

LOUDNESS COMPARISON CHART (dBA)

Common Outdoor Activities	Noise Level (dBA)	Common Indoor Activities
Jet Fly-over at 1000 ft	110	Rock Band
Gas Lawn Mower at 3 ft	100	
	90	Food Blender at 3 ft
Diesel Truck at 50 ft at 50 mph	80	Garbage Disposal at 3 ft
Noisy Urban Area, Daytime		Vacuum Cleaner at 10 ft
Gas Lawn Mower at 100 ft	70	Normal Speech at 3 ft
Commercial Area		
Heavy Traffic at 300 ft	60	Large Business Office
Quiet Urban, Daytime	50	Dishwasher Next Room
Quiet Urban, Nighttime		
Quiet Suburban, Nighttime	40	Theater, Large Conference Room (Background)
		Library
Quiet Rural, Nighttime	30	Bedroom at Night, Concert Hall (Background)
	20	Broadcast/Recording Studio
	10	
Lowest Threshold of Human Hearing	0	Lowest Threshold of Human Hearing

An increase of 3 dBA is barely perceptible to the human ear.



Land use category	Noise levels not to exceed in dB(A)*	
	7 am–10 pm	10 pm–7 am
Rural Living	47	40
Residential	52	45
Rural Industry	57	50
Light Industry	57	50
Commercial	62	55
General Industrial	65	55
Special Industry	70	60

* Measured according to the Noise Policy at any place, other than the premises from which the noise emanates, where a person lives or works.