

## “Can You Speak a Little Louder?”

Decibels	Location
100	Inside subway
90	Inside bus
89	Highest noise level in ICU
80	Busy residential street
70	Conversational speech
65	Average noise level in ICU
60	Living room with music or television playing quietly
50	Quiet office
49	Lowest noise level in ICU

*Sources: OSHA, Journal of Clinical Nursing*