

QUARTERLY NOISE REPORT

THIRD QUARTER 2024



CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION

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OVERVIEW

- Harry Reid International Airport and the four general aviation facilities in the Clark County Airport System (Henderson Executive Airport, North Las Vegas Airport, Jean Sport Aviation Center, and Overton-Perkins Field) are owned by Clark County, Nevada and operated under the policy direction of the Board of County Commissioners, the authority of the County Manager and the management of the Director of Aviation.
- Clark County accepts federal grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for its Clark County Airport System. As a condition of receiving FAA AIP grant funding, the recipient airport sponsor must agree to comply with a series of contractual obligations known as sponsor grant assurances. The grant assurances require the airport sponsor to take appropriate action to ensure compatible land use with airport operations. As the airport sponsor, Clark County Department of Aviation (CCDOA) reviews and comments on land use applications as part of this responsibility.
- This report provides a review of the aviation noise program for the Third Quarter of 2024 as well as land use applications. Months covered are from July 1 through September 30. Included in this report is information on jet aircraft operations, observance rates for noise abatement procedures, complaints received about aircraft noise, and community outreach efforts by CCDOA for the following airports:
 - **Harry Reid International Airport – LAS** **Perkins Field – U08**
 - **North Las Vegas Airport – VGT** **Jean Sport Aviation Center – OL7**
 - **Henderson Executive Airport – HND**
- The report describes noise reports and operational data regarding helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft operations at LAS, VGT, HND, U08, and OL7. Aircraft noise complaints are received through either the CCDOA Noise Hotline (702-261-3694), the Noise Office (702-261-5600), or calls forwarded from LAS toll free number (1-800-261-5704). Individuals who express concerns regarding aircraft operations originating from private facilities (i.e., Valley Hospital or the private helipad located near Las Vegas Blvd. and Larson Lane) are asked to contact the individual property owner directly.
- Nellis Air Force Base noise complaints are forwarded to the Nellis Public Affairs Office (702-652-2750), and noise complaints regarding aircraft operations from the Boulder City Airport are forwarded to the Boulder City Airport Coordinator (702-293-9405). This report does not contain noise complaints for Nellis Air Force Base or Boulder City Airport.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. Why do planes continue to fly over where I live?

The area where you live may be under an aircraft approach or departure route that is set by the FAA Air Traffic Control (ATC). For safety reasons, aircraft must land and take off into the wind and must follow standard flight routes or procedures developed by the FAA ATC. Air traffic activity fluctuates due to the direction and intensity of the wind and changing weather patterns. The FAA will direct aircraft to use the runway that allows for the safest take-off or landing. Therefore, depending on the direction and intensity of the wind, there may be little or no air traffic in a given area one day, but more air traffic on other days.

2. Why are planes taking off to the north instead of the west like they normally do?

The airports “preferred” runway configuration reflects aircraft taking off to the west and south for the majority of the year, due to the prevailing winds for Southern Nevada. However, there are periods of time during seasonal changes where the wind direction may also change, necessitating the FAA to change the runway configuration to ensure aircraft safely take off and land into the wind. Sometimes the FAA may also change the runway configuration in anticipation of forecasted weather prior to the wind direction actually changing to avoid delays in departures and arrivals. Departures to the north and east are temporary conditions, however there’s no way to know exactly when and for how long aircraft will depart to the north and east. Lastly runway construction projects may affect runway configurations being used.

3. Why do planes take off and land at all hours of the day and night? Why can’t you close the airport?

All Clark County-owned airports operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All of the Clark County-owned airports are classified as public-use airports and rely on federal funding from the FAA for their maintenance and operation. Federal Aviation Regulations prohibit airports from banning specific types of flight activity.

4. I live in a “no-fly” area why are planes and helicopters are flying over my home?

The airspace over the entire Las Vegas Valley is open and available for aircraft to fly, as deemed necessary by the FAA.

NOISE REPORTS & AIRPORT DATA

MONTHLY TOTALS & TRENDS

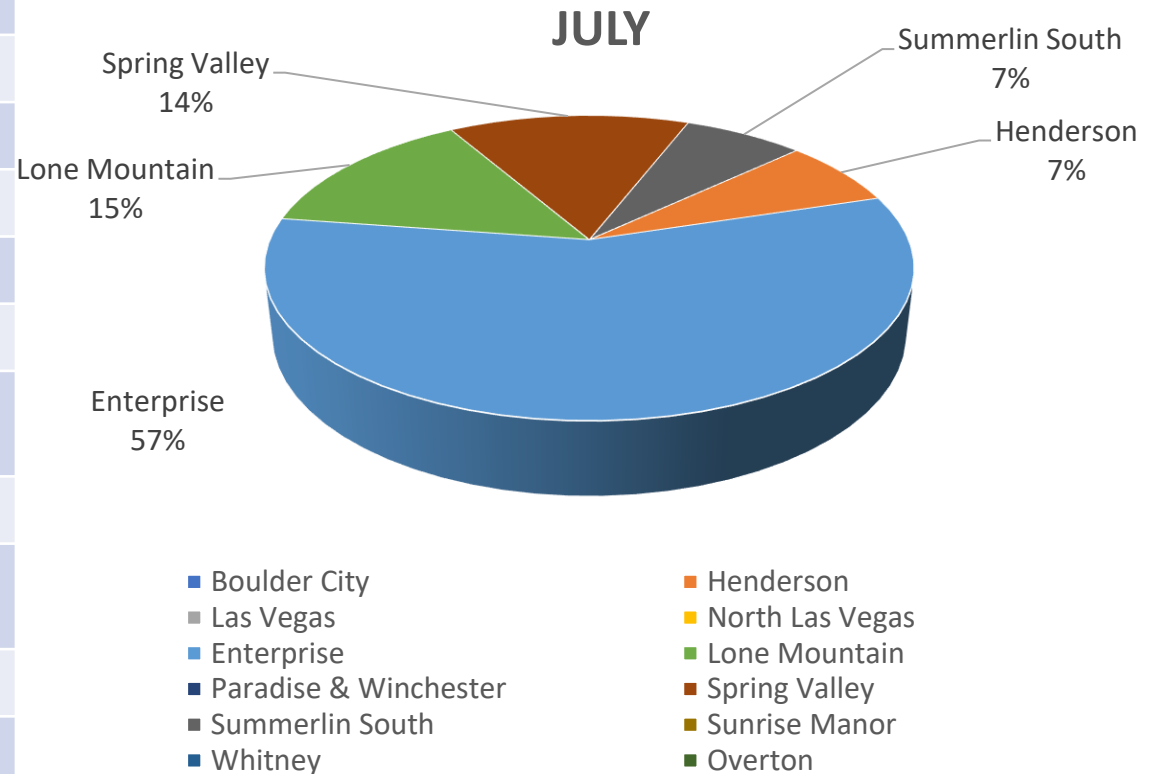
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TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Number of calls	14	15	24
Number of households	7	8	6
Most calls from one household	5	5	9

AIRPORT	QUARTER 3 NUMBER OF CALLS BY AIRPORT	QUARTER 3 NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS BY AIRPORT
LAS	49	10
VGT	1	1
HND	3	3
PERKINS	0	0
JEAN	0	0

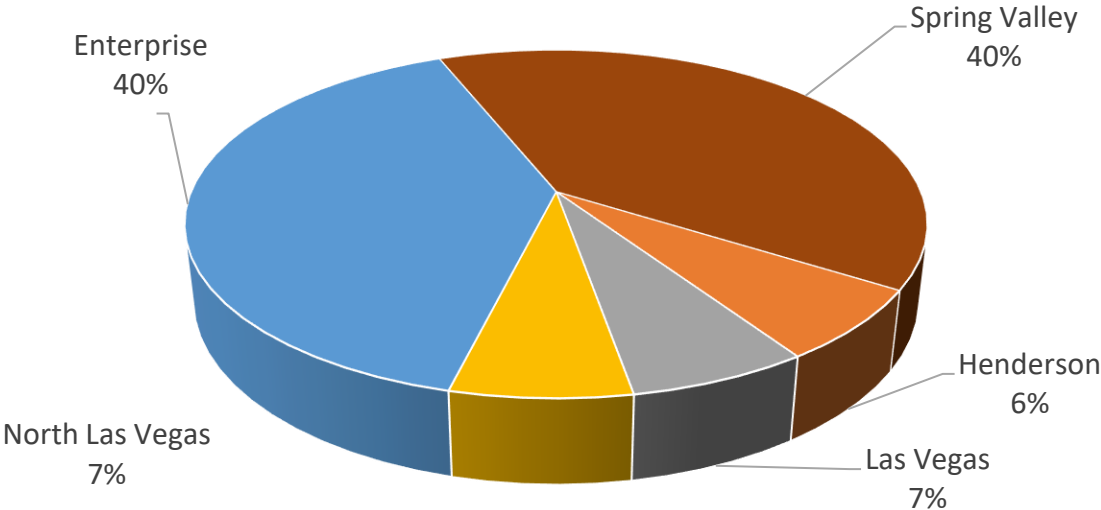
CALLS BY COMMUNITY/TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Boulder City	-	-	-
Henderson	1	1	-
Las Vegas	-	1	1
North Las Vegas	-	1	-
Enterprise	8	6	13
Lone Mountain	2	-	-
Paradise & Winchester	-	-	-
Spring Valley	2	6	10
Summerlin South	1	-	-
Sunrise Manor	-	-	-
Overton	-	-	-
Total	14	15	24



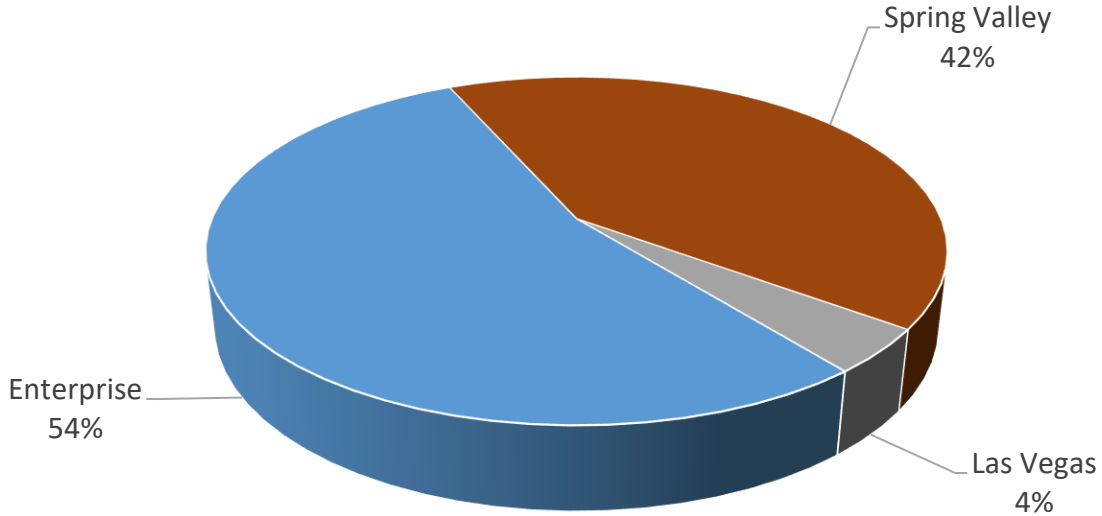
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AUGUST



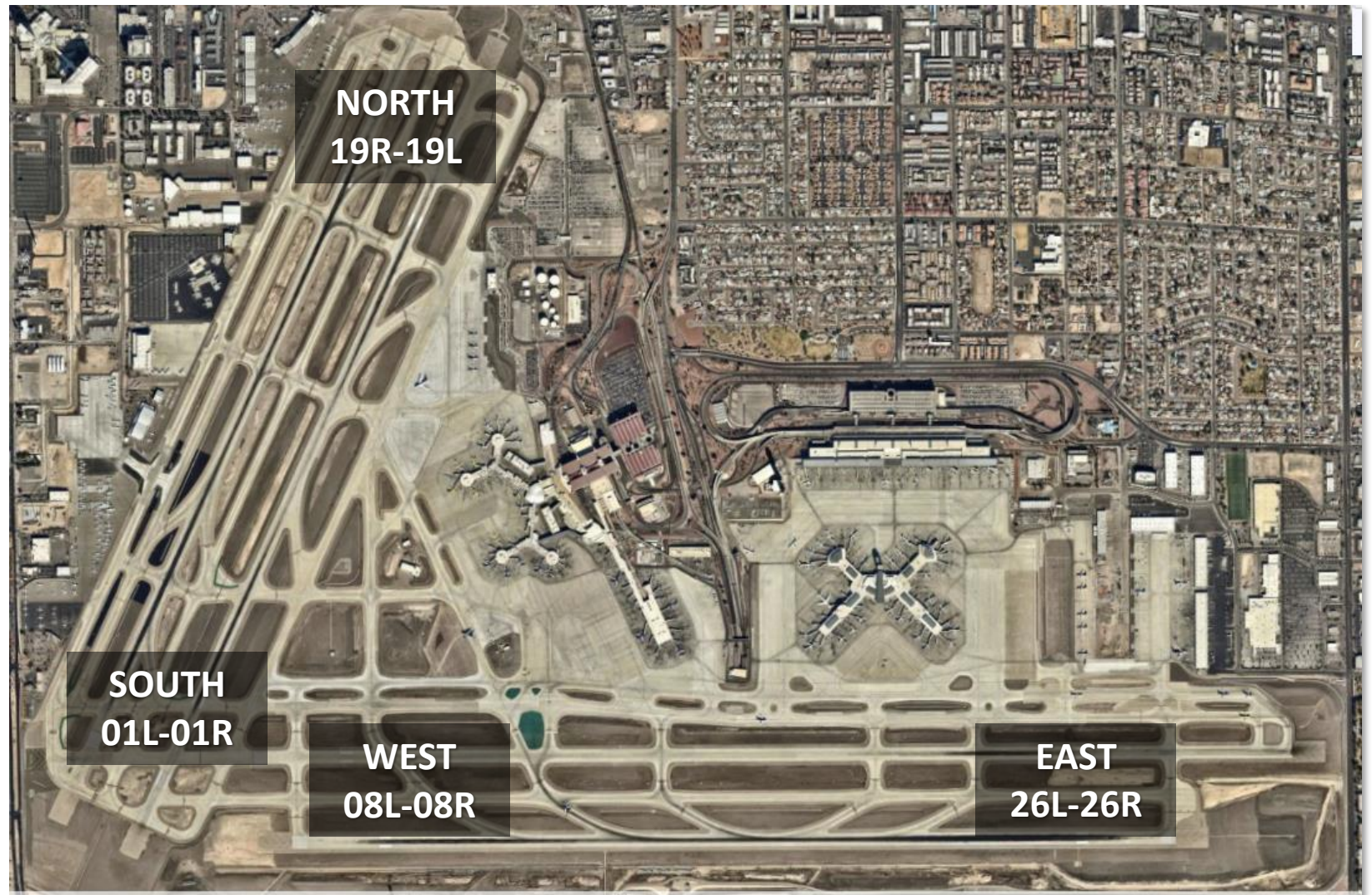
- Boulder City
- Henderson
- Las Vegas
- North Las Vegas
- Enterprise
- Lone Mountain
- Paradise & Winchester
- Spring Valley
- Summerlin South
- Sunrise Manor
- Whitney
- Overton

SEPTEMBER



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HARRY REID AIRPORT (LAS) RUNWAY REFERENCE GUIDE



PERCENTAGE FOR DEPARTURE DIRECTION FOR LARGE AIRCRAFT

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2024 Q3	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
North	2%	4%	20%
South	5%	6%	4%
East	23%	16%	3%
West	70%	74%	73%



PERCENTAGE RUNWAY USE FOR DAYTIME/NIGHTTIME OPERATIONS; LARGE CARRIERS

MORE THAN 75,000 POUNDS

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DAYTIME

The period between the start morning civil sunrise and the end of evening civil twilight.

July

- 429 daily *departures*, 65% of departures were to the west, 1% north, 5% south, and 29% east.
- 452 daily *arrivals*, 66% of arrivals were from the east, 15% south, 13% north, and 6% west.

August

- 445 daily *departures*, 71% of departures were to the west, 4% north, 6% south, and 19% east.
- 474 daily *arrivals*, 74% of arrivals were from the east, 2% south, 16% north, and 8% west.

September

- 457 daily *departures*, 68% of departures were to the west, 23% north, 5% south, and 4% east.
- 488 daily *arrivals*, 82% of arrivals were from the east, 9% south, 7% north and 2% west.

NIGHTTIME

The end of evening civil twilight and the beginning of morning civil twilight.

July

- 131 nightly *departures*, 88% of departures were to the west, 3% north, 4% south, and 5% east.
- 107 nightly *arrivals*, 80% of arrivals were from the east, 8% south, and 12% north.

August

- 115 nightly *departures*, 87% of departures were to the west, 2% north, 5% south, and 6% east.
- 88 nightly *arrivals*, 82% of arrivals were from the east, 13% north, 4% south, and 1 % west.

September

- 109 nightly *departures*, 93% of departures were to the west, 4% north, and 3% south.
- 79 nightly *arrivals*, 88% of arrivals were from the east, 10% north, and 2% south.

PERCENTAGE RUNWAY USE FOR DAYTIME/NIGHTTIME OPERATIONS; NON- LARGE CARRIERS

LESS THAN 75,000 POUNDS

DAYTIME

The period between the start morning civil sunrise and the end of evening civil twilight.

July

- 101 daily *departures*, 6% of departures were to the north, 53% south, 15% west, and 26% east.
- 140 daily *arrivals*, 14% of arrivals were from the east, 43% north, 17% south, and 26% west.

August

- 116 daily *departures*, 53% of departures were to the south, 12% north, 20% east, and 15% west.
- 154 daily *arrivals*, 51% of arrivals were from the north, 5% south, 26% west, and 18% east.

September

- 148 daily *departures*, 56% of departures were to the south, 29% north, 11% west, and 4% east.
- 186 daily *arrivals*, 39% of arrivals were from the north, 28% east, 13% south, and 20% west.

NIGHTTIME

The end of evening civil twilight and the beginning of morning civil twilight.

July

- 15 nightly *departures*, 58% of departures were to the south, 17% north, 20% west, and 5% east.
- 9 nightly *arrivals*, 60% of arrivals were from the north, 9% south, 30% east, and 1% west.

August

- 15 nightly *departures*, 50% of departures were to the south, 24% north, 19% west, and 7% east.
- 11 nightly *arrivals*, 44% of arrivals were from the north, 5% south, 20% east, and 31% west.

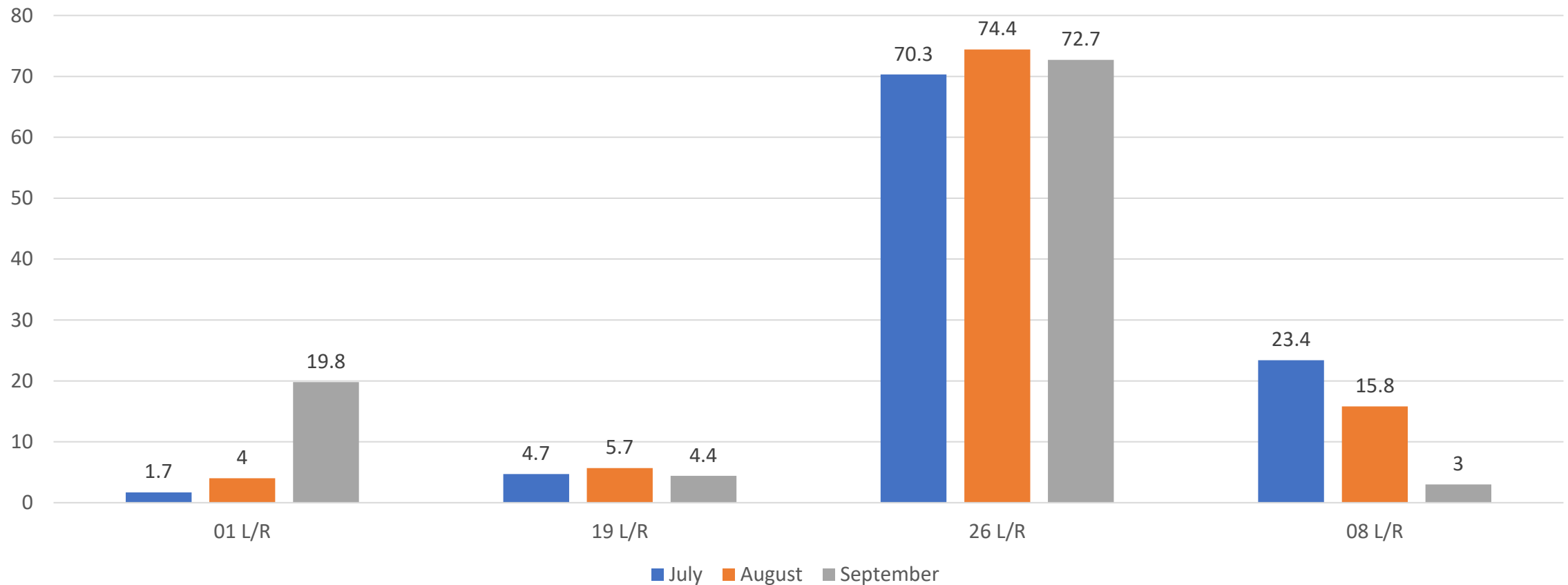
September

- 14 nightly *departures*, 65% of departures were to the south, 19% north, 15% west, and 1% east.
- 10 nightly *arrivals*, 64% of arrivals were from the north, 5% south, 30% east, and 1% west.

PERCENTAGE RUNWAY USE FOR LARGE AIRCRAFT DEPARTURES MORE THAN 75,000 POUNDS

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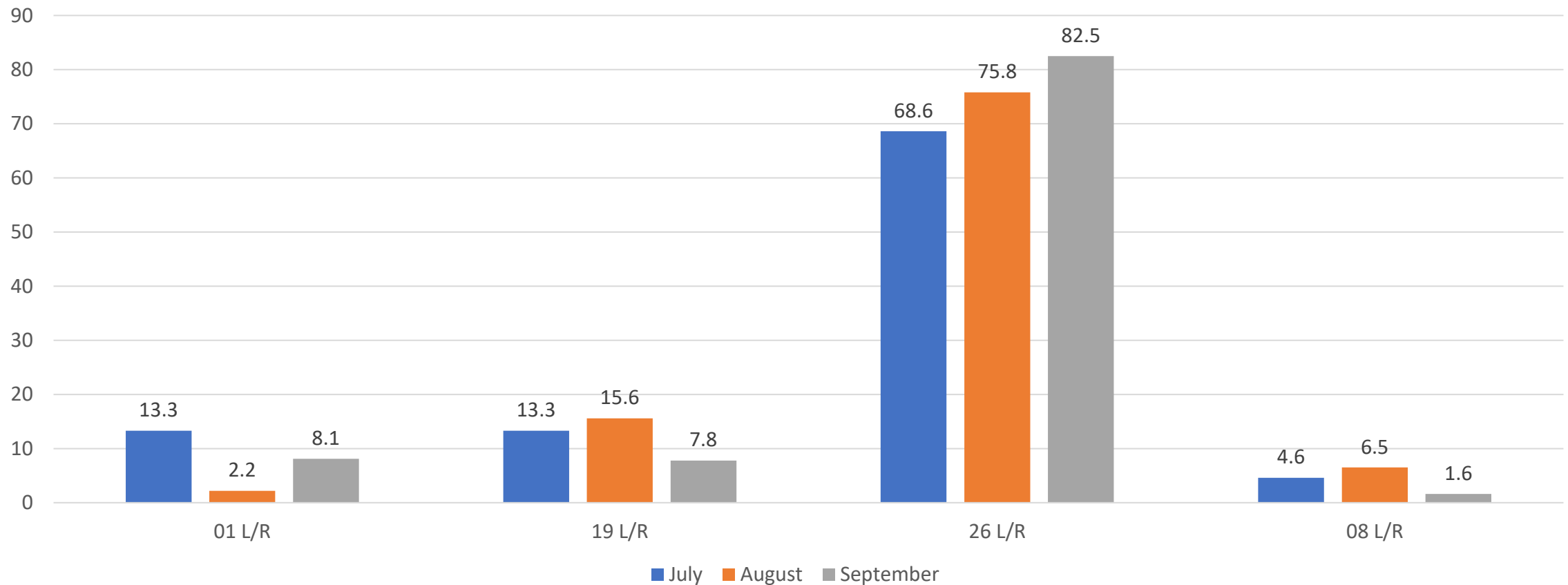


PERCENTAGE RUNWAY USE FOR LARGE AIRCRAFT ARRIVALS

MORE THAN 75,000 POUNDS

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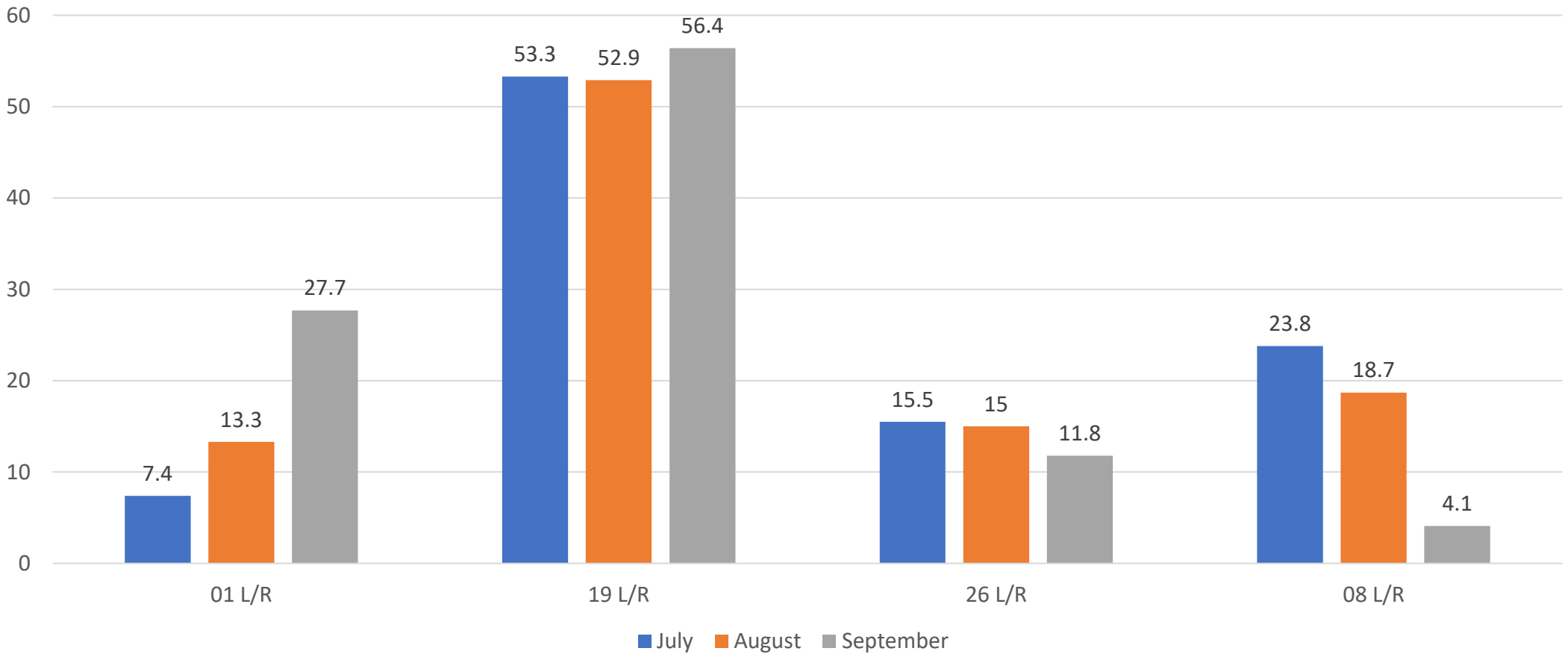


PERCENTAGE RUNWAY USE FOR NON-LARGE AIRCRAFT DEPARTURES

LESS THAN 75,000 Pounds

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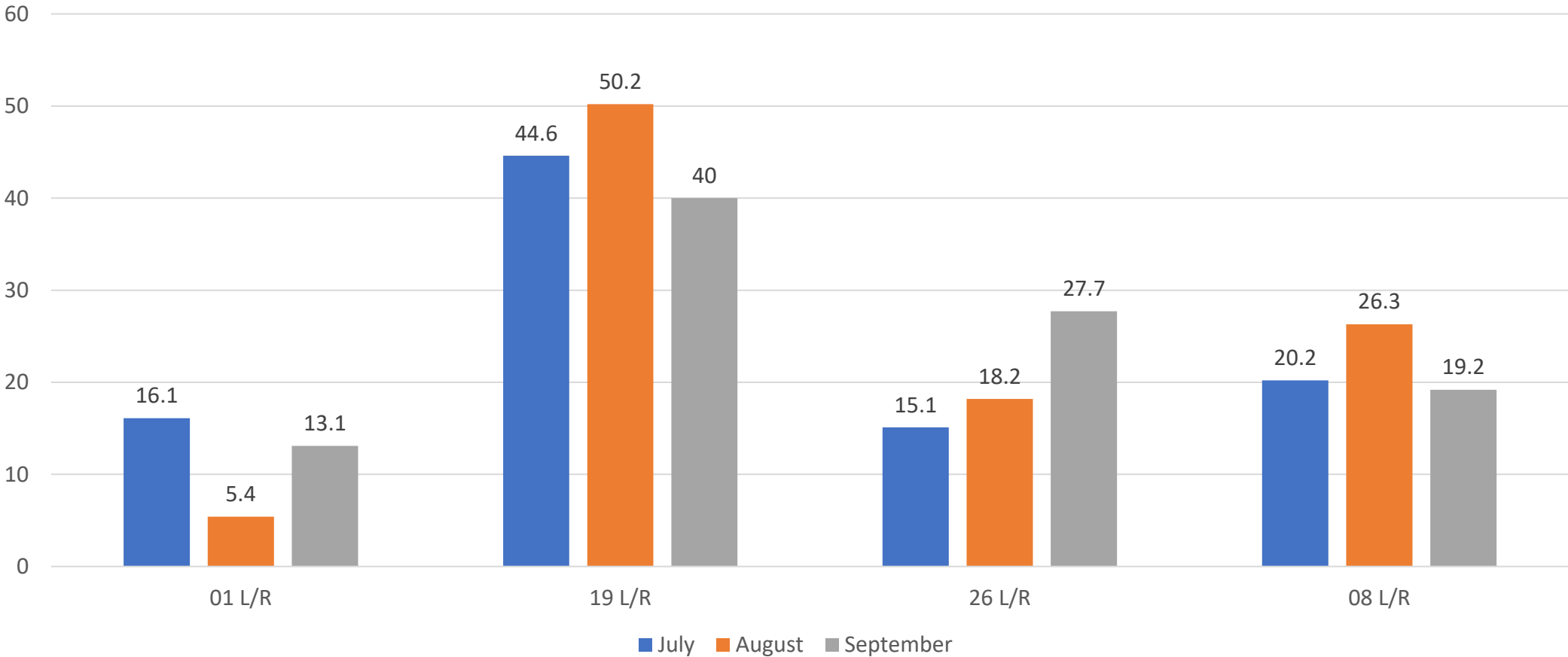


PERCENTAGE RUNWAY USE FOR NON-LARGE AIRCRAFT ARRIVALS

LESS THAN 75,000 Pounds

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DAILY OPERATIONS BY CORRIDOR FOR HELICOPTERS

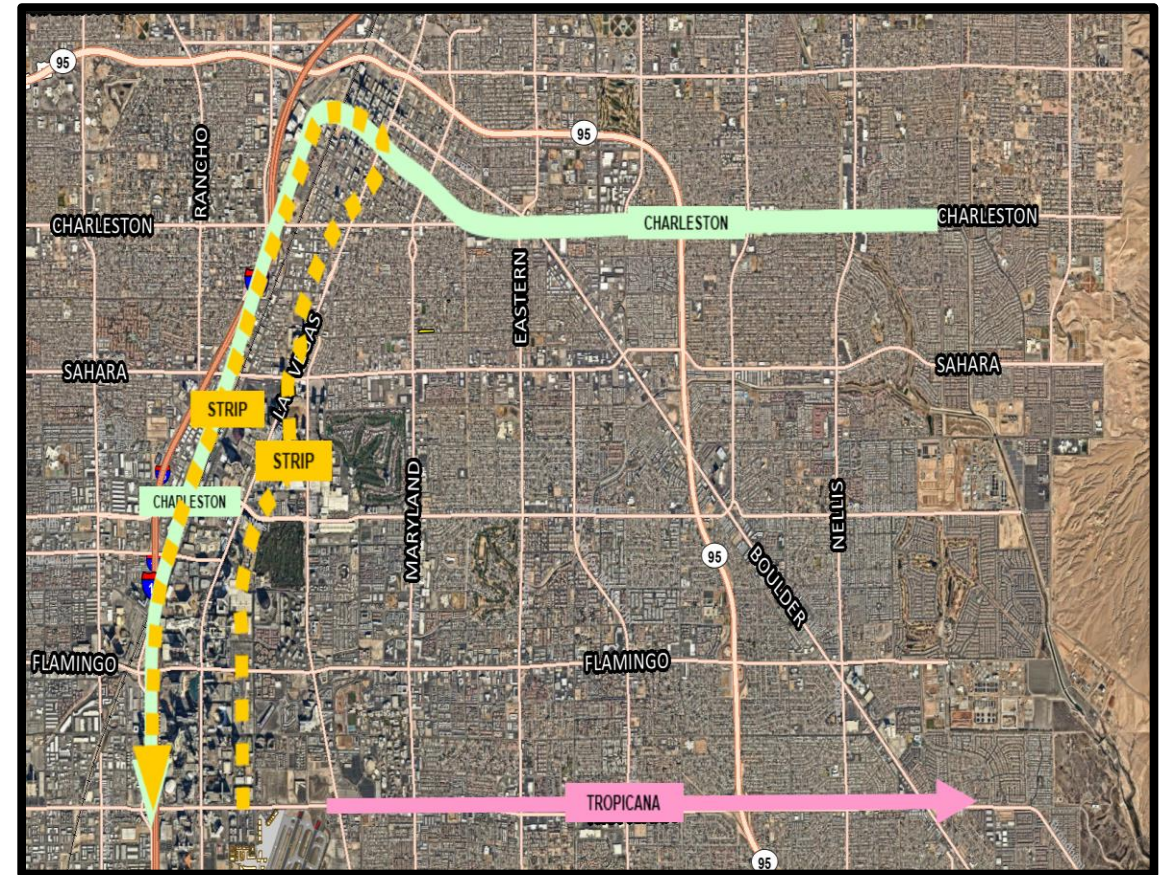
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CORRIDOR

GATES	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Tropicana Departure	48	51	57
Charleston Arrival	8	7	10
Strip Touch & Go	72	78	77
Total	128	136	144

Green - Arrival
 Pink - Departure
 Yellow - Strip Tour

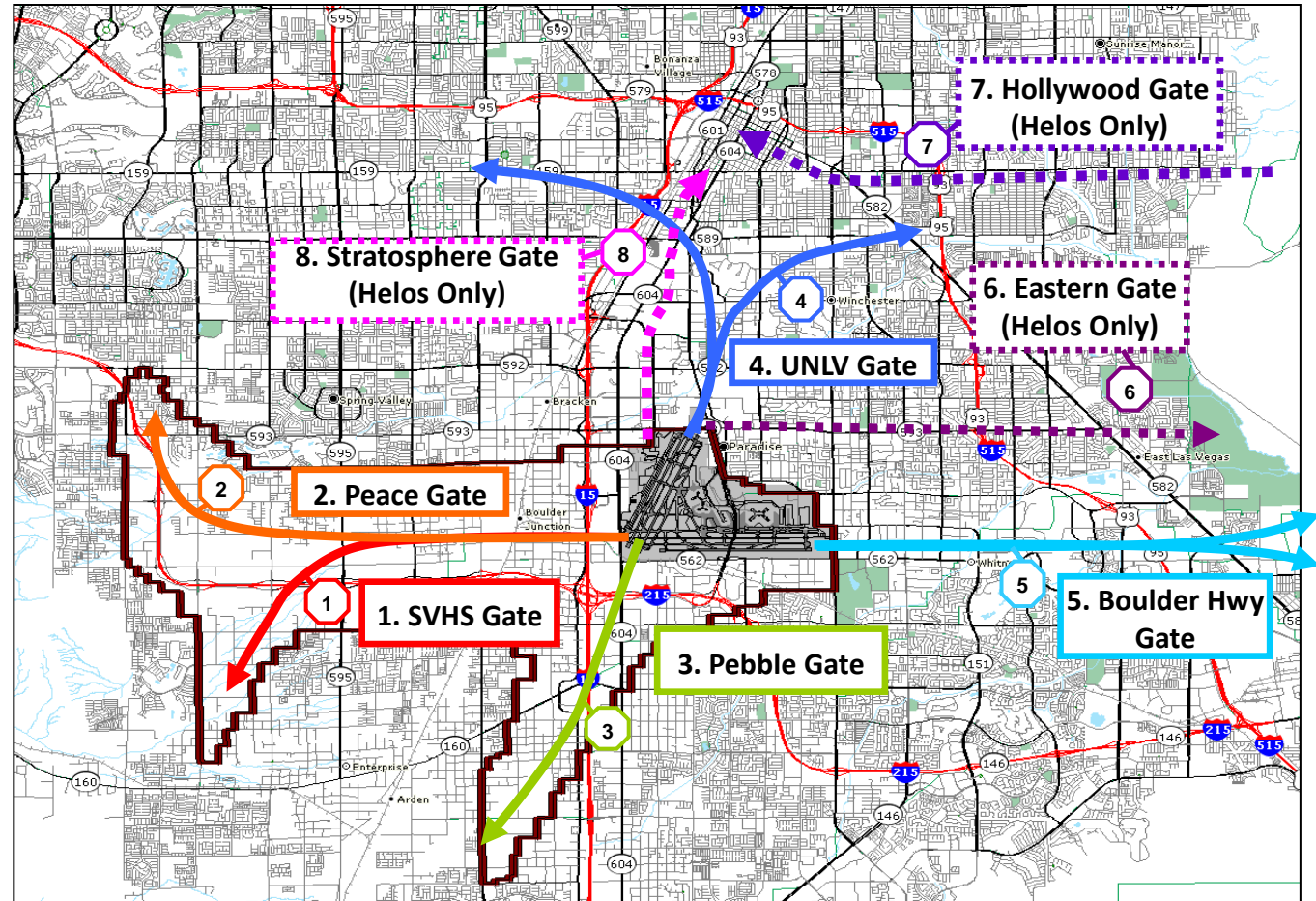
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GATE COMPLIANCE

GATES ARE TWO-DIMENSIONAL AREAS IN AIRSPACE THAT ARE USED TO TRACK FLIGHTS THAT PASS THROUGH THE GATE DURING THE QUERY TIME.

Adherence to preferred departure corridors is voluntary, and neither Clark County nor the State of Nevada regulates aircraft in flight. The FAA, through the discretion of Congress, has sole authority over the safe and efficient utilization of the nation's navigable airspace. Therefore, local and state authorities cannot legally enforce the use of these corridors or impose penalties to pilots who opt not to comply with preferred procedures. "Compliance-gates" are located along historical/fly-quietly routes. If all aircraft flew with advanced navigational technologies and operated under Required Navigational Precision (RNP) procedures, then it could be expected that up to 95% of all aircraft would be within 0.3 nautical miles (NM) of a fly-over point. Therefore, 0.3 NM is the threshold for compliance for large air carrier aircraft. The compliance threshold for helicopters is 500 feet.



GATE COMPLIANCE

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GATES

Sierra Vista High School (SVHS): July=97%, August=98%, and September=98% of the large air carrier aircraft (excluding those destined to the Nevada National Security Site) that departed to the west from Runways 26L or 26R and made a left-hand turn were within 0.3 NM of Sierra Vista High School (SVHS). The SVHS “compliance gate” is located southwest of Warm Springs Rd. and Buffalo Dr., approximately 5 miles due west and 1.5 miles due south of the extended runway centerline of Runways 26L and 26R. This gate was established along an existing noise abatement flight track which requests pilots to proceed runway heading to 3 nautical miles from the Las Vegas very-high frequency omnidirectional range tactical air navigation (VORTAC) facility before turning left (or towards the south) - where large air carrier aircraft have historically been encouraged to operate. This noise abatement flight track avoids communities impacted by aircraft turning early along this corridor (like the Nevada Trails community) and aircraft turning late along this corridor (like the Rhodes Ranch community).

Peace: July=98%, August=98%, and September=98% of the large air carrier aircraft (excluding those destined to the Nevada National Security Site) that departed to the west from Runways 26L or 26R and made a right-hand turn were within 0.3 NM of the intersection of Peace Way & Summers Shade Street. The Peace “compliance gate” is located northeast of Tropicana Ave. and I-215, approximately 6 miles due west and 2 miles due north of the extended runway centerline of Runways 26L and 26R. This gate was also established along an existing noise abatement flight track which requests pilots to proceed runway heading to 4 nautical miles from the Las Vegas VORTAC before turning right (or towards the north) - where large air carrier aircraft have historically been encouraged to operate. This noise abatement flight track avoids communities impacted by aircraft turning early along this corridor (like the Spanish Trail community) and aircraft turning late along this corridor (like the Summerlin South community).

University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV): July=88%, August=96%, and September=96% of the large air carrier aircraft that departed to the north from Runways 01L or 01R were within 0.3 NM of the UNLV sports complex. The UNLV “compliance gate” is located southeast of Flamingo Rd. and Paradise Rd., approximately 1 mile due north by northeast of the extended runway centerline of Runways 01L and 01R. This gate was also established along an existing noise abatement flight track which requests pilots to proceed runway heading to 2 nautical miles from the Las Vegas VORTAC before turning - where large air carrier aircraft have historically been encouraged to operate. This noise abatement flight track avoids communities impacted by aircraft turning early along this corridor, located due east and due west of UNLV.

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Boulder: July=98%, August=99%, and September=97% of the large air carrier aircraft that departed to the east from Runways 08L or 08R were within 0.3 NM of the extended runway centerline, near Boulder Highway. The Boulder Hwy. “compliance gate” is located southeast of Russell Rd. and I-93/95, approximately 7 miles due east of the extended runway centerline of Runways 08L and 08R. This gate was also established along an existing noise abatement flight track which requests pilots to proceed runway heading to 7 nautical miles from the Las Vegas VORTAC before turning - where large air carrier aircraft have historically been encouraged to operate. This noise abatement flight track avoids communities impacted by aircraft turning early along this corridor (like the Green Valley community, located in the City of Henderson, and older neighborhoods located north of Patrick Ln.).

Eastern: July=97%, August=98%, and September=99% of the touring helicopters destined east of the Las Vegas Valley were within 500 feet of the intersection of Tropicana Avenue & Eastern Avenue. The Eastern Ave. “compliance gate” is located at Tropicana Ave. and Eastern Ave. approximately 2 miles due west of their initial departure route. This gate was also established along an existing noise abatement flight track which requests helicopter pilots to proceed along the centerline of Tropicana Ave. until 10 nautical miles from the Las Vegas VORTAC before turning. This noise abatement flight track avoids communities impacted by helicopters located north and south of the corridor.

Hollywood: July=98%, August=99%, and September=98% of the touring helicopters returning from areas east of the Las Vegas Valley were within 500 feet of the intersection of Charleston Boulevard & Hollywood Boulevard. The Hollywood Blvd. “compliance gate” is located at Charleston Blvd. and Los Feliz St., where their initial arrival route begins over the urbanized area of the Las Vegas Valley. This gate was also established along an existing noise abatement flight track which requests helicopter pilots to proceed along the centerline of Charleston Blvd. This noise abatement flight track avoids communities impacted by helicopters located north and south of the corridor.

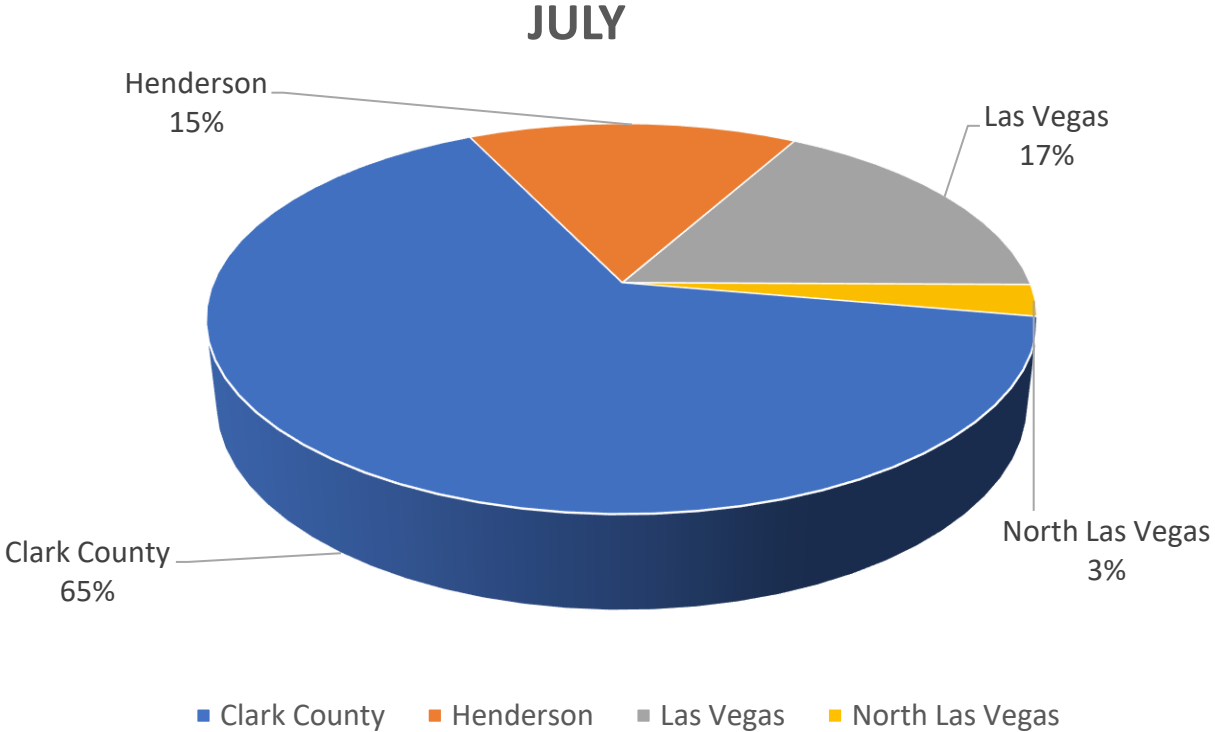
Stratosphere: July=97%, August=97%, and September=97% of the north-bound helicopters providing tours of the Las Vegas Strip were within 500 feet of the intersection of Oakey Boulevard & Las Vegas Boulevard, northeast of the Stratosphere Tower. The Stratosphere Tower “compliance gate” is located northeast of Sahara Avenue and Las Vegas Blvd., where an important turn in the fly-quietly routing structure begins near a historic portion of the urbanized area of the Las Vegas Valley.

LAND USE APPLICATION REVIEWS & COMMENTS

LAND USE APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

REVIEW	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Applications	229	280	170
Comments	12	23	19

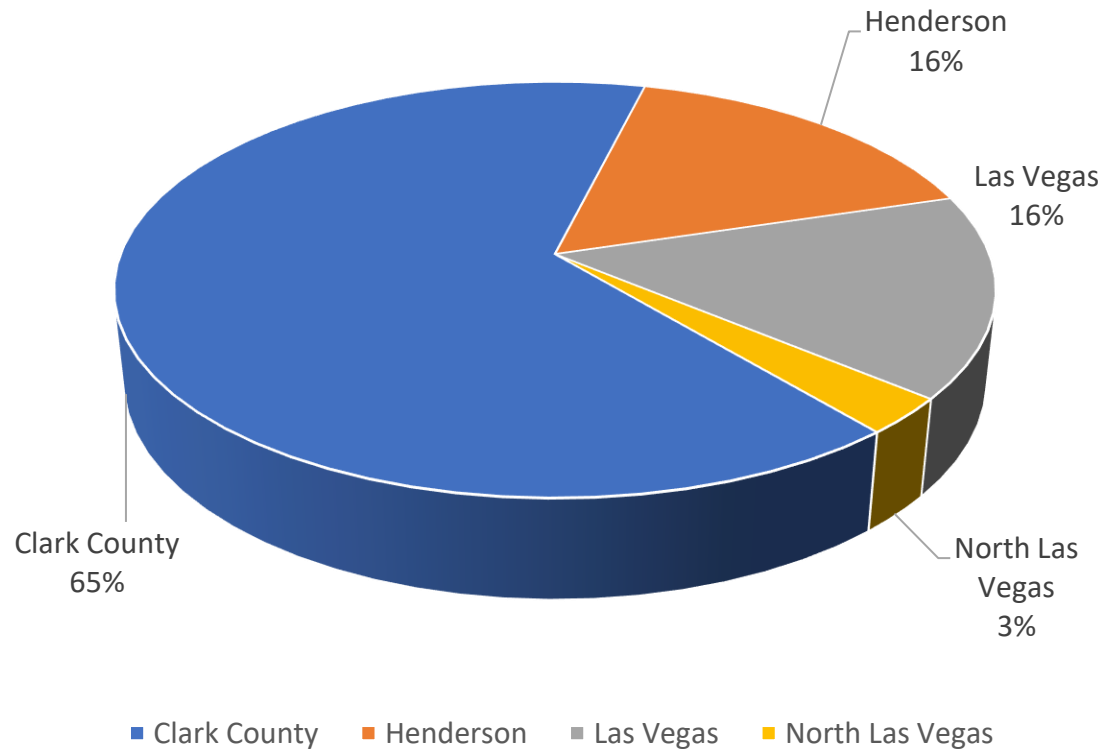
AREA	APPLICATIONS	COMMENTS
Clark County	442	38
Henderson	93	9
Las Vegas	115	7
North Las Vegas	29	0
Total	679	54



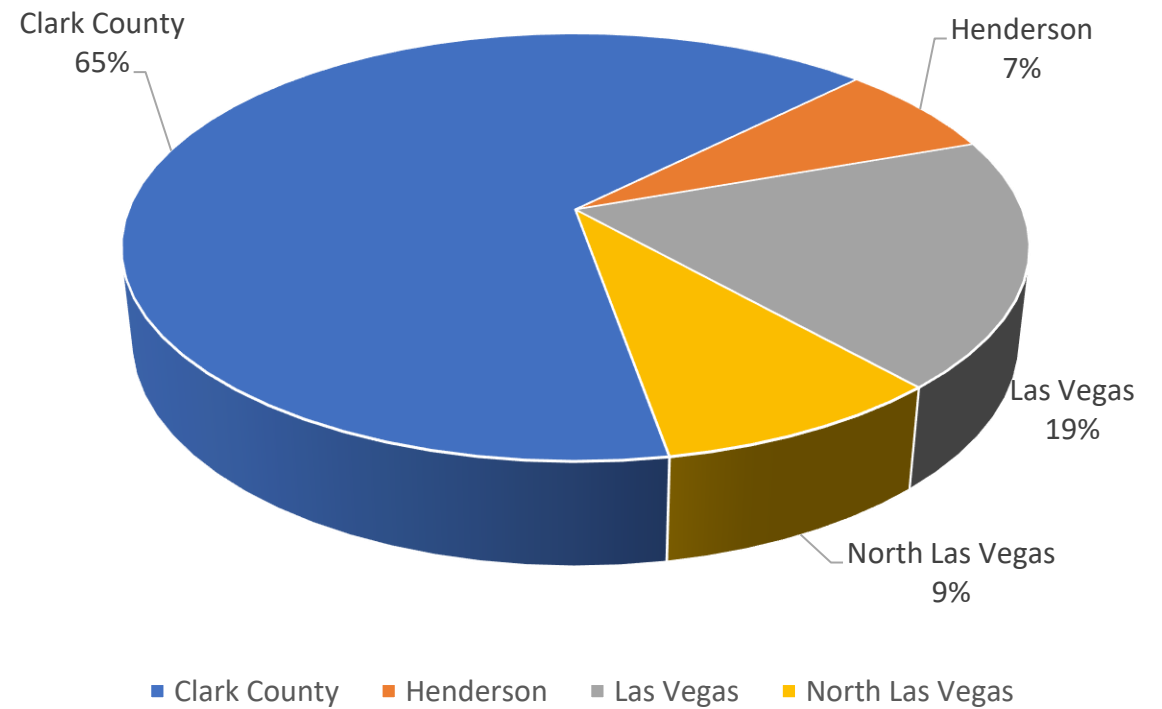
LAND USE APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

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AUGUST



SEPTEMBER



APPLICATION COMMENTS BY AIRPORT CONCERN

JULY

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COMMENT TYPE	CLARK COUNTY	HENDERSON	LAS VEGAS	NORTH LAS VEGAS
Deed Restrictions	0	0	0	0
Height-Penetrates Part 77 100:1 Surfaces/>200'	3	3	0	0
Height-Penetrates Part 77 PATH-C Surfaces	1	0	0	0
Heliport/Helipad	1	0	0	0
Noise-Non-residential within AEOD	0	2	0	0
Noise-Residential within the AEOD	0	0	0	0
Noise-Residential Just Outside the AEOD	2	1	0	0
Total	7	6	0	0

DWELLING UNITS PROPOSED	CLARK COUNTY	HENDERSON	LAS VEGAS	NORTH LAS VEGAS
Within the AEOD	0	0	0	0
Just Outside the AEOD	190	129	0	0

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APPLICATION COMMENTS BY AIRPORT CONCERN

AUGUST

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COMMENT TYPE	CLARK COUNTY	HENDERSON	LAS VEGAS	NORTH LAS VEGAS
Deed Restrictions	2	0	0	0
Height-Penetrates Part 77 100:1 Surfaces/>200'	6	1	1	0
Height-Penetrates Part 77 PATH-C Surfaces	0	0	0	0
Heliport/Helipad	0	0	0	0
Noise-Non-residential within AEOD	1	0	0	0
Noise-Residential within the AEOD	5	1	0	0
Noise-Residential Just Outside the AEOD	4	0	2	0
Total	18	2	3	0

DWELLING UNITS PROPOSED	CLARK COUNTY	HENDERSON	LAS VEGAS	NORTH LAS VEGAS
Within the AEOD	24	929	0	0
Just Outside the AEOD	263	0	102	0

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APPLICATION COMMENTS BY AIRPORT CONCERN

SEPTEMBER

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Deed Restrictions	0	0	0	0
Height-Penetrates Part 77 100:1 Surfaces/>200'	5	0	2	0
Height-Penetrates Part 77 PATH-C Surfaces	0	0	0	0
Heliport/Helipad	0	0	0	0
Noise-Non-residential within AEOD	1	0	0	0
Noise-Residential within the AEOD	0	0	0	0
Noise-Residential Just Outside the AEOD	8	1	2	0
Total	14	1	4	0

DWELLING UNITS PROPOSED	CLARK COUNTY	HENDERSON	LAS VEGAS	NORTH LAS VEGAS
Within the AEOD	0	0	0	0
Just Outside the AEOD	150	206	40	0

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AIRPORT ENVIRONS OVERLAY DISTRICT & NOISE COMMENTS

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The Airport Environs Overlay District (AEOD) in Clark County Code (CCC) 30.02.26C is established to:

- Provide for range of uses compatible with airport hazard and noise exposure areas.
- Prohibit the development of incompatible uses that are detrimental to the general health, safety, welfare.
- Require noise attenuated construction, as indicated by Table 30.02.7 in accordance with the noise attenuated construction standards of Chapter 22.22 of the CCC, within the AEOD.
- Comply with the Federal Aviation Administration.

2008-Most recent update to the AEOD in CCC that updated the AEOD for Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) and added an AEOD to North Las Vegas Airport (VGT) and Henderson Executive Airport (HND).

2011-AEOD adopted by the cities of North Las Vegas and Henderson.

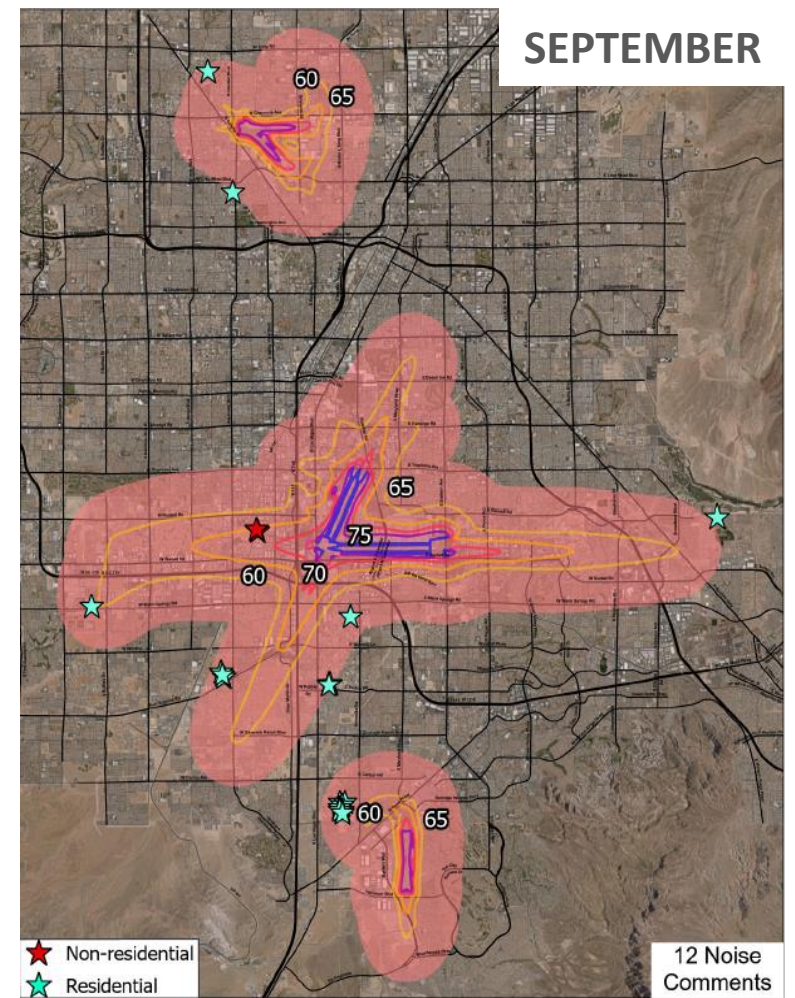
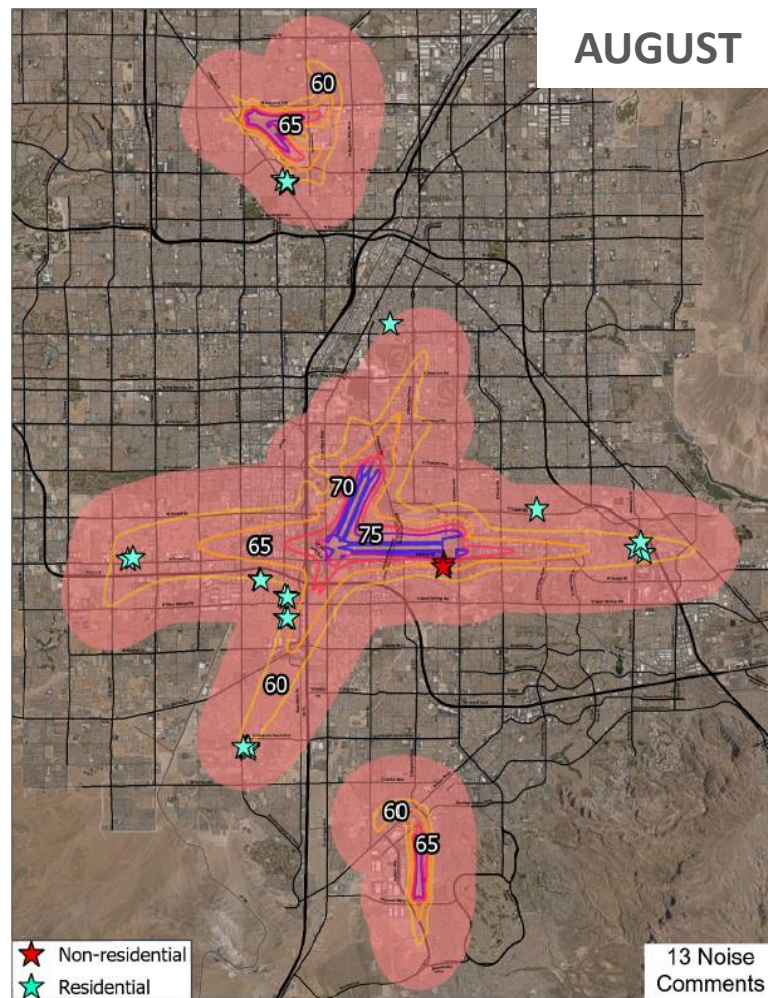
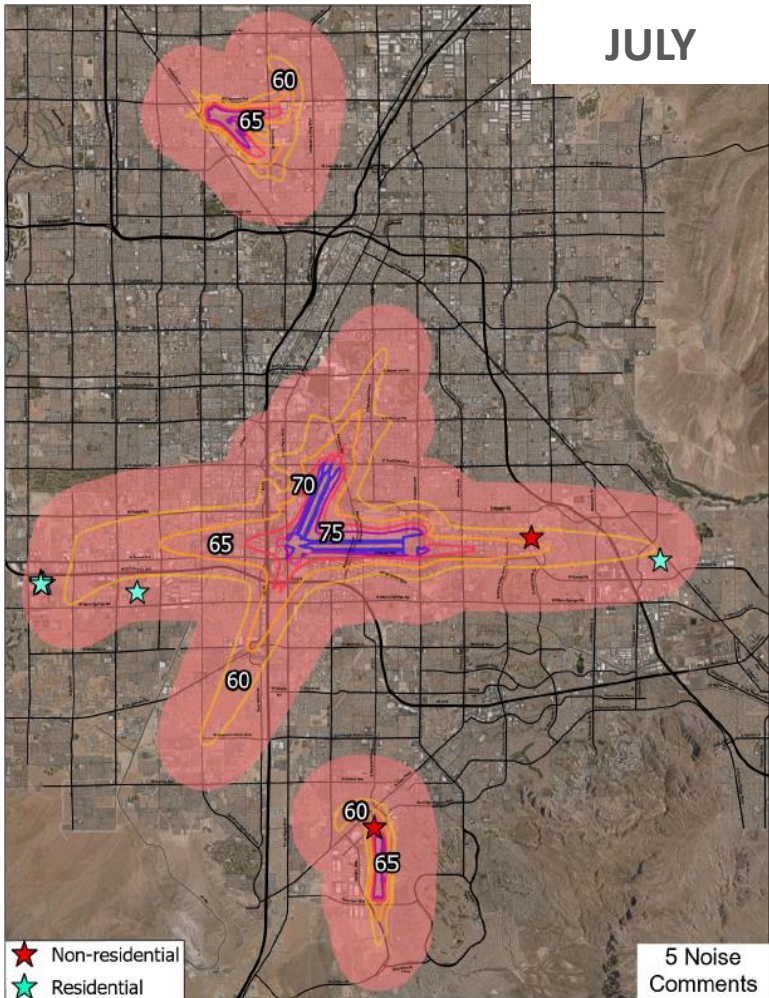
The AEOD has not been formally adopted by the City of Las Vegas. Only a small, already developed portion of the VGT AEOD lies within the incorporated City of Las Vegas boundaries.

Salmon color on the maps indicate a 1-mile zone outside the AEOD.

Notes: In August, CCDOA recommended denial on one application in the City of Henderson, due to a request for an increase in residential zoning density within an established noise contour.

PROJECT AREAS RECEIVING LAND USE APPLICATION COMMENTS

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SUMMARY

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Other Notable Items:

The Department of Aviation recently unveiled plans for the maximization of Harry Reid International Airport (LAS), including terminal upgrades, connectivity around LAS airport, and to the Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport (SNSA). Plans include:

- Expanding Terminal 1 with the addition of 26 new gates;
- Designating Terminal 3 as Terminal 2;
- Balancing airlines at Terminal 2 to consolidate operations and reduce congestion at Terminal 1;
- Redesigning the second level of Terminal 2 with new ticketing and curbside self bag drop technology.

LAS roadway plans include:

- Terminal-to-terminal flyover roadway designed to support one-way circular motion of airport traffic circulation. This will improve vehicular movement and traffic safety by providing a separation from bypass commuter traffic.

Connectivity plans for LAS and SNSA include:

- Constructing two multimodal centers to the north and south of LAS for ride share, public transportation options and parking for employees and crew.

The Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport (SNSA) is currently undergoing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review process, with the next step being the issuance of the Notice of Intent by the Joint Lead Agencies, which are comprised of the Federal Aviation Administration and Bureau of Land Management.

SUMMARY

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Other Notable Items:

- Demand for air travel in Las Vegas continues to soar, with Harry Reid International Airport (LAS) serving more than **4.8 million** arriving and departing passengers in August, bringing the year-to-date total to **38,759,245**.
- Two new airlines have joined the ranks of those offering nonstop international service at LAS. **Norse Atlantic Airways** now operates three flights a week to Las Vegas from London-Gatwick. The flights are offered on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In addition, **Aer Lingus** began nonstop service to Dublin, with three flights a week operating on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Guests at LAS have an ever-expanding range of choices when it comes to shopping and dining. Modern lifestyle brand **Karma and Luck** offers jewelry for women and men, gemstones, and home décor designed to infuse positive energy. The shop is located near Gate D50. A new Vegas Golden Knights themed restaurant brings local flair to the airport. **Vegas Born Bar & Grill** was created in partnership with the Vegas Golden Knights. The 3,062-square-foot restaurant located in the D Concourse seats 89 and features an array of VGK memorabilia.

SUMMARY

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Other Notable Issues:

- **Safety and Security Threats:** Any threats to CCDOA staff or an aircraft in flight are taken seriously, and such threats will be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agencies
- **Sun City Summerlin Community:** Beginning in March 2023, numerous residents of the Sun City Summerlin community transmitted emails to the FAA, CCDOA, and various elected officials in an effort to eliminate air traffic over their community. Sun City Summerlin is located approximately 4.4 nautical miles west of the North Las Vegas Airport (VGT) and within the designated Class D regulatory airspace established by Federal regulations for Air Traffic Control (ATC) operations at VGT. As a result of the numerous emails, the office of Congresswoman Susie Lee submitted a congressional inquiry to examine the matter. The FAA thoroughly investigated this issue and determined all aircraft operations over this community were conducted at or above the minimum required altitudes in accordance with Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part-91, section 91.119 (entitled Minimum Safe Altitudes: General). They analyzed all air traffic operating in and out of VGT for three-day periods in 2021, 2022, and 2023. Their investigation determined there is no evidence of any operator conducting flight maneuvers, such as stunts or aerobatics “over the Sun City Summerlin area”. Radar tracks matching such maneuvers occurred over the uninhabited areas northwest of the metro area, beyond the intersection of Kyle Canyon Road and US Highway 95. In Q3 of 2024, DOA started to receive anonymous calls from citizens stating they were Sun City residents, but not providing specific addresses for analysis or call back numbers. Generally, callers have utilized profane, abusive language. However, DOA does monitor calls from Sun City, having received 29 calls for Q3. Anonymous Sun City calls are tracked exclusively in this summary portion of the noise report. Lastly, while a private airport can determine its own set of operating rules regarding usage, time, and flight requirements; a public airport like VGT is restricted by laws from unilaterally banning specific types of flight activity (e.g., pilot flight training, enforcing mandatory curfews, etc.). There are a few exceptions in Southern California; however, those curfew exemptions were grandfathered under the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA), as implemented by 14 CFR, Part 161. The FAA is similarly restricted from banning specific aircraft operators or uses. The assertions that other communities have been successful in forcing the FAA to ban aircraft operations over their cities and towns are without merit. The FAA lacks the statutory authority to effectuate and enforce any such ban. The FAA can only act within the scope of the authority provided by Congress.