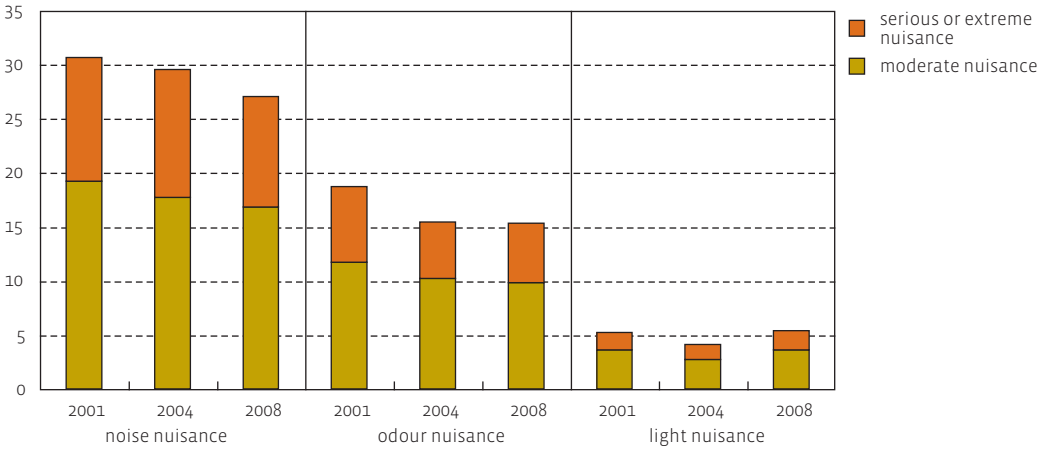




people experiencing a nuisance (%)



Source: AMINABEL (2001, 2004), LNE (2008)

Noise remains the most important source of nuisance

The degree to which inhabitants of Flanders suffer nuisance from noise, odour and excessive light can be represented with the reported nuisance indicator. On the basis of a three-yearly survey (WEI, written environmental investigation) commissioned by LNE, this indicator is filled in for Flanders. This survey was carried out for the third time in 2008.

Noise remains the most important source of nuisance with 10.2 % of people suffering serious or extreme nuisance. People suffer the least nuisance from too much light (light nuisance) with only 1.8 % suffering serious or extreme nuisance from too much light. The reported odour nuisance is between these two with 5.5 % experiencing serious or extreme nuisance.

Odour nuisance target changed

The target for odour nuisance was changed in the MINA plan 3+ (2008-2010). This states that the number of people experiencing a serious or extreme nuisance must decrease to 3 % in 2010. In 2008, 5.5 % of the people still experienced a serious or extreme odour nuisance. The number of people experiencing an odour nuisance (i.e. the total number of people experiencing a moderate, serious or extreme nuisance) must decrease in 2010 to 15 %. In 2008, 15.3 % were reported as experiencing an odour nuisance.

people experiencing nuisance (%)	noise nuisance			odour nuisance			light nuisance		
	2001	2004	2008	2001	2004	2008	2001	2004	2008
moderate nuisance	19	18	17	12	10	9.8	3.6	2.7	3.6
serious to extreme nuisance	11	12	10	7.0	5.2	5.5	1.6	1.4	1.8