

COMMON OUTDOOR AND INDOOR SOUND LEVELS

Common Outdoor
Sound Levels

dB(A)

Common Indoor
Sound Levels



Jet Flyover at 1000 ft
Horn Noise – Train at 100 ft



Gas Lawnmower at 3 ft



Diesel Truck at 50 ft
General Freight Train at 100 ft
Noisy Urban Daytime



Gas Lawnmower at 100 ft



67 dBA →
(FHWA NAC)
Heavy Traffic at 300 ft



Quiet Urban Nighttime



Quiet Suburban Nighttime



Quiet Rural Nighttime

120

110

100

90

80

70

60

50

40

30

20

10

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Dance Club Music



Inside Subway Train (NY)

Food Blender at 3 ft



Garbage Disposal at 3 ft
Very Loud Speech at 3 ft



Vacuum Cleaner at 10 ft

Normal Speech at 3 ft



Large Business Office
Quiet Speech at 3 ft
Dishwasher Next Room

Small Theater Large Conference
Room (Background)



Library

Bedroom at Night
Concert Hall (Background)



Broadcast & Recording
Studio

Threshold of Hearing