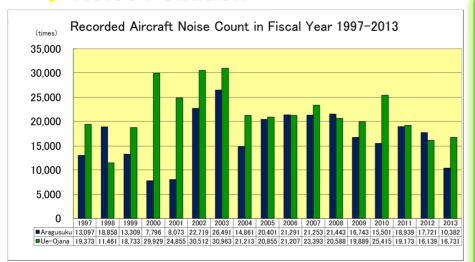
## **Afflictions Deriving from the Base**

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## **Noise Pollution**



Lden & WECPNL Monthly Recordings in the Nodake District (Fiscal Year 2013) 90 80 Env. Standard 70 WECPNI: below 70 60 Env. Standard 50 Lden: below 57 40 Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Avg. <u>May</u> Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Avg. Jun Jul Aug 68 70 69 68 68 69 53 54 53 →Exceeded the Environmental Standard Level →Standard Level

The city and prefecture have set up 8 noise-level meters in various locations within Ginowan City.

## ☆Measurement Conditions:

- The noise being measured must be 10dB or more louder than the background noise (ambient noise)
- Noise must persist for5 seconds or longer
- An aircraft radar transponder signal must be detected

The WECPNL (Weighted Equivalent Continuous Perceived Noise Level), an environmental index to gauge aircraft noise-level was changed to Lden. In both measurements, the actual aircraft noise level remains the same. However, the Lden index makes it seems as though the noise level has gone down.

Ginowan City residents are compelled to live with the daily noise pollution caused by the U.S. military aircrafts. Although noise complaints are made from various parts of the city, soundproofing construction only appropriated for certain areas. Requests have been made to the Government of Japan to consider more parts their the for soundproofing construction project.

