

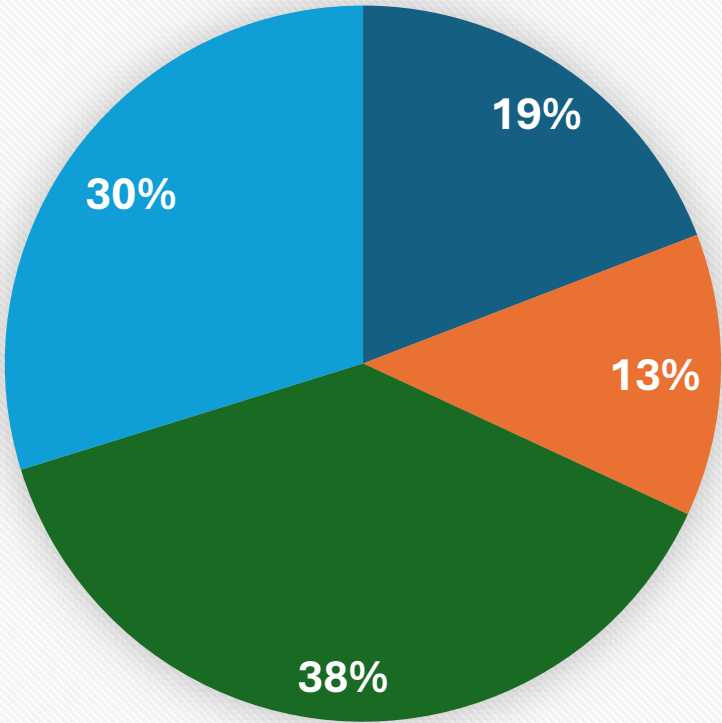
# Amplified Sound (Noise) at the Georgetown Fairgrounds

## Neighbourhood Survey Results

*47 Respondents (of 140 direct mail deliveries)*

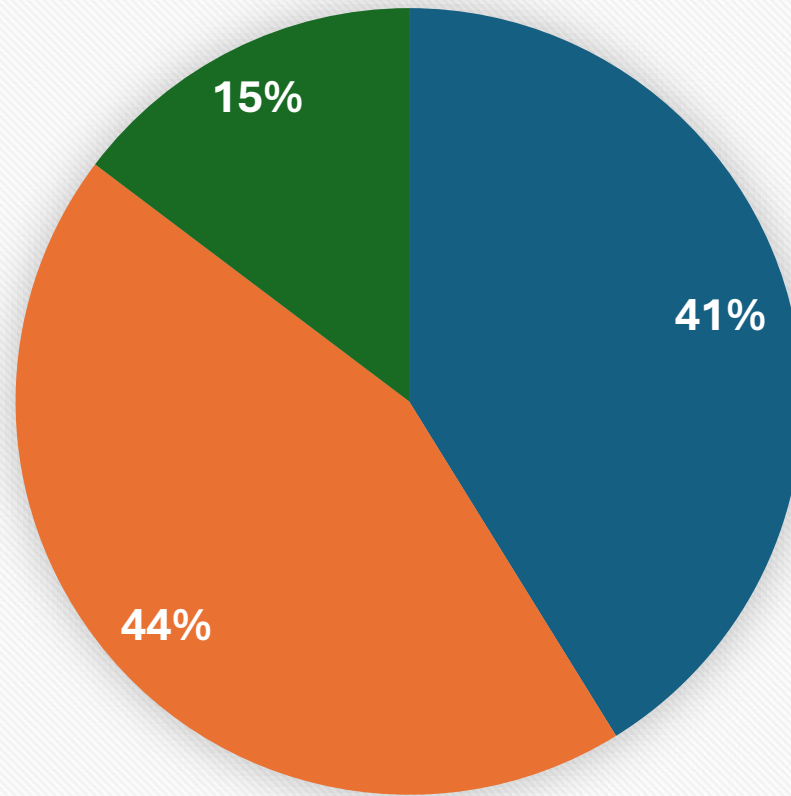
*Please note: This survey aims to assess the impact on Georgetown Fairgrounds neighbourhood residents. Therefore, responses from individuals outside the immediate neighborhood have been excluded from the results.*

**Have you noticed the use of amplified sound (music/announcements) coming from the Georgetown Fairgrounds Park in the summer during baseball games or practices?**



■ No, I have not noticed any amplified sound   ■ Rarely   ■ Occasionally   ■ Yes, Frequently

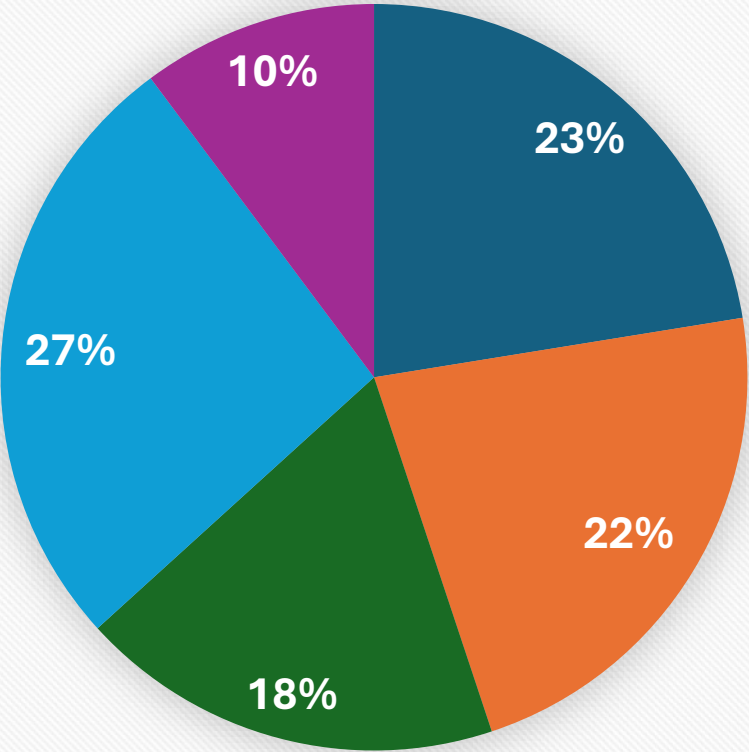
**If yes, what specific amplified sound have you experienced? Select all that apply.**



■ Amplified music during games   ■ Announcements using a microphone   ■ Amplified sound outside permitted hours

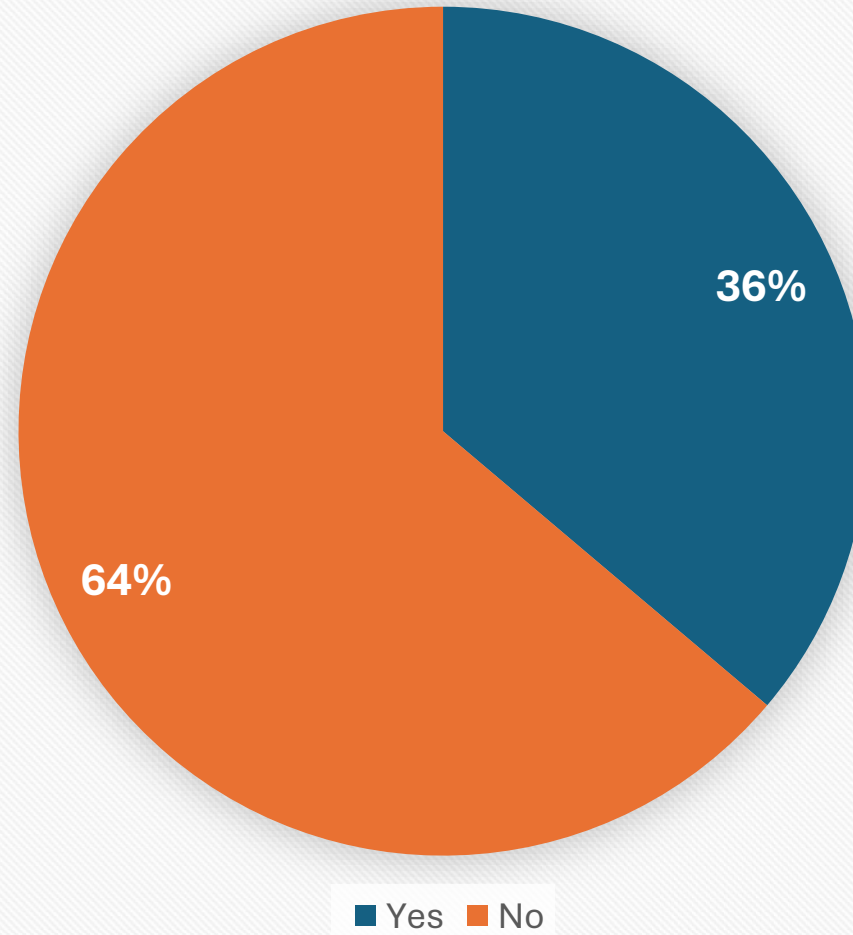


During the summer, what times do you typically notice amplified sound?

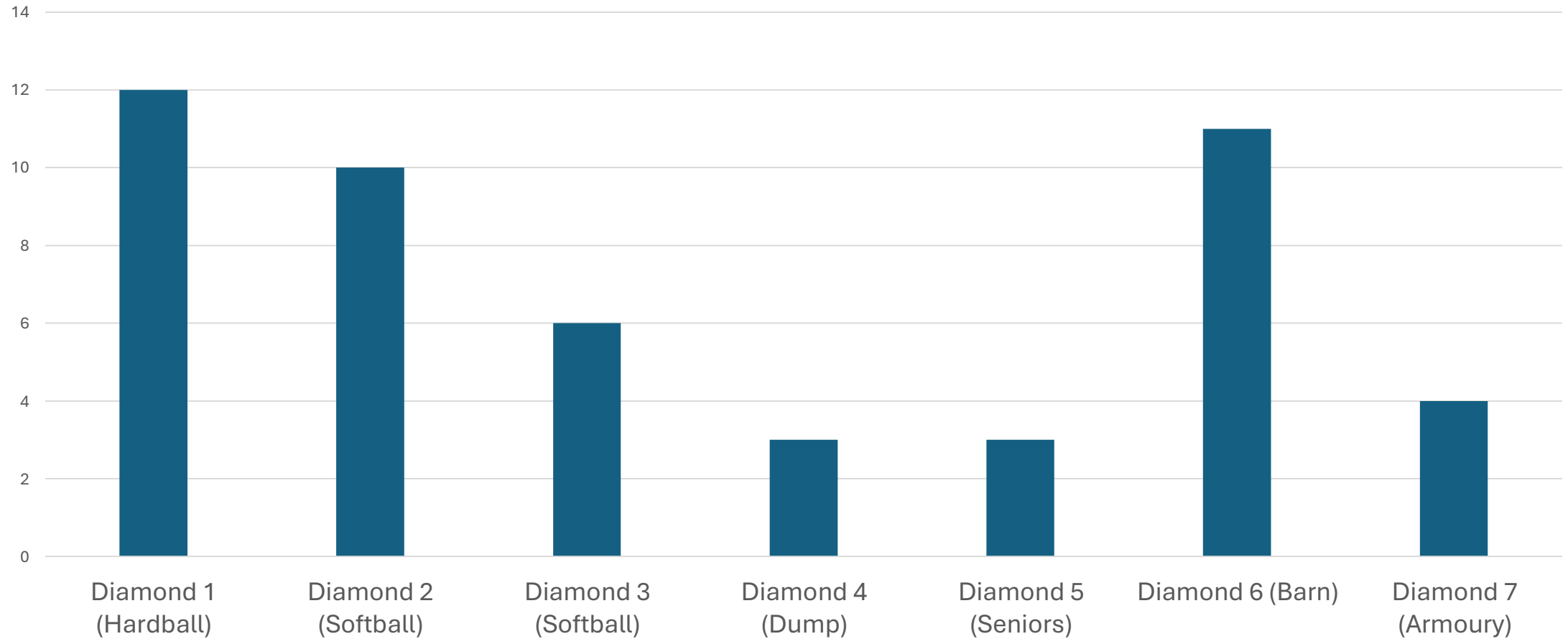


- I don't hear it
- Weekdays (5 p.m. – 7 p.m.)
- Weekdays (7 p.m. – 10 p.m.)
- Weekends (morning/afternoon before 5 p.m.)
- Weekends (evening/night after 5 p.m.)

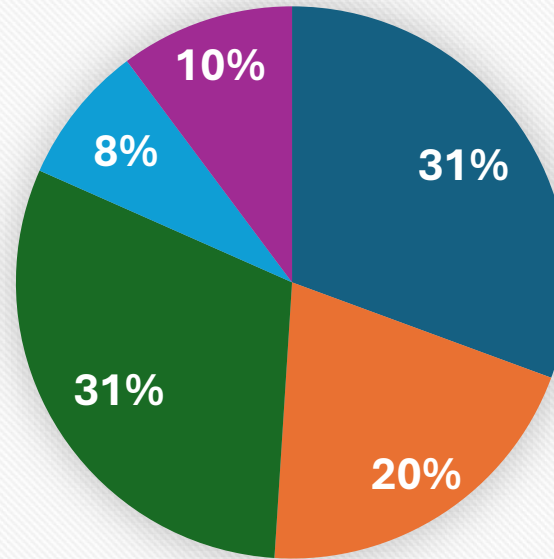
### Do you find the amplified sound disruptive?



## If you find the amplified sound disruptive, which Ball Diamond do you hear it the most?



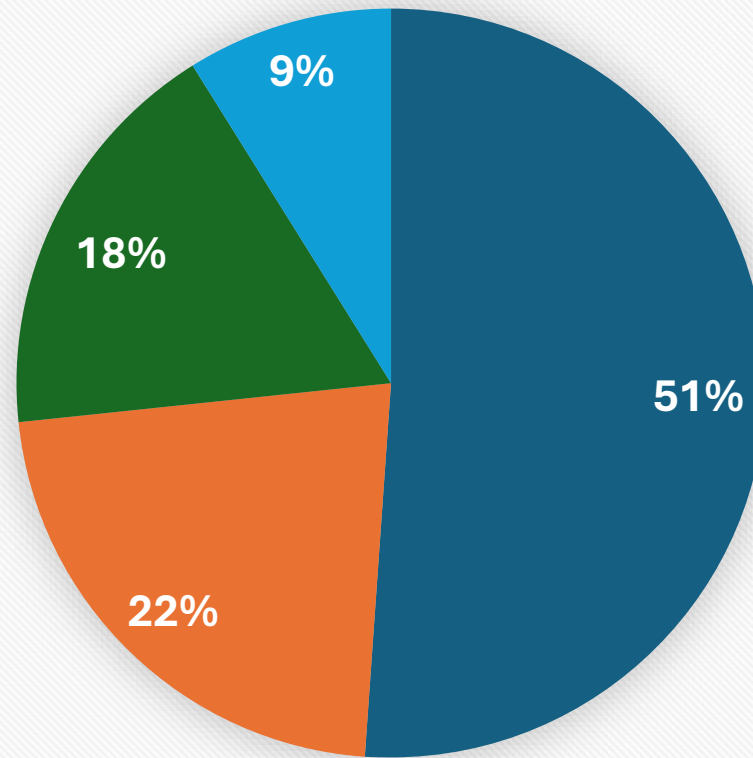
**On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the level of impact from amplified sound at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.**



- Does not impact me at all
- Slightly noticeable but not bothersome
- Occasionally disruptive
- Frequently disruptive
- Very disruptive and negatively impacts my home environment



**In your opinion, how should the Town address concerns around amplified sound at the Fairgrounds Park?**



■ Allow sound with max levels per bylaw  
■ Prohibit sound only at impacted locations

■ Enforce prohibition (no sound anywhere)  
■ Allow sound at all locations with no restrictions



# Comments

This should not be limited to baseball... the biggest offender is the fall fair - the music from some of the rides is ridiculous. The "Battle of the Bands" and Ribfest events are also unnecessarily loud. Amplification seems to be the problem - I never notice anything with the Highland Games. If a massed pipe band is making less noise, your speakers are turned up too loud.

It needs to stop and be enforced! But unfortunately, like other by-laws in Halton Hills (off-leash dogs), this will be ignored also.

I find the loudest noise comes from the young baseball players. They tend to play music and announce names and shirt numbers every time a player comes to bat. It's okay maybe for a tournament as the kids feel special, but every game can be a bit much.

Some occasional noise is a small price to pay for having a facility like the Fairgrounds nearby. Kids need a place to play, events – location to happen. I don't think there's any problem here. Noise levels should be within the maximum levels allowed by the city bylaws, but that's all. This is a town after all, not a cottage community.

My home backs onto the fairgrounds and I can barely hear any amplified sound, ever. Certainly nothing comparable to how much I can hear the joyous sounds of baseball. It truly boggles my mind that someone would complain about this.

I have lived next to the fairgrounds since 1991. I have no issues with any events taking place there. Let people enjoy the fairgrounds and let the children play. There are more issues in town that need attention—this is low priority.

It seems to be adult males who get the thrill of being on a microphone. A small device can now produce enormous sound. There is always the temptation to wind up the volume.

Littering (food and wrappers) is problematic at times. Teams practicing on the track can be dangerous and annoying for walkers.

No

Who will enforce this? We've had problems with off-leash dogs with no enforcement—how will this be different?

# Comments (cont.)

Thanks for asking about this. Appreciated! This is not an issue for us. It may be for others, so happy you're addressing their concerns.

I absolutely love to hear kids playing with their music. We go to the park to watch. Please don't restrict the kids' music and fun.

The lead-up music that teams play can be offensive and startle dogs. Some use diamonds without a permit and play excessive music. This needs enforcement.

Allow amplified sound only for special events—not weekly regular games.

Typically, the amplified noise is during baseball games and tournaments. If it's projected toward the field and respectful, I welcome it. Season permits could work.

The fairgrounds and ballparks should be used for activity and entertainment. Living near it means accepting some noise.

I've lived by the park most of my life. Part of the charm is the events and sports. My neighbors need to get a life.

Our family supports the park. The current sound level is acceptable and expected. Even the occasional amplified sound is fine.

Let the kids play baseball and have fun. Noise disruption is minimal and brief. Coaches should be made aware of exemptions.

Question #3 doesn't capture all timeframes—music is also played Sundays and outside the suggested times.

Music taste varies. I don't want to hear others' music or profanity. The background sound of people having fun is enough. No music please!

Thanks for seeking feedback. I've never had concerns and support a lively fairground environment.

We moved here for space for our kids. There's nothing better than cheering for a summer baseball game! Let the kids have their music.

Understand announcing players, but don't agree with music during games.

Scottish games are okay—well controlled. Beer fest/rib fest are noisy and disruptive to neighbors.

This is a "fairgrounds" and ball diamond. It has been for generations. If you move here, expect some noise.

# Comments (cont.)

“Allow amplified sound at all locations subject to maximum levels”... but how do you supervise the decibel level?

We love the sounds of life, fun, and youthfulness the fairgrounds bring. It’s not disruptive. Bring back Rib Fest!

We live at the park entrance. We’ve never been bothered by the events or kids playing baseball. We enjoy it.

The fairgrounds are an outdoor area. It’s normal to expect noise. I live 300m away and it doesn’t bother me.

I’ve lived near the park for 30+ years. The activities at the Fairgrounds are vital to the neighborhood.

No

Although we enjoy music during festivals, sometimes bands crank the music too loud in the evening. That can be disruptive.

I don’t mind noise occasionally—it usually happens during big competitions. Would not want it every game.