

# ANAC Report to the Milton Board of Selectmen

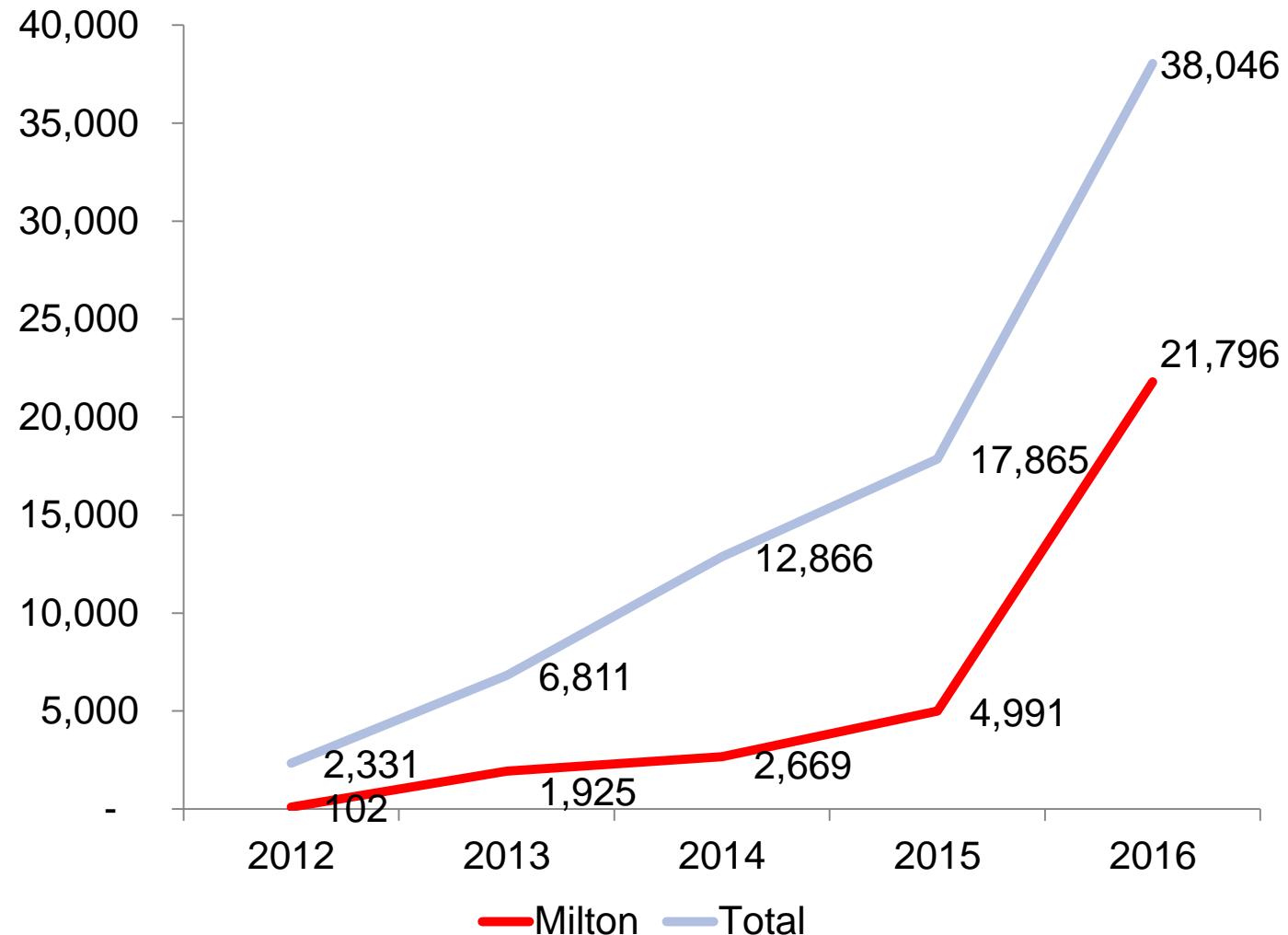
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Noise complaint increases coincide with NextGen and RNAV implementations.

- Noise complaints have been rising steadily since 2012.
- This time period coincides with the implementation of RNAVs within Milton and other cities and towns in the Commonwealth.
- The total number of noise complaints filed at Logan has increased by nearly 20x since 2012.
- The total number of noise complaints filed by Milton citizens has increased over 212 fold during the same period.
- The steepest increases have been from 2014 to 2015 (87% increase) and 2015 to 2016 (336% increase).

## LOGAN NOISE COMPLAINTS ARE RISING STEADILY

Airplane Noise Complaints: Boston Logan Airport – 2012-2016  
Number of Noise Complaints



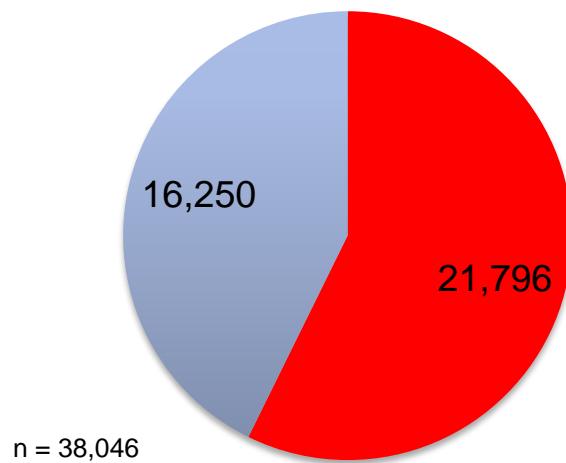
Source: Massport

Milton already has a head start on filing the most noise complaints for the fourth year in a row.

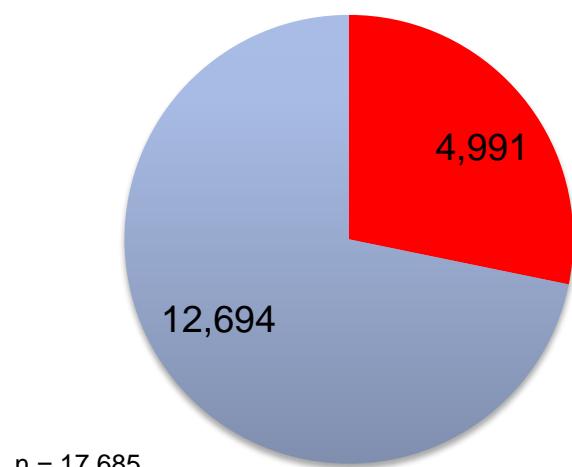
- Milton filed a staggering **21,796** noise complaints in 2016, and accounts for 57% of all noise complaints for the year – 336% more than the town filed in all of 2015, and 125% more than the town filed from 2012-2015.
- Milton has filed noise complaints in the first eight months of this year than Massport received in all of 2014.

## MILTON HAS FILED THE MOST NOISE COMPLAINTS OF ANY LOGAN AREA COMMUNITY FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS

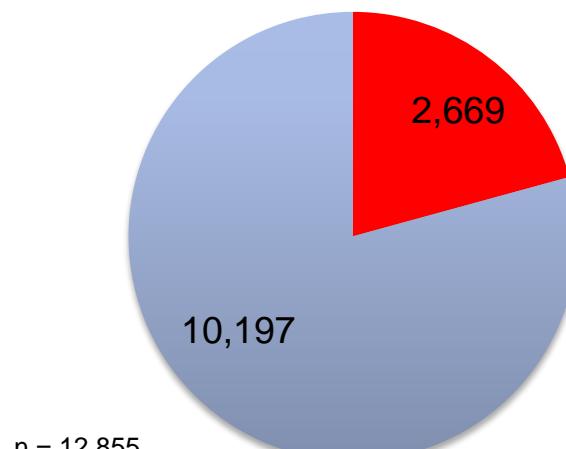
2016 – Total  
*Number of Complaints Filed*



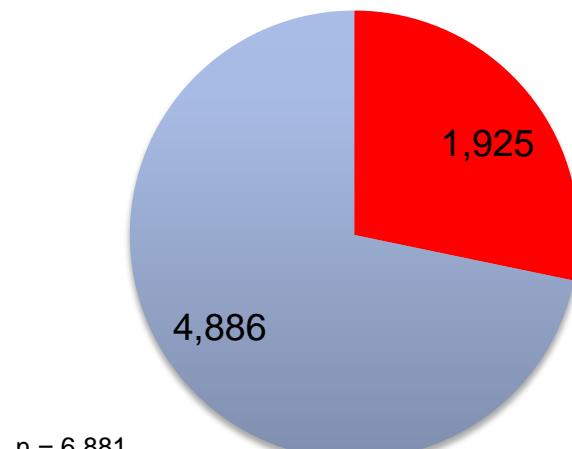
2015 – Total  
*Number of Complaints Filed*



2014 – Total  
*Number of Complaints Filed*



2013 – Total  
*Number of Complaints Filed*



Source: Massport

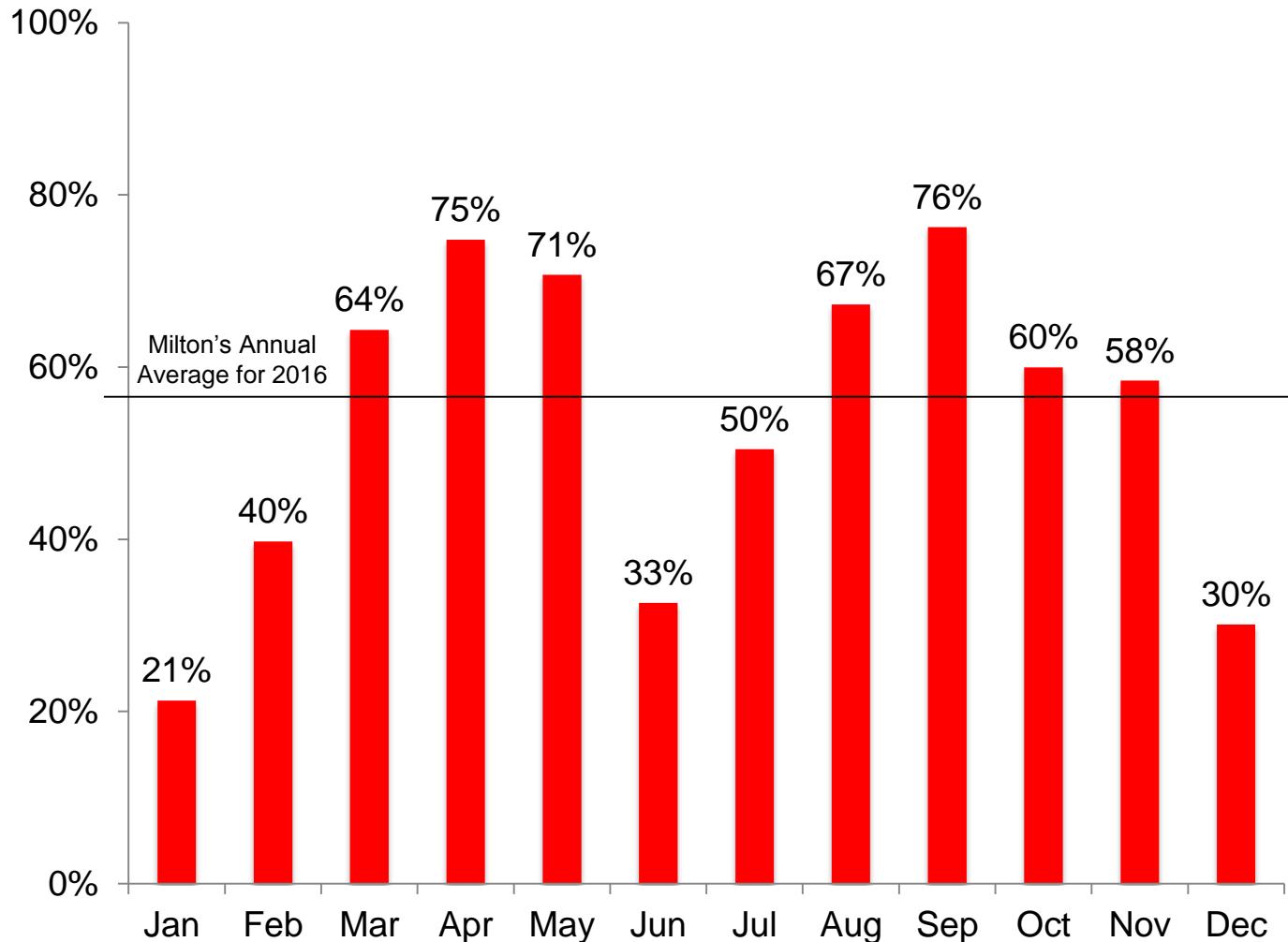
■ Milton ■ All Other Cities and Towns (Combined)

Over the course of 2016, Milton's percentage of noise complaints by month varied from 21% to 76%.

## MILTON'S PERCENTAGE OF MASSPORT NOISE COMPLAINTS VARIES BY MONTH

*Percentage of Noise Complaints Filed for 2016*

- Overall, Milton's noise complaint percentage is highest during the months when people want to be outside or have their windows open.



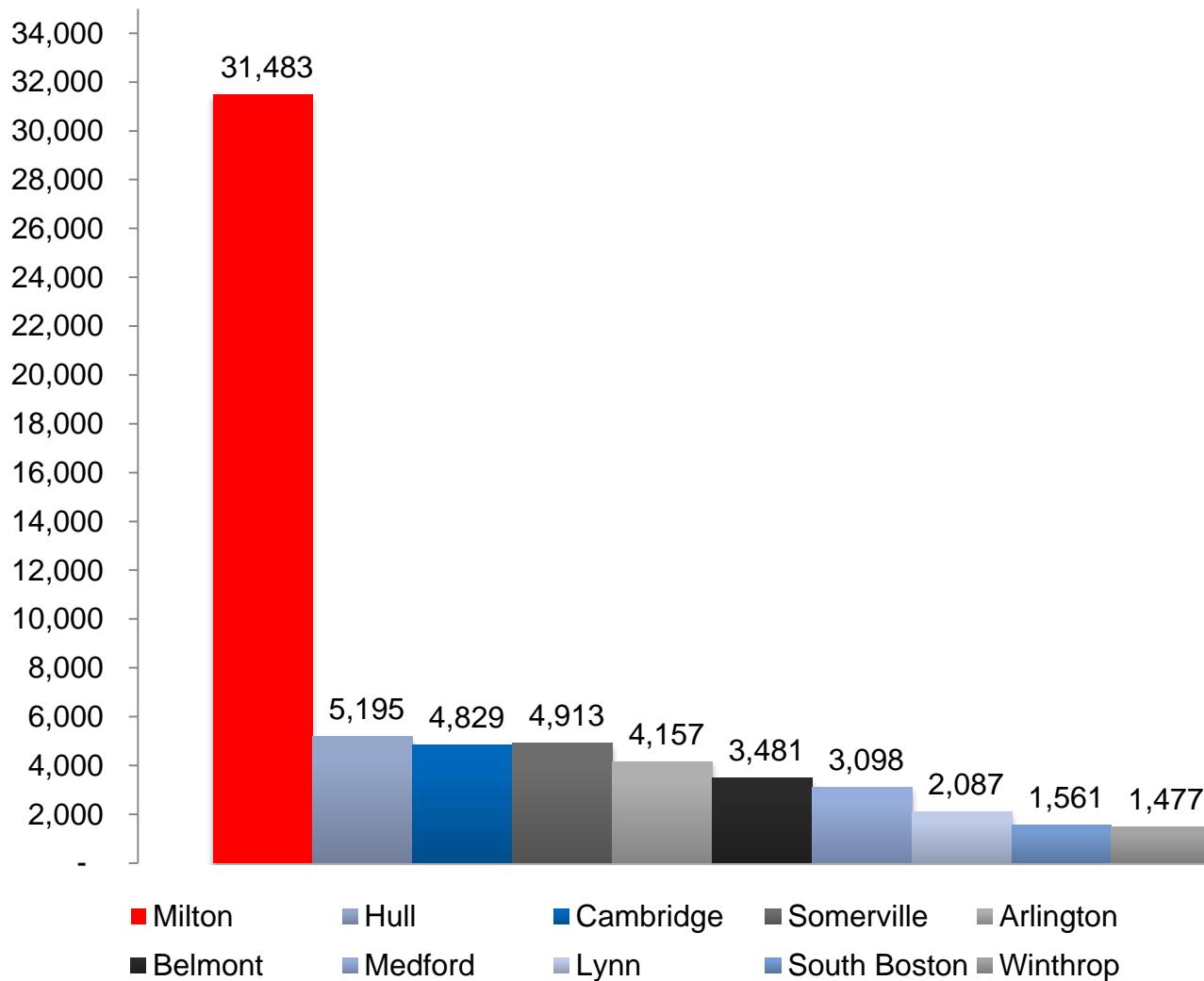
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In terms of complaints filed, Milton has the greatest airplane noise burden of any town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

- The ten cities and towns most-affected by Boston Logan airplane noise (as measured by number of noise complaints) are as follows:
  - Milton
  - Hull
  - Cambridge
  - Somerville
  - Arlington
  - Belmont
  - Medford
  - Lynn
  - South Boston
  - Winthrop
- Milton has filed more noise complaints than the next **nine** most-affected municipalities (Hull, Cambridge, Somerville, Arlington, Belmont, Medford, Lynn, South Boston, and Winthrop), combined.

## MILTON HAS FILED MORE NOISE COMPLAINTS THAN THE NEXT NINE MOST-AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES – **COMBINED**

Top 10 Cities and Towns by Number of Noise Complaints – January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016  
*Total Number of Complaints*



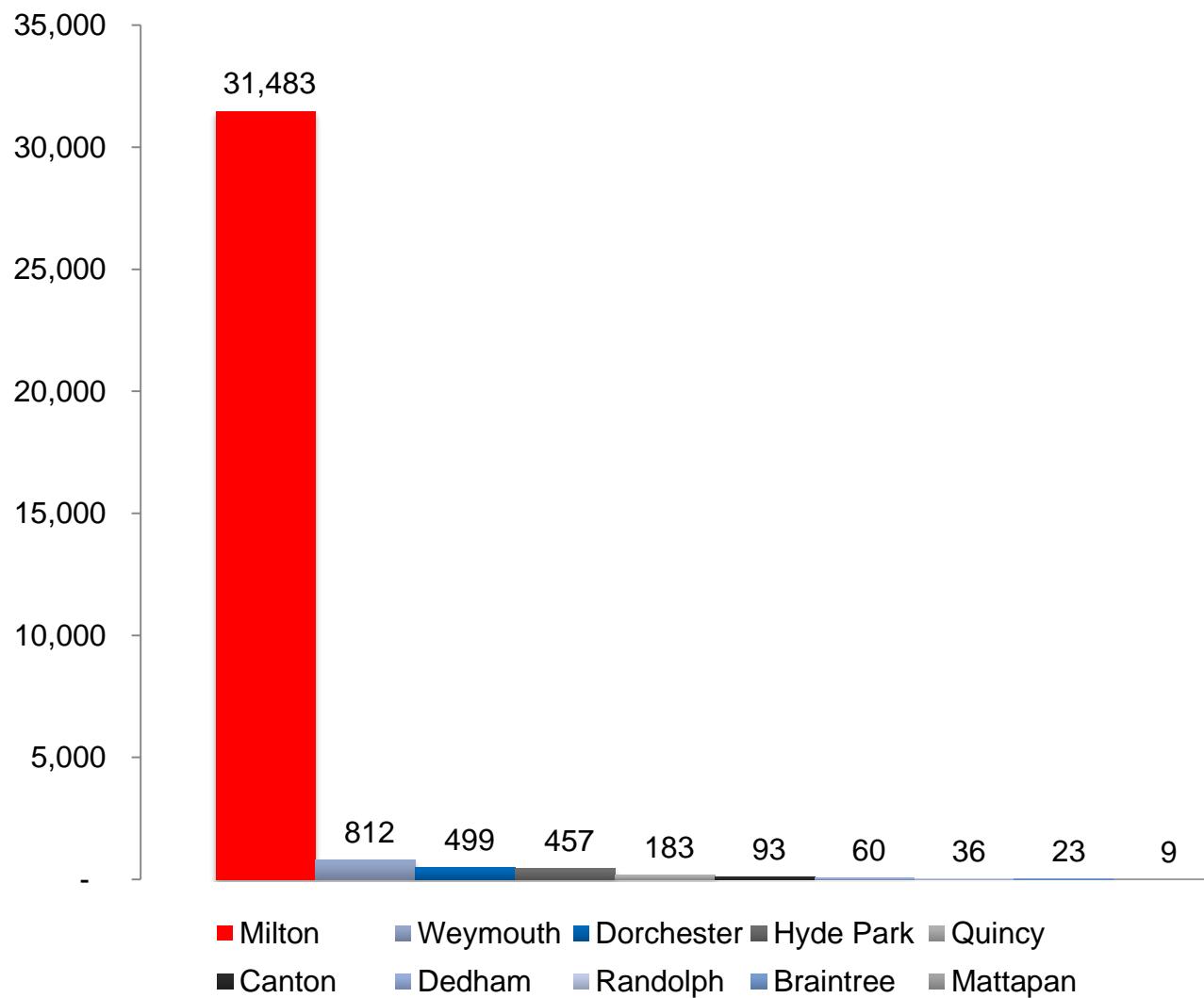
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The skies around Milton are demonstrably quieter than the skies over Milton.

- Milton has already filed nearly 44 times as many noise complaints as its neighbors this year.
- Milton filed 1.5x more noise complaints in the first three months of 2016 than its neighbors have filed since 2012.
- Given this uneven distribution, it is highly unlikely that Milton will receive support from its neighbors regarding airplane traffic redistribution.
- This dynamic, and the imbalance around it, should have been foreseeable by Massport when the CACs were created.

## MILTON HAS FILED MORE NEARLY NINETEEN TIMES AS MANY NOISE COMPLAINTS AS ITS NEIGHBORS SINCE 2012

Number of Noise Complaints Filed by Milton's Immediate Neighbors – January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016  
*Total Number of Complaints*



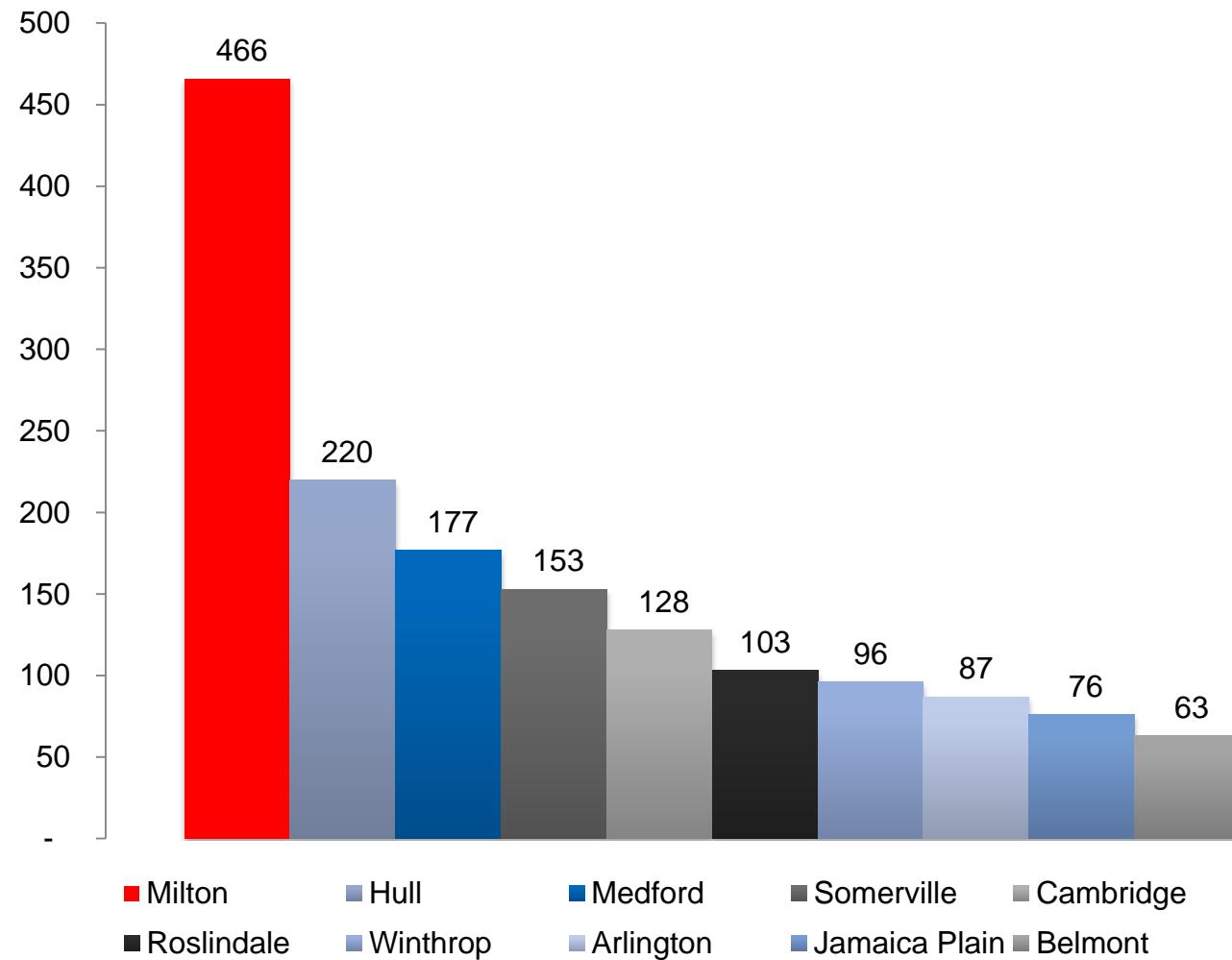
Source: Massport

Milton has more callers filing noise complaints than any other community in the Commonwealth, including communities that are many times our population size.

- The ten cities and towns most-affected by Boston Logan airplane noise in 2016 (as measured by number of callers) are as follows:
  - Milton
  - Hull
  - Medford
  - Somerville
  - Cambridge
  - Roslindale
  - Winthrop
  - Arlington
  - Jamaica Plain
  - Belmont
- So far this year, Milton has nearly as many callers as the next three largest groups combined.

## MILTON ALSO HAS THE MOST CALLERS OF ANY COMMUNITY

Top 10 Cities and Towns by Number of Callers – 2016  
*Total Number of Callers*



Source: Massport