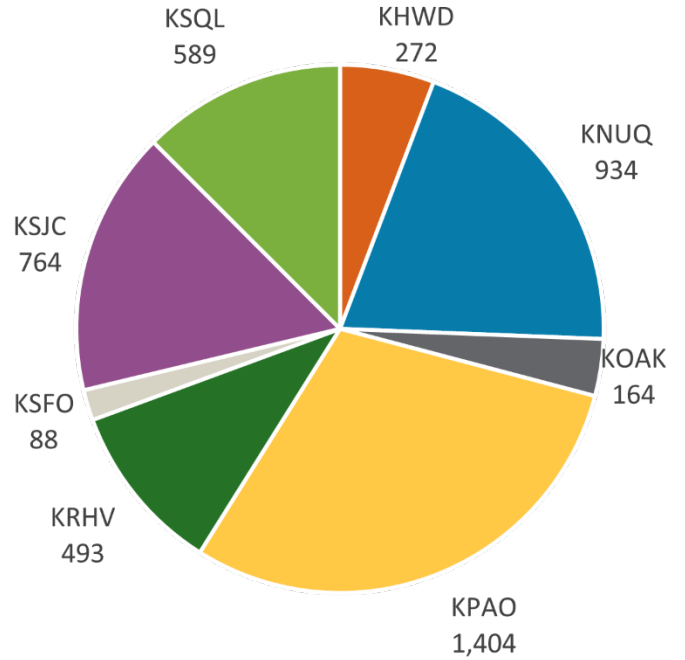


The City of Sunnyvale is comprised of four primary zip codes (94085, 94086, 94087, 94089), which bisect the City forming four unique zones from North to South. The volume of overflights on any given day can vary significantly across the City. Seasonal wind patterns play the most significant role in dictating the arrival and departure patterns into a specific airport. The current wind direction largely determines which Sunnyvale neighborhoods are overflowed by aircraft during their arrival or departure to that airport. The charts below illustrate the pattern of overflights for each of the four zip codes for the 1st Quarter of 2021.

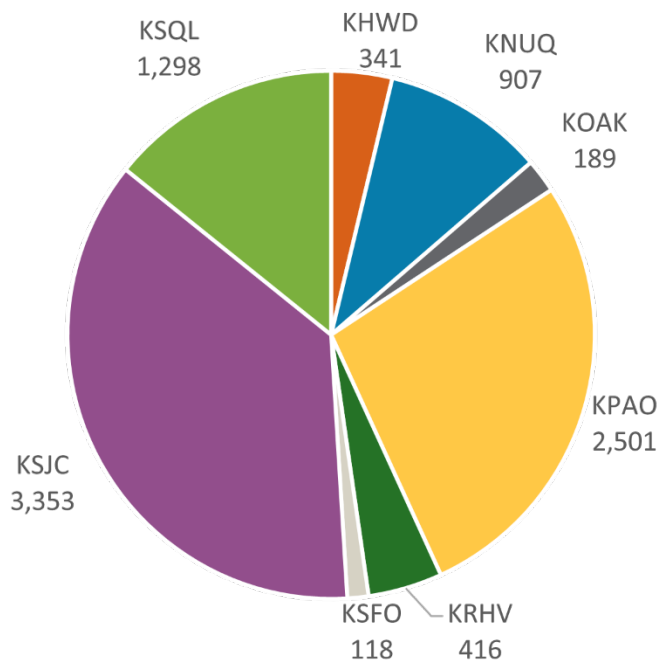
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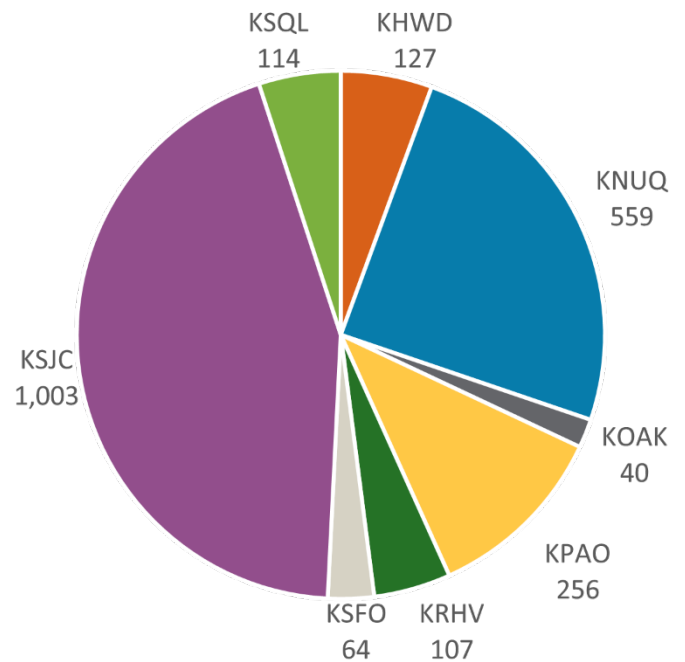
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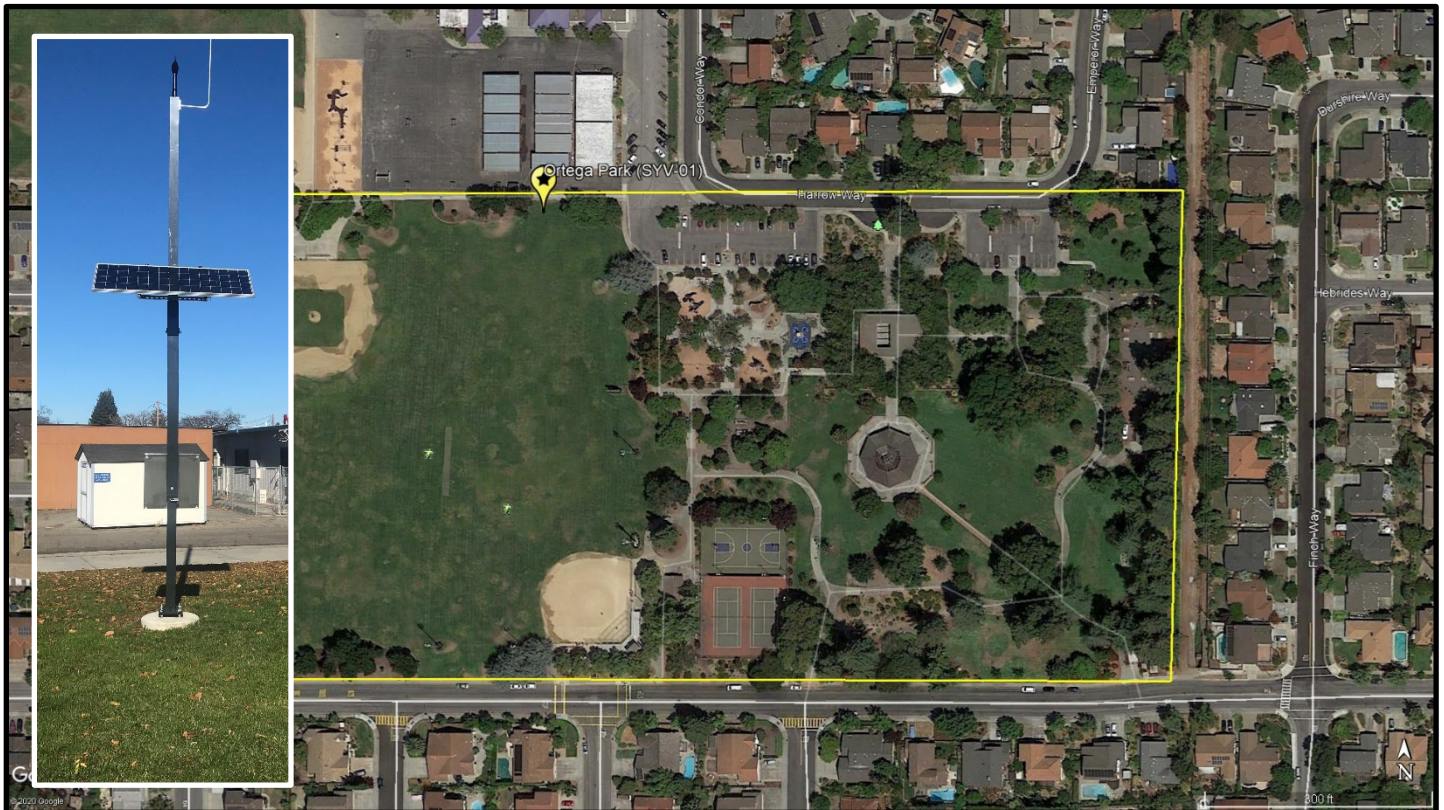


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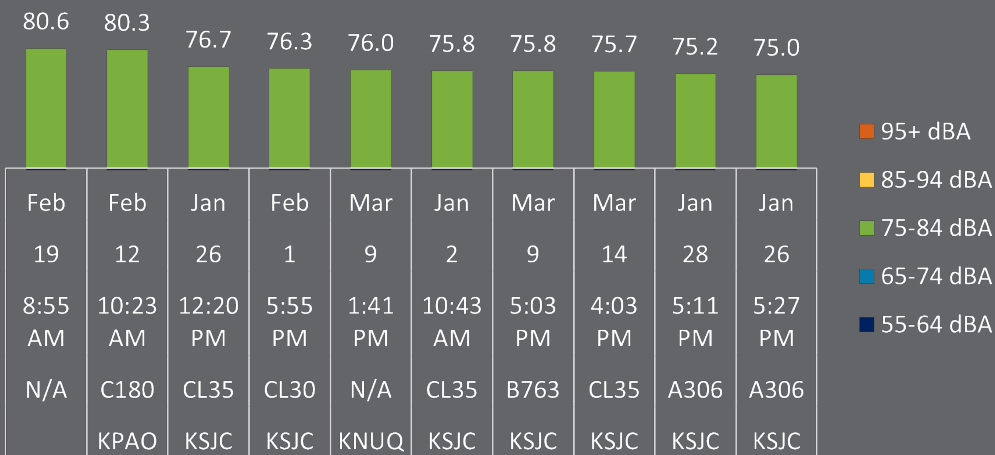


# SYV-1 ORTEGA PARK NMT DATA Q1 – 2021

Noise Monitoring Terminal SYV-1 is in Ortega Park. Its primary purpose is to capture RNP arrivals to SJC Airport in South Flow and secondarily flight activity associated with Moffett Field, Palo Alto, Reid-Hillview, and San Carlos Airports. The image below is an aerial depicting the location of the NMT in the park and a photo of the installed equipment.



## SYV-1 TOP 10 AIRCRAFT NOISE EVENTS IN Q1-2021



Aircraft Noise Event Lmax in A-Weighted Decibels (dBA)

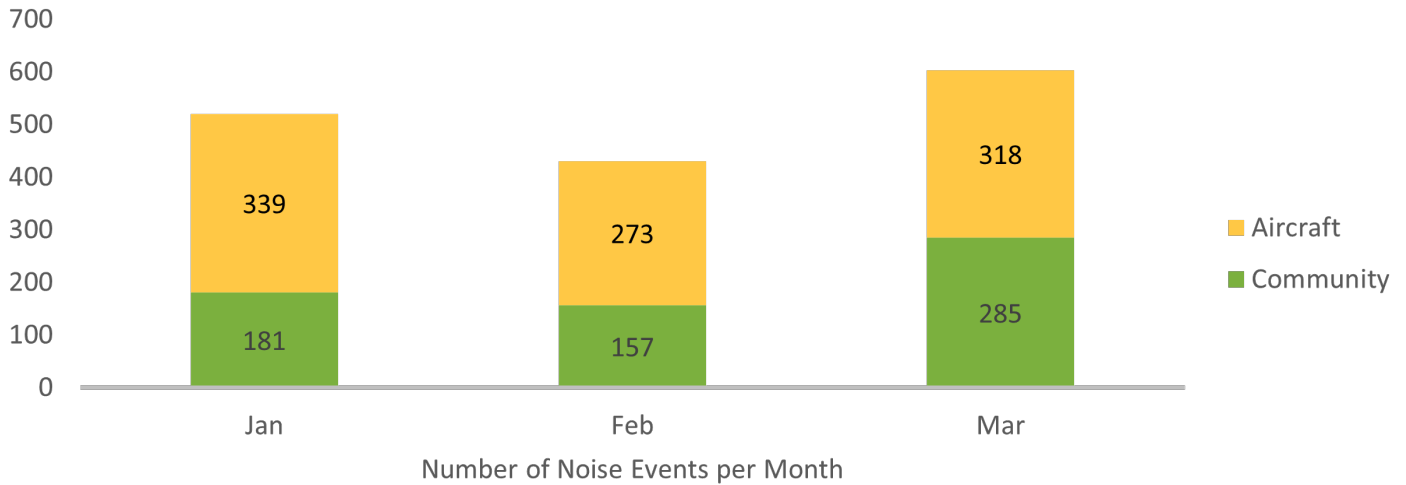
The chart at left illustrates the Top 10 aircraft noise events ranked by maximum noise level (Lmax) as measured at SYV-1 in the 1st Quarter of 2021. Below each bar is the date of the event and the four-letter ICAO aircraft code of the aircraft type involved.

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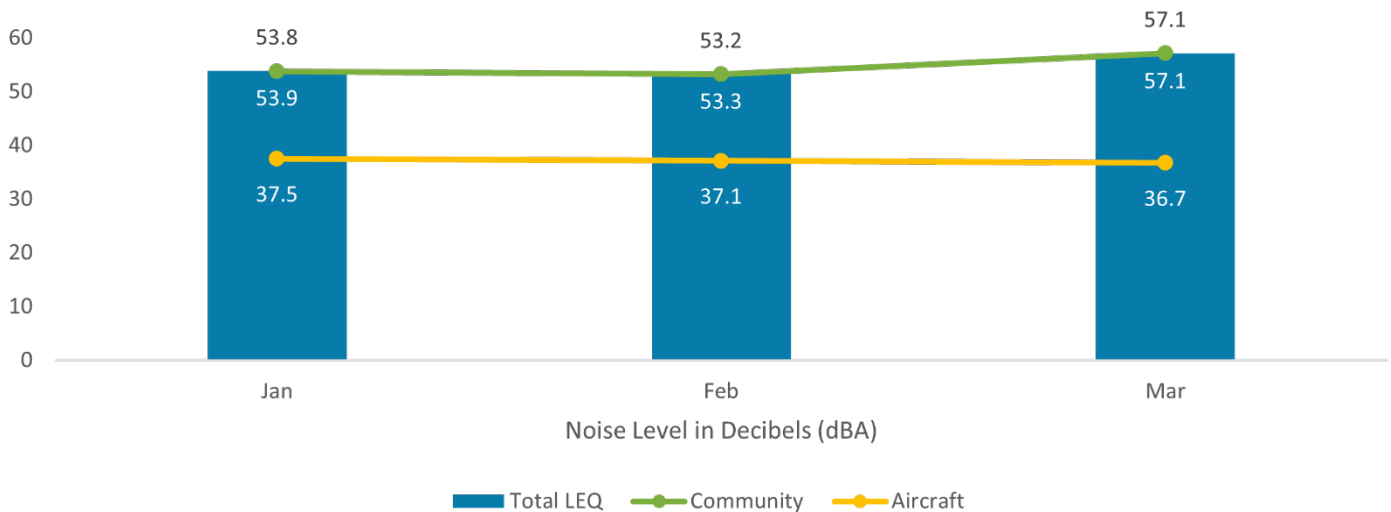
The charts below illustrate the relationship between aircraft and community noise and their contribution to the total noise environment measured by the noise monitoring terminal SYV-1 in Ortega Park.

### SYV-1 TOTAL RECORDED NOISE EVENTS IN Q1-2021



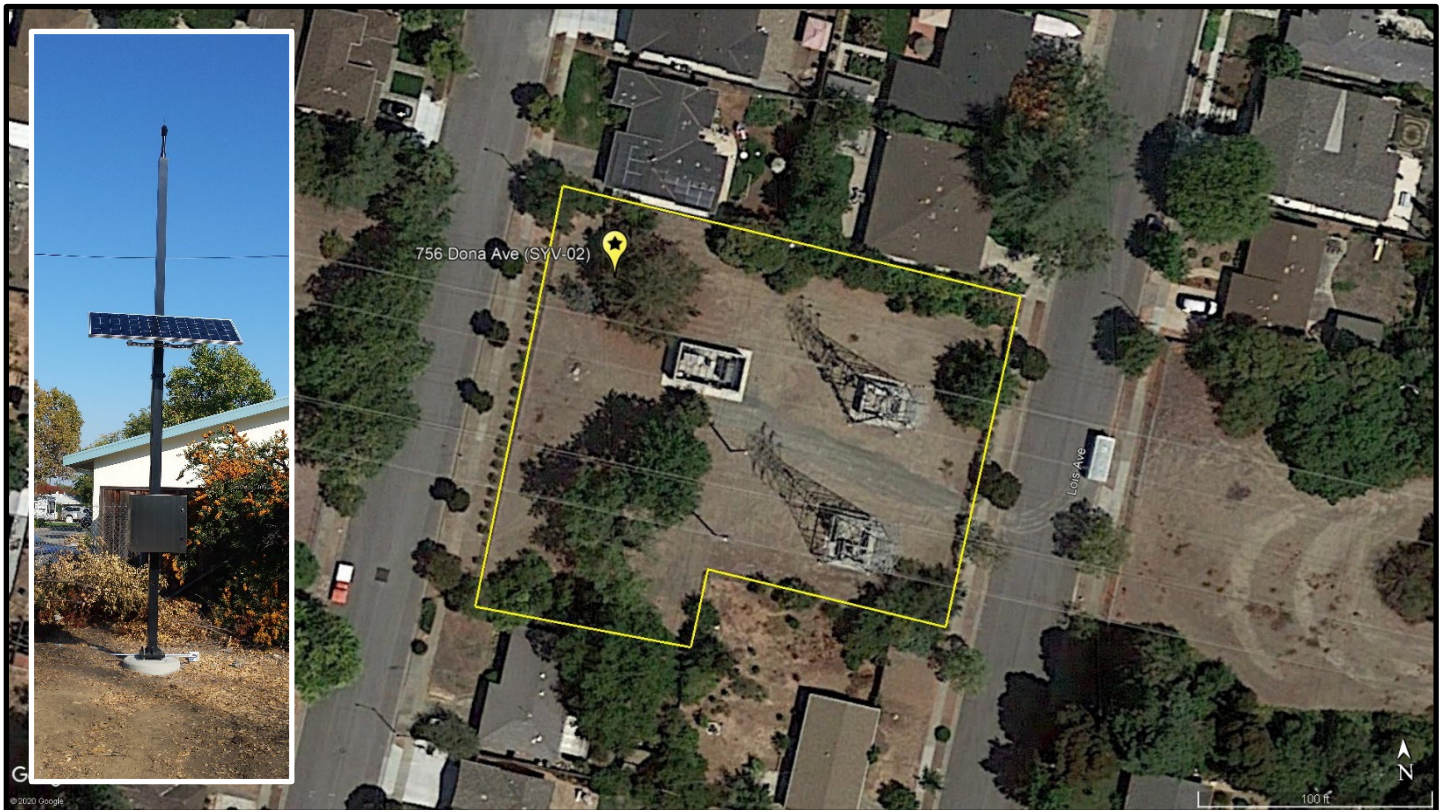
Noise events captured by the NMTs are analyzed on the fly as they happen. Based on their categorization as community or aircraft noise, the system automatically calculates an hourly Aircraft, Community, and Total LEQ (equivalent continuous sound level). Equivalent signifies that the total acoustical energy associated with the continually fluctuating noise level (during the specified period); in this case, a month is equal to the total acoustic energy associated with the steady noise level. Hourly LEQs are averaged to derive a Daily LEQs, which is averaged to derive a monthly LEQ. The Total LEQ considers both the aircraft and community contributions to the noise environment.

### SYV-1 LEQ NOISE LEVELS FOR Q1-2021

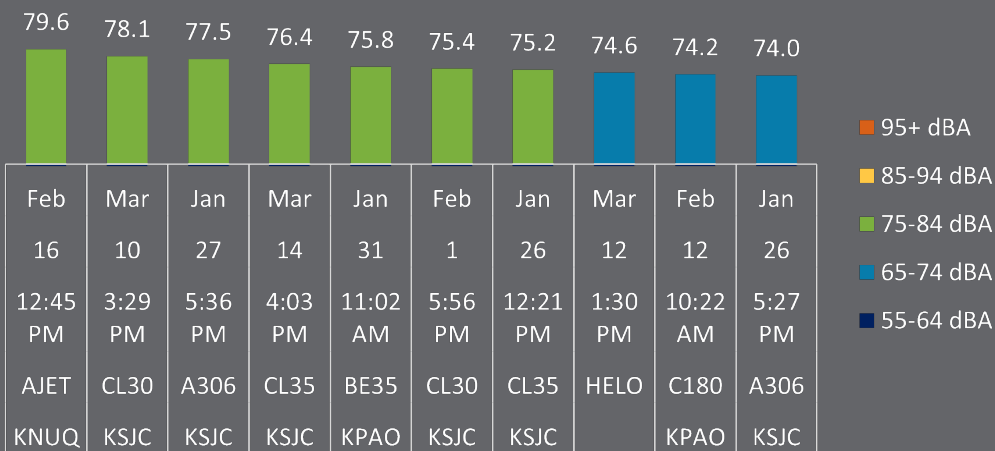


# SYV-2 DONA AVE NMT DATA Q1 – 2021

Noise Monitoring Terminal SYV-2 is on Dona Ave. Its primary purpose is to capture RNP arrivals to SJC Airport in South Flow and secondarily flight activity associated with Moffett Field, Palo Alto, Reid-Hillview, and San Carlos Airports. The image below is an aerial depicting the location of the NMT and a photo of the installed equipment.



## SYV-2 TOP 10 AIRCRAFT NOISE EVENTS IN Q1-2021



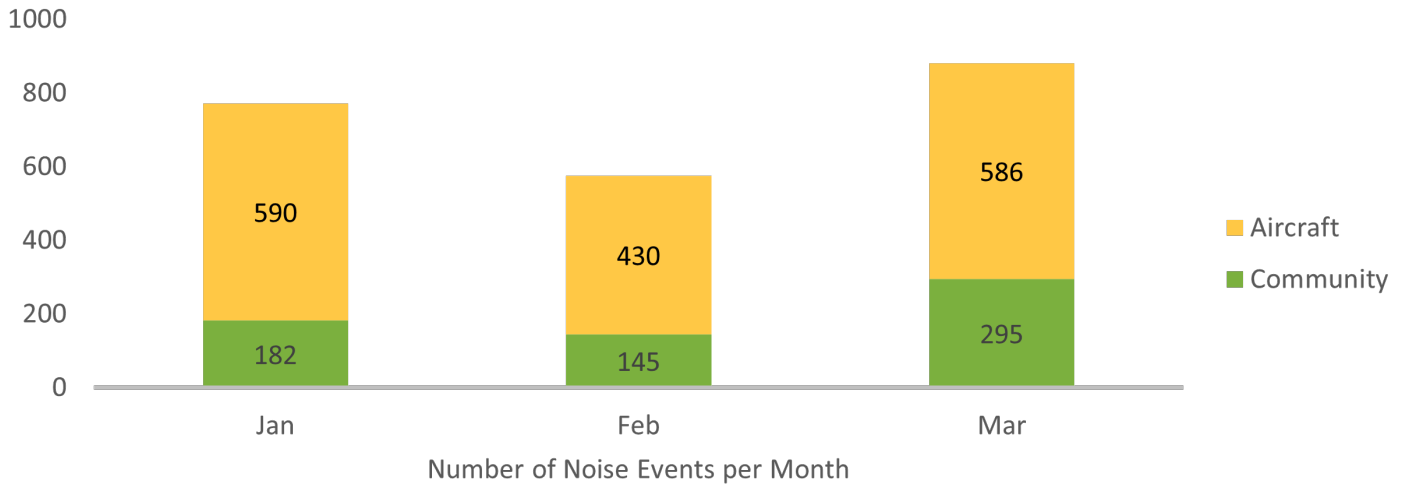
Aircraft Noise Event Lmax in A-Weighted Decibels (dBA)

The chart at left illustrates the Top 10 aircraft noise events ranked by maximum noise level (Lmax) as measured at SYV-2 in the 1st Quarter of 2021. Below each bar is the date of the event and the four-letter ICAO aircraft code of the aircraft type involved.

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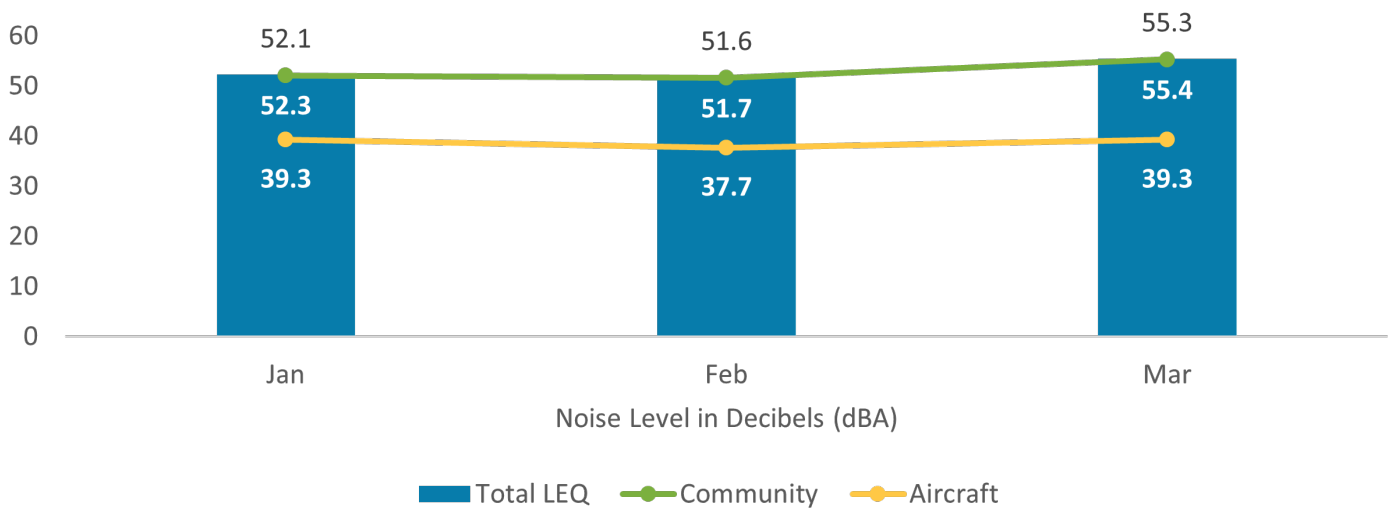
The charts below illustrate the relationship between aircraft and community noise and their contribution to the total noise environment measured by the noise monitoring terminal SYV-2 on Dona Avenue.

### SYV-2 TOTAL RECORDED NOISE EVENTS IN Q1-2021



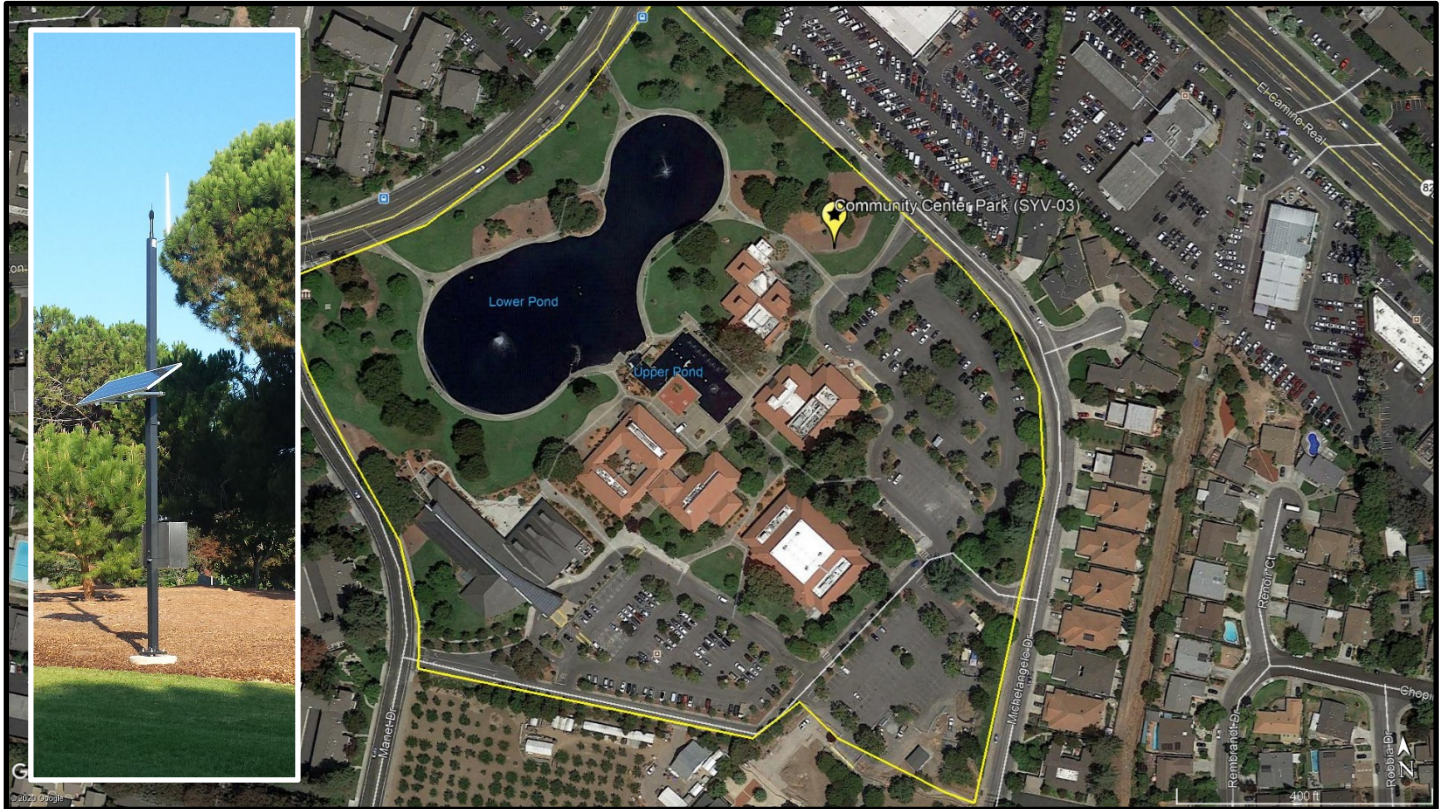
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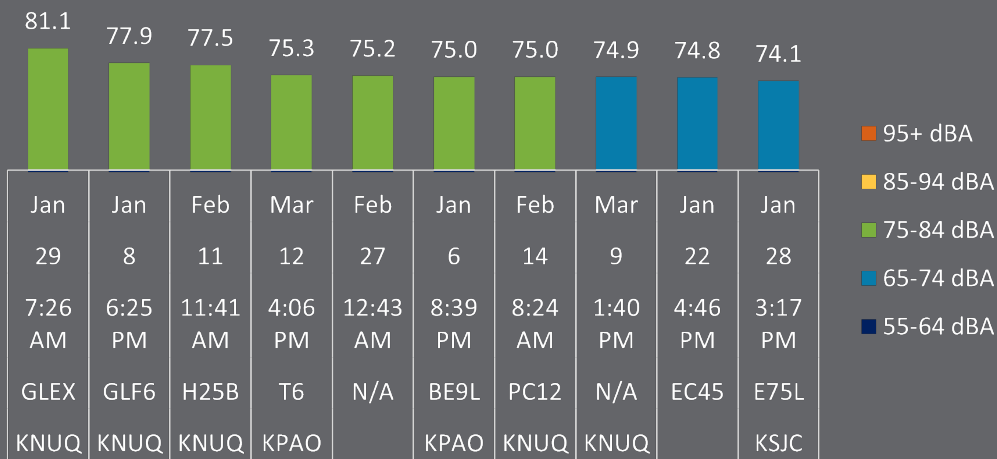


# SYV-3 COMMUNITY CENTER PARK NMT DATA Q1 – 2021

Noise Monitoring Terminal SYV-3 is in Community Center Park. Its primary purpose is to capture RNP arrivals to SJCAirport in South Flow and secondarily flight activity associated with Moffett Field, Palo Alto, Reid-Hillview, and San Carlos Airports. The image below is an aerial depicting the location of the NMT and a photo of the installed equipment.



## SYV-3 TOP 10 AIRCRAFT NOISE EVENTS IN Q1-2021



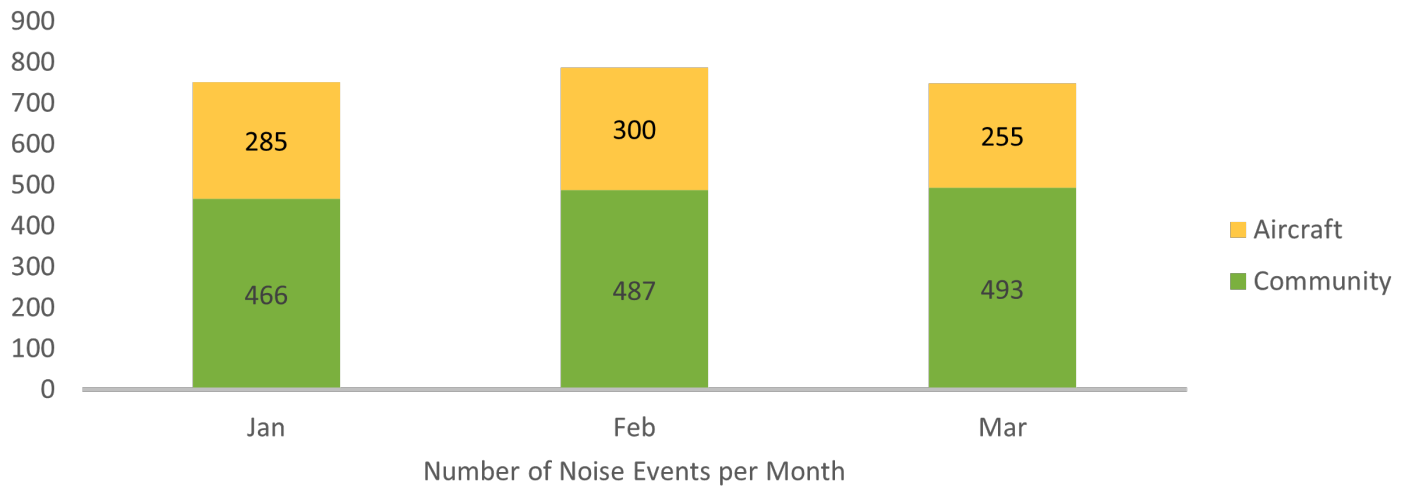
Aircraft Noise Event Lmax in A-Weighted Decibels (dBA)

The chart at left illustrates the Top 10 aircraft noise events ranked by maximum noise level (Lmax) as measured at SYV-3 in the 1st Quarter of 2021. Below each bar is the date of the event and the four-letter ICAO aircraft code of the aircraft type involved.

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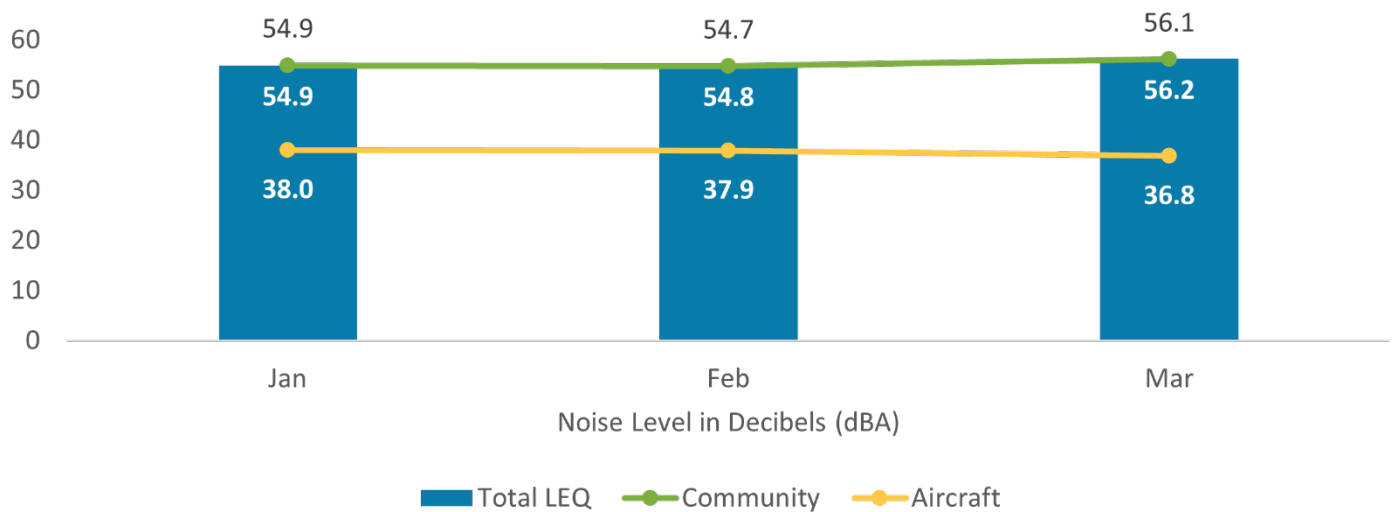
The charts below illustrate the relationship between aircraft and community noise and their contribution to the total noise environment measured by the noise monitoring terminal SYV-3 in Community Center Park.

### SYV-3 TOTAL RECORDED NOISE EVENTS IN Q1-2021



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### SYV-3 LEQ NOISE LEVELS FOR Q1-2021

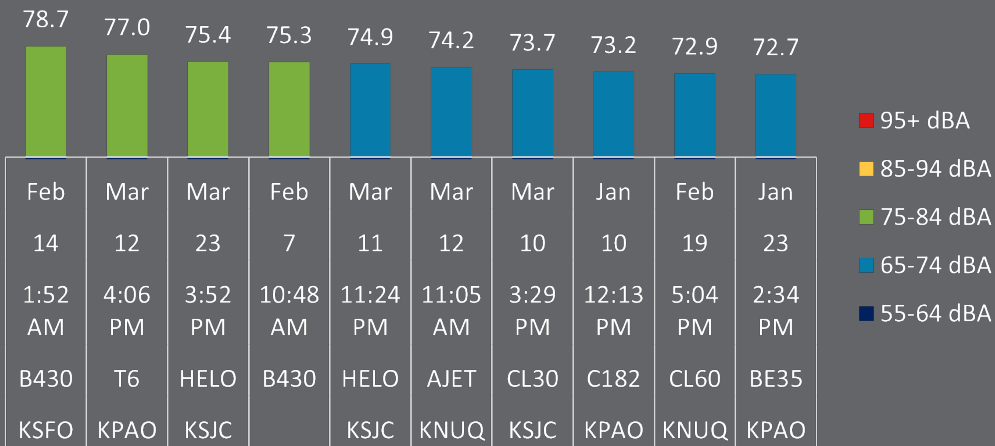


# SYV-4 WASHINGTON PARK NMT DATA Q1 – 2021

Noise Monitoring Terminal SYV-4 is in Washington Park. Its primary purpose is to capture RNP arrivals to SJC Airport in South Flow and secondarily flight activity associated with Moffett Field, Palo Alto, Reid-Hillview, and San Carlos Airports. The image below is an aerial depicting the location of the NMT and a photo of the installed equipment.



## SYV-4 TOP 10 AIRCRAFT NOISE EVENTS IN Q1-2021



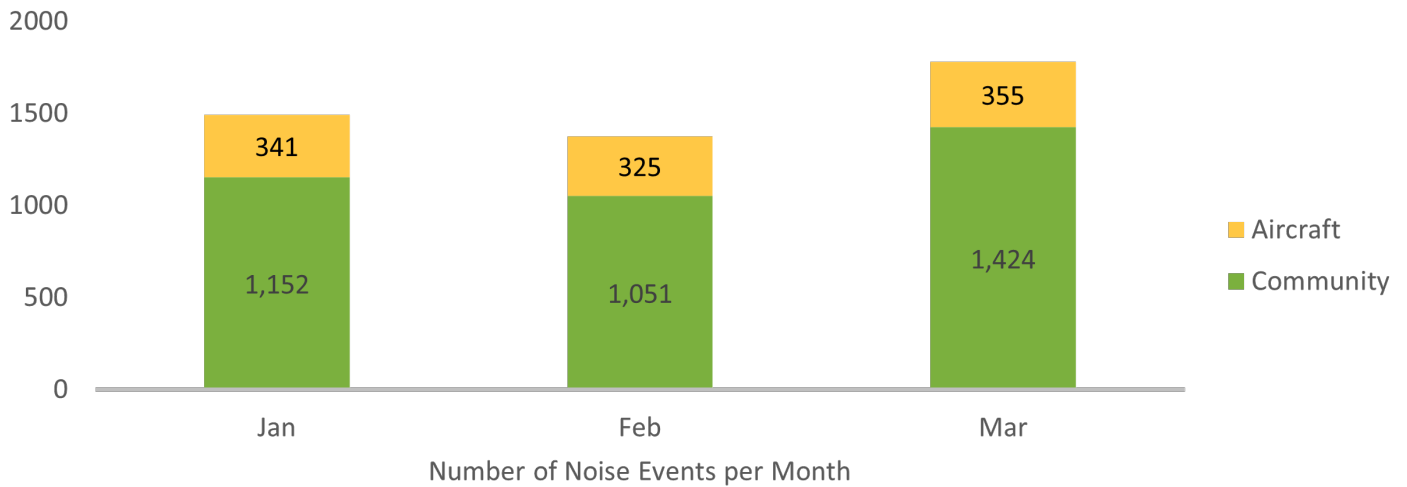
Aircraft Noise Event Lmax in A-Weighted Decibels (dBA)

The chart at left illustrates the Top 10 aircraft noise events ranked by maximum noise level (Lmax) as measured at SYV-4 in the 1st Quarter of 2021. Below each bar is the date of the event and the four-letter ICAO aircraft code of the aircraft type involved.

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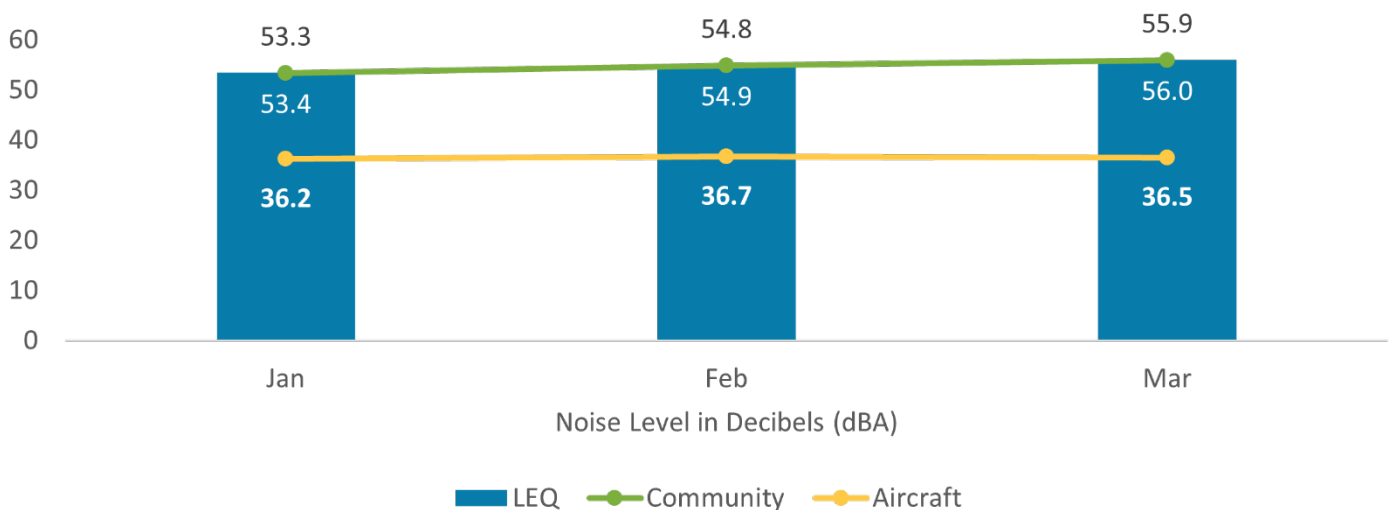
The charts below illustrate the relationship between aircraft and community noise and their contribution to the total noise environment measured by the noise monitoring terminal SYV-4 in Washington Park.

### SYV-4 TOTAL RECORDED NOISE EVENTS IN Q1-2021



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### SYV-4 LEQ NOISE LEVELS FOR Q1-2021



# ICAO AIRCRAFT CODE REFERENCE

Below is a list of the ICAO aircraft codes referenced in the Top-10 Aircraft Noise Event charts.

ICAO Aircraft Code	Common Name	Type
A306	<a href="#">Airbus A300-600</a>	Commercial Airliner
AJET	<a href="#">Dassault Alpha Jet</a>	Military Jet Trainer
B430	<a href="#">Bell Helicopter 430</a>	General Aviation Helicopter
B763	<a href="#">Boeing 767-300</a>	Commercial Airliner
BE9L	<a href="#">Beechcraft 90 King Air</a>	General Aviation Turboprop
BE35	<a href="#">Beechcraft 35 Bonanza</a>	General Aviation Piston
C180	<a href="#">Cessna 180</a>	General Aviation Piston
CL30	<a href="#">Bombardier Challenger 300</a>	Business Jet
CL35	<a href="#">Bombardier Challenger 350</a>	Business Jet
E75L	<a href="#">Embraer 175 (Long Winglet)</a>	Commercial Airliner
EC45	<a href="#">Airbus Helicopters EC-145</a>	General Aviation Helicopter
GLEX	<a href="#">Bombardier Global Express</a>	Business Jet
GLF6	<a href="#">Gulfstream G650</a>	Business Jet
H25B	<a href="#">Hawker Beechcraft 800</a>	Business Jet
HELO	Generic Helicopter	General Aviation Helicopter
PC12	<a href="#">Pilatus PC-12</a>	General Aviation Turboprop
T6	<a href="#">North American T-6 Texan</a>	Military Piston Trainer



