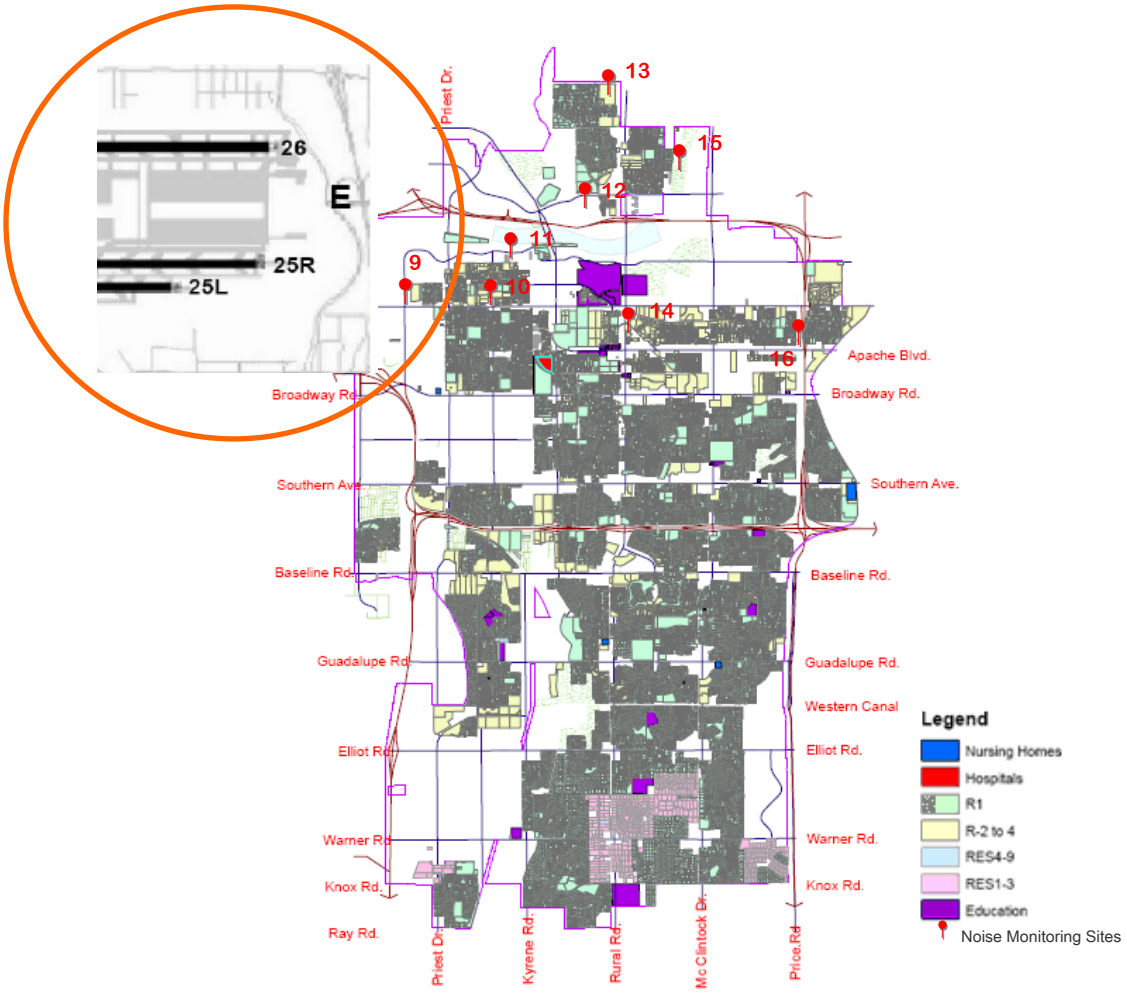
Tempe

2015 1st Quarter Noise Monitoring Report

PHX East



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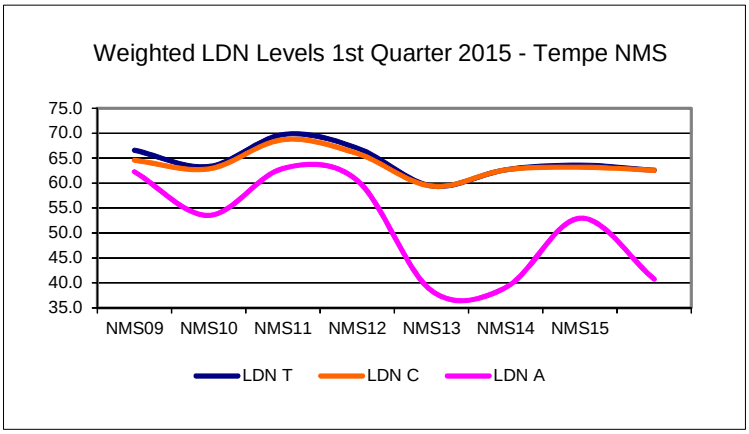
The Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Noise and Flight Track Monitoring System (NFTMS) has eight fixed Noise Monitoring Sites (NMS) in Tempe located in neighborhoods around the Town Lake/ Rio Salado area in proximity of the 65 DNL noise exposure contour line for the airport. Through an agreement made with the City of Phoenix, the City of Tempe can access noise monitoring data collected by the system and use supporting software that filters the data to indentify the noise energy contributions attributed to aircraft operations over areas where the monitors are located.

A. Weighted Sound Exposure Levels

Average monthly sound exposure levels of aircraft events, are calculated from the Ldn or day-night average sound level also called Day Night Level (DNL) that includes a penalty of 10 dB (A) added for nighttime sound events occurring between 22.00-07.00 hours. This summary also includes a description of noise based on long-term equivalent level (Leq) Average sound levels created by aircraft, DNL or Ldn are a product of detection tools built in to the NFTMS, which separate sound events registered at the monitoring site. The ambient sound events from all sources picked up at a monitoring site other than from aviation is the Ldn C. The sound events the NFTMS attributes to aircraft sound is the Ldn A. Ldn T is an expression of the total sound from all sources including aircraft noise.



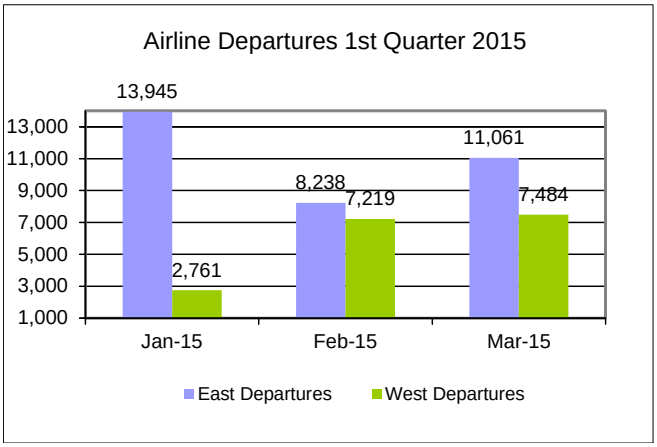
Ldn A decreases with the distance to the airport's runways. The monitored standard deviations are naturally higher for the monitors located at sites in Tempe located outside the downtown area where the distances to the aircraft are greater and noise from other sources than aircraft operations makes attribution of noise to aircraft operations more complicated.

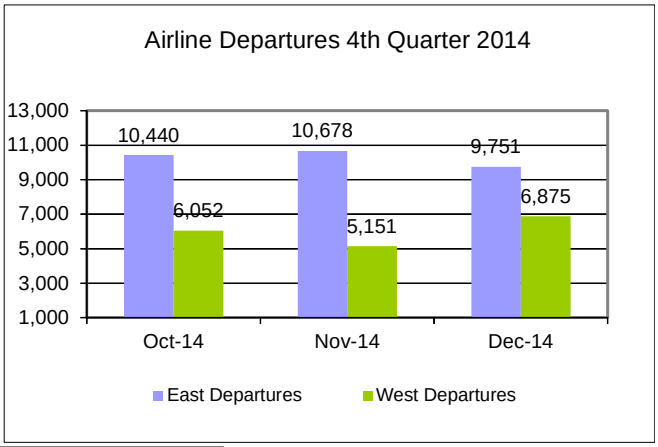
B. East – West Equalization of Noise Burden

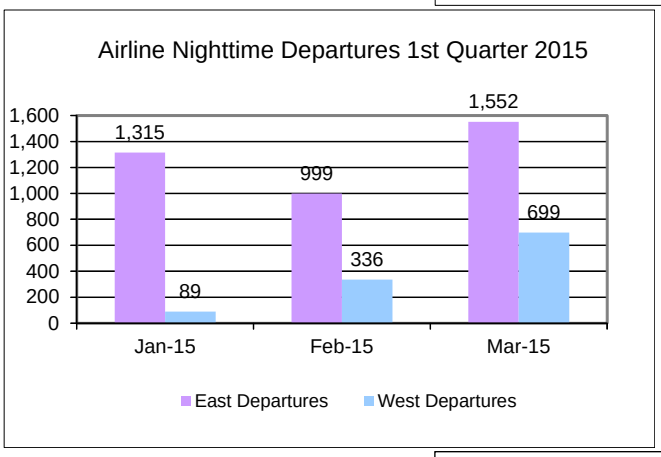
The airport Air Traffic Control Tower is directing large carrier departure traffic with the goal of accomplishing a 50/50 annualized east west split. A procedure for noise mitigation over Tempe delay air carrier turns away from the Salt River to the airspace over the Highway 202/ 101 intersection.

Departure flow east and west are determined over the year by daily and seasonal changes in wind directions, and the cities of Tempe and Phoenix have agreed that airport should attempt to distribute the noise burden from departing large commercial aircraft equally east and west on an annual basis including both day-and nighttime operations.

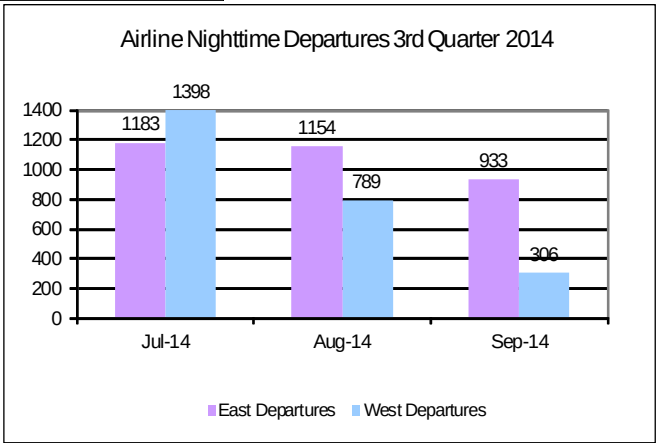
The flow of the majority of air carrier and corporate jet departures went predominantly east the first months of the first quarter of 2015. There was a total increase in departures to the east by 3.7% and departures to the west decreased by 1.7% compared to the fourth quarter of 2014.

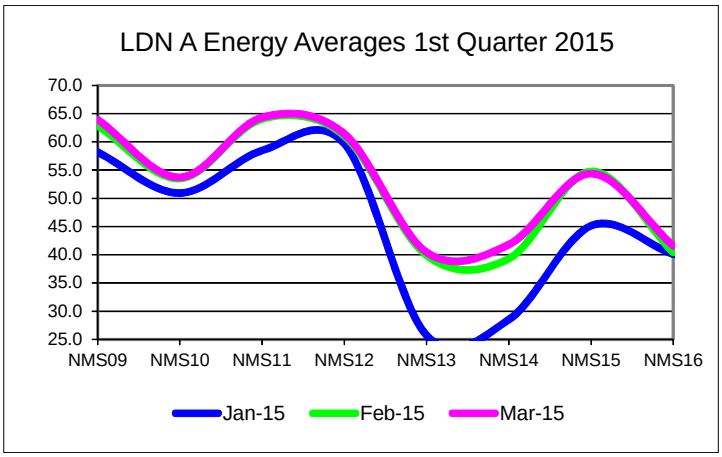




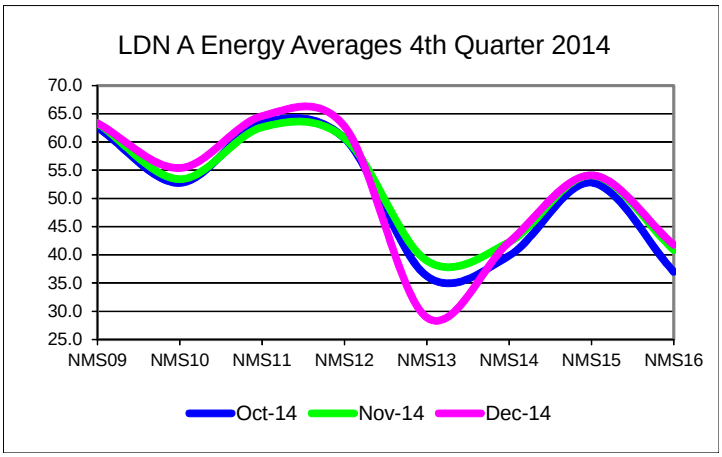


Night time departures occurring between 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. decreased by 0.6%, towards the east compared to fourth quarter of 2014.



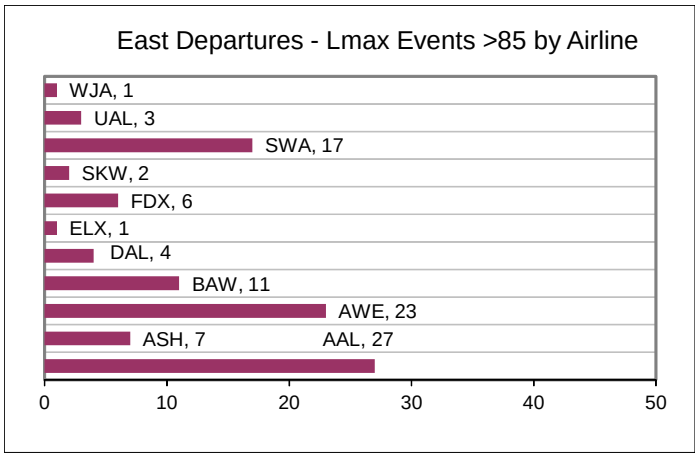


The Ldn level for the month of January was down below 30 dB at both NMS 13 and 14. During the month of January 82.5% of all daytime and 93.6% of all night time jet departures from PHX went towards the east.

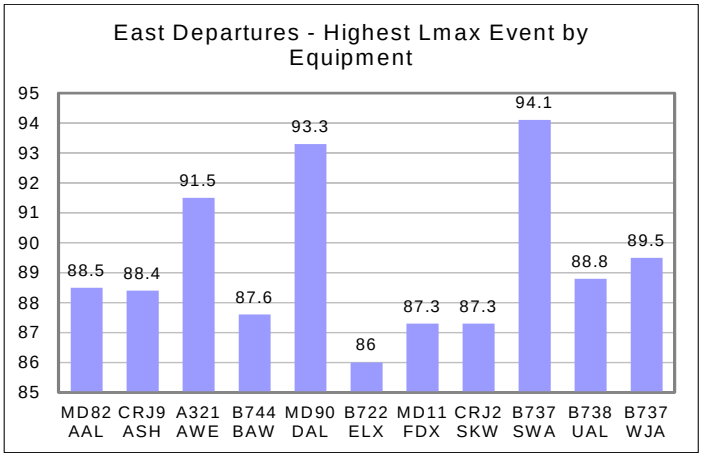


C. Registered Maximum Sound Energy Levels

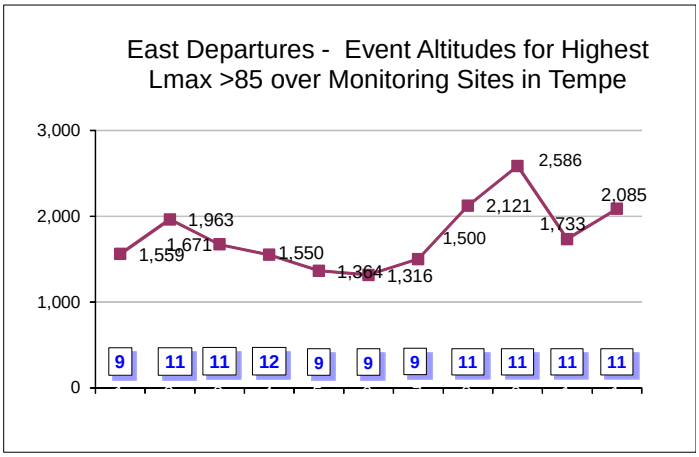
The number of higher sound energy level events attributed to airline operations varies each month, which influences monthly Ldn average levels. Lmax is the maximum A- weighted sound level, dB (A) registered during a particular sound event. A-weighted means the sound is measured at frequencies that reflect the sensitivity ranges of the human ear.



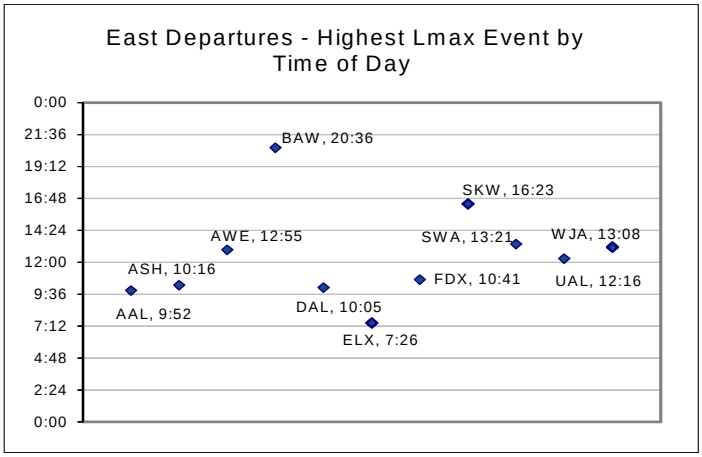
WJA: WestJet Airlines
UAL: United
SWA: Southwest
SKW: Sky West
FDX: Federal Express
ELX: Elan Express
DAL: Delta Airlines
BAW: British Airways
AWE: American Airlines (US Airways)
ASH: Mesa Airlines
AAL: American Airlines (American MD80 series)



The highest event registered during the first quarter was registered to 93.3 dB, (Lmax) by a Delta MD 90.



An Elan Express all cargo B727 200 created 86 dB Lmax over a monitoring site in Tempe located about 1,5 miles from the airport. A high single noise event created at the lowest departure altitude during the first quarter of 2015.



Information about the NFTMS and the City of Tempe agreement with the City of Tempe are available at www.tempe.gov/aircraftnoise.