The Black Hawk is a light transport helicopter used for air assault, air cavalry, and aeromedical evacuation units. It is the primary division-level transport helicopter, providing dramatic improvements in troop capacity and cargo lifting capability. The UH-60A, with a crew of three, can lift an entire 11-man fully-equipped infantry squad in all weather conditions. It can be configured to carry four litters, by removing eight troop seats, in the MEDEVAC role.

In October 1989, the Black Hawk’s engines were upgraded to two General Electric T700-GE-701C 1,890 shp turboshaft engines, and an improved durability gear box was added, resulting in a model designation change from UH-60A to UH-60L. The T700-GE-701C has better high altitude and hot weather performance, greater lifting capacity, and improved corrosion protection.

As the U.S. Army transforms and modernizes for the future, the UH-60M Black Hawk will serve as the primary combat assault and MEDEVAC helicopter for decades to come. Unsurpassed upgrades provide increased range, payload, situational awareness, maintainability and survivability. The multi-mission UH-60M continues to be an integral part of Army aviation.

1978 The U.S. Army announces it is looking for a new helicopter to replace its UH-1 Huey.
1979 Sikorsky wins the Utility Tactical Transport Aircraft System (UTTAS) competition.
1980 First flight of production UH-60A, and first production model delivered to the U.S. Army.
1981 Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada.
1982 Last UH-60A delivery.
1983 Operation Just Cause in Panama.
1984 Sikorsky signs 5-year Black Hawk production contract with U.S. Army.
1985 U.S. Army H-60 fleet closed in on 1M flight hours in Iraq and Afghanistan.
1986 EH-60 and MH-60 Special Operations H-60 variants developed.
1987 Operation Desert Storm in Kuwait and Iraq.
1988 Delivery of 1,000th UH-60A to U.S. Army.
1990 HH-60L MEDEVAC launched.
1991 Operation Desert Shield in Kuwait and Iraq.
1994 HH-60L first flight.
1995 Last HH-60A delivery.
1996 First unit delivery UH-60M.
1997 HH-60M first flight.
1998 UH-60M delivered.
1999 Operation Joint Guard in Kosovo.
2001 1,704 flight hours logged.
2002 2,500th UH-60 delivered.
2004 UH-60M first flight.
2005 Hurricane Katrina.
2006 Last HH-60L delivery.
2007 Sikorsky signs 5-year Black Hawk production contract with U.S. Army.
2008 Sikorsky delivers 1,000th H-60 to U.S. Army.
2009 U.S. Army H-60 first flight and 1M flight hours in Iraq and Afghanistan.
2010 HH-60M first flight.
2011 UH-60M delivered.
2012 Operation Santa Claus in Alaska.
2013 Operation Iraqi Freedom.
2014 HH-60M delivered.
2015 UH-60M delivered.
2016 Armed Black Hawk unveiled at Farnborough International Airshow.
2017 Sikorsky signs 5-year Black Hawk production contract with U.S. Army.
2018 HH-60M delivered.
2019 More than 10M flight hours flown by the U.S. Army Black Hawk fleet.

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