



Understanding Our Skies

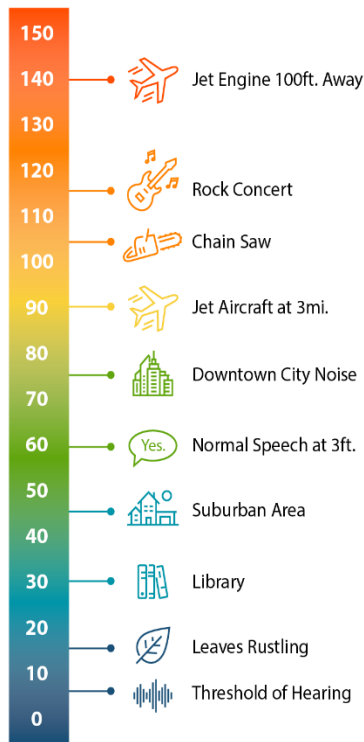
DOA Newsletter

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Staying Informed About Aircraft Noise in Our Community

This bulletin keeps our neighbors updated on aircraft noise activity, trends, and ongoing efforts to reduce noise impacts around the Department of Aviation's (DOA) airports. Each edition highlights key findings from our noise reports, explains what influences aircraft sound levels, and shares updates on various programs. Our goal is to provide clear, accessible information that builds understanding and strengthens communication between the DOA and the community. We appreciate your partnership — if you have concerns or notice unusual activity, please contact our phone number provided below.

Sound Level Comparisons (dBA)



Recent Trends

Take a moment to review the runway changes that occurred this quarter. [Noise Reports](#) | [Harry Reid International Airport](#)

Aircraft Operations

Runway changes are decided by the FAA. Many factors can play a part in these changes. Anything, from weather, volume, construction and major events can make a difference.

Noise Reports

Noise reports during the second quarter of 2026 decreased compared with the second quarter of 2025, averaging 38 reports per month.

Helicopter Operations

Helicopter Operations were above 90% compliance with their assigned arrival and departure gates during the

Did You Know:

FAA 14 CFR 91

The **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** establishes rules to ensure the safety, efficiency, and legality of flight operations. These rules apply to pilots, aircraft operators, and passengers, covering areas such as flight operations, aircraft maintenance, air space usage, and pilot certification.

FAA Regulations for Altitude During Takeoff

During takeoff, the FAA's **minimum safe altitude** rules in **14 CFR § 91.119** apply, but there is an important exception: **"Except when necessary for takeoff or landing."** This means that during the takeoff phase, pilots are allowed to operate below the normal minimum altitudes if it is required to complete the takeoff safely.

reporting period.

Tips from local residents for noise mitigation:

Add soft furnishings. Rugs, curtains, upholstered furniture, and wall hangings can help absorb sound and reduce how much noise travels through a room.

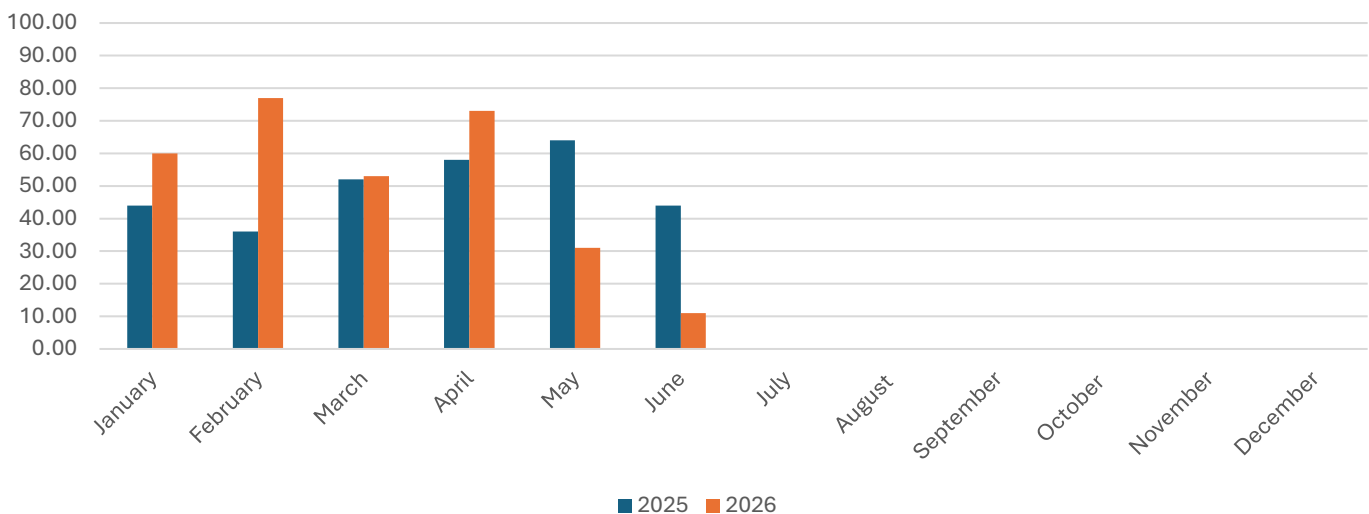
Use background sound. Fans, air purifiers, or white-noise machines can help mask outside noise and make indoor spaces feel quieter.

Improve window insulation. Upgrading to double-pane windows or adding weather-stripping can significantly reduce the amount of outdoor noise that enters your home.

Seal small gaps. Simple fixes like sealing gaps around doors and windows can help block unwanted sound.

Rearrange room layout. Placing bookshelves or heavier furniture against exterior walls can help create an extra sound barrier

Noise Reports



Upcoming Events:

We remain committed to being a responsive and responsible neighbor. Our team works every day to better understand community concerns. If you have questions or would like to share feedback, please contact our Noise Office at Harry Reid International Airport at 702-261-5600 so we can assist you. Your input helps guide our efforts and strengthens our partnership with the community.