Exhaust Pipe Size Estimate: A good section of straight pipe will flow about 115 CFM per square inch of area. Here's a quick table that shows how many CFM each common pipe size will flow, as well as the estimated max horsepower for each pipe size:

Pipe Diameter (inches) OD	Pipe Area (in2)	Total CFM (est.)	Max HP Per Pipe	Max HP For A Dual Pipe System
1 1/2	1.48	171	78	155
1 5/8	1.77	203	92	185
1 3/4	2.07	239	108	217
2	2.76	318	144	289

All pipes are assumed to be 16-gauge steel (1/16").