

USAF Historically denies about 90 % of claims submitted.

Find below a summary of available USAF claims payments plus details. Note information has been requested from the USAF (as recently as 3/28/2012). The USAF will not release current data.

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2. USAF Paid \$58,648.23 / While Citizens Claimed \$366,019.03, or 16 % paid and Denied 84. %
3. USAF Paid \$145,666 / While Citizens Claimed \$1,404,263 , or 10.4% paid and Denied 89.6%
4. USAF Paid \$1,500,000 / While Citizens Claimed \$28,000,000, or 5.4% paid and Denied 94.6%

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"Flight International Magazine, the world's oldest continuously published aviation news magazine, summarized the study in its May 6, 1965 issue. The article said, "Up to early March 1965, 15,116 telephone calls and letters of complaint or inquiry were made about the Oklahoma City tests. Of this total, 9,594 alleged damage to property. A total of 4,629 formal damage claims had been filed and processed. Following investigation and adjudication under established Air Force procedures for sonic-boom claims, the number of claims approved for payment was 229 at a total cost of \$12,845." It was mostly plaster and glass damage. "

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RESULTS OF USAF-NASA-FAA FLIGHT PROGRAM TO STUDY COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO SONIC BOOMS IN THE GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA. by ChurZes W. Nixon

The final total number of claims arising out of this time period of operations in the greater St. Louis area was determined from USAF files to be 1,624 as of January 1964. It can be seen that several hundred additional claims came in during the ensuing time period of about 1 years. The total value of all claims registered was \$366,019.03. Of this number, 825 claims were approved for a total of \$58,648.23 or an average of about \$71 each.

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COMMUNITY REACTIONS TO SONIC BOOMS, by Paul N. Barsky, Senior Study Director, NATIONAL OPINION RESEARCH CENTER, University of Chicago, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York 3, New York

TABLE 1
CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES BY SONIC BOOMS
REPORTED BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE
1956 - 1961

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>
1956	Claims received	36	\$12,220	15.6 %	84.3 %
	Claims approved	21	1,913		
1957	Claims received	372	157,100	12 %	88 %
	Claims approved	286	18,907		
1958	Claims received	522	196,000	20.2 %	79.8 %
	Claims approved	235	39,519		
1959	Claims received	327	228,000	3.4 %	96.6 %
	Claims approved	91	7,790		
1960	Claims received	661	107,768	18.8 %	81.2 %
	Claims approved	227	20,263		
1961	Claims received	1146	703,175	8.1 %	91.9 %
	Claims approved	527	57,274		

\$145,666 af paid / \$1,404,263 Claims = 10.4% paid or 89.6 denied

Pay \$1.5 Million In Boom Claims

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The Air Force said Wednesday it has spent more than \$1.5 million in settlement of sonic boom damage claims since 1956.

Brig. Gen. Martin Menter, judge advocate of the Aerospace Defense Command and the North American Air Defense Command at Ent Air Force Base, Colo., said the number of claims rose from 36 in 1956 to 9,574 in 1965, and is now declining.

Menter told the American Astronautical Society that the total of such claims since 1956, through 1969, was 40,487, requesting payment of \$28.5 million. Of this number, he said, 14,820 claims were approved for payments totaling \$1.5 million.

<http://newspaperarchive.com/the-des-moines-register/1970-03-19/page-7>

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