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DECEMBER 2025 NOISE REPORT



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2. DEFINITIONS

A-weighted Sound Level – A measure of sound level with weighted frequency characteristics that correspond to human subjective response to noise.

Arrival – The act of an aircraft approaching and landing at an airport.

Ambient Noise Level – The level of noise that is all-encompassing within a given environment for which a single source cannot be determined. It is usually a composite of sounds from many and varied sources near to and far from the noise monitor.

Community Noise Event Level (CNEL) – The average sound level over a 24-hour period, with a penalty of 10dB for nighttime hours between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM.

Day Night Average Sound Level (DNL) – A measure of the average noise level over a 24-hour day. It is the 24-hour, logarithmic (or energy) average, A-weighted sound pressure level with a 10-decibel penalty applied to the nighttime event levels that occur between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM.

Decibel (dB) – A logarithmic quantity reflecting the ratio of the sound pressure of the source to a reference pressure. This results in a sound pressure level of about 0 dB for the quietest sounds that we can detect and sound pressure levels of about 120 dB for the loudest sounds that can be heard without pain.

Departure – The act of an aircraft taking flight and leaving the airport.

Energy-Averaged Sound Pressure Level (Leq) – The value or level of a steady, non-fluctuating sound that represents the same sound energy as the actual time-varying sound evaluated over the same time period.

Flight Track – The path along the ground followed by an aircraft in flight.

Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) Rules and regulations established by the FAA to govern flight under conditions in which flight by outside visual reference is not safe. IFR flight depends upon flying by reference to instruments, and navigation is accomplished by reference to electronic signals. It is also a term used by pilots and controllers to indicate the type of flight plan an aircraft is flying, such as an IFR or VFR flight plan.

Local Operations – Operations in the local traffic pattern or within sight of the airport; flight in local practice areas within a 20 mile radius; execute simulated instrument approaches or low airport passes.

Maximum Noise Level (L_{max}) – The peak noise level for a single noise event.

Noise Exposure – The cumulative sound energy affecting a person over a specified period of time.

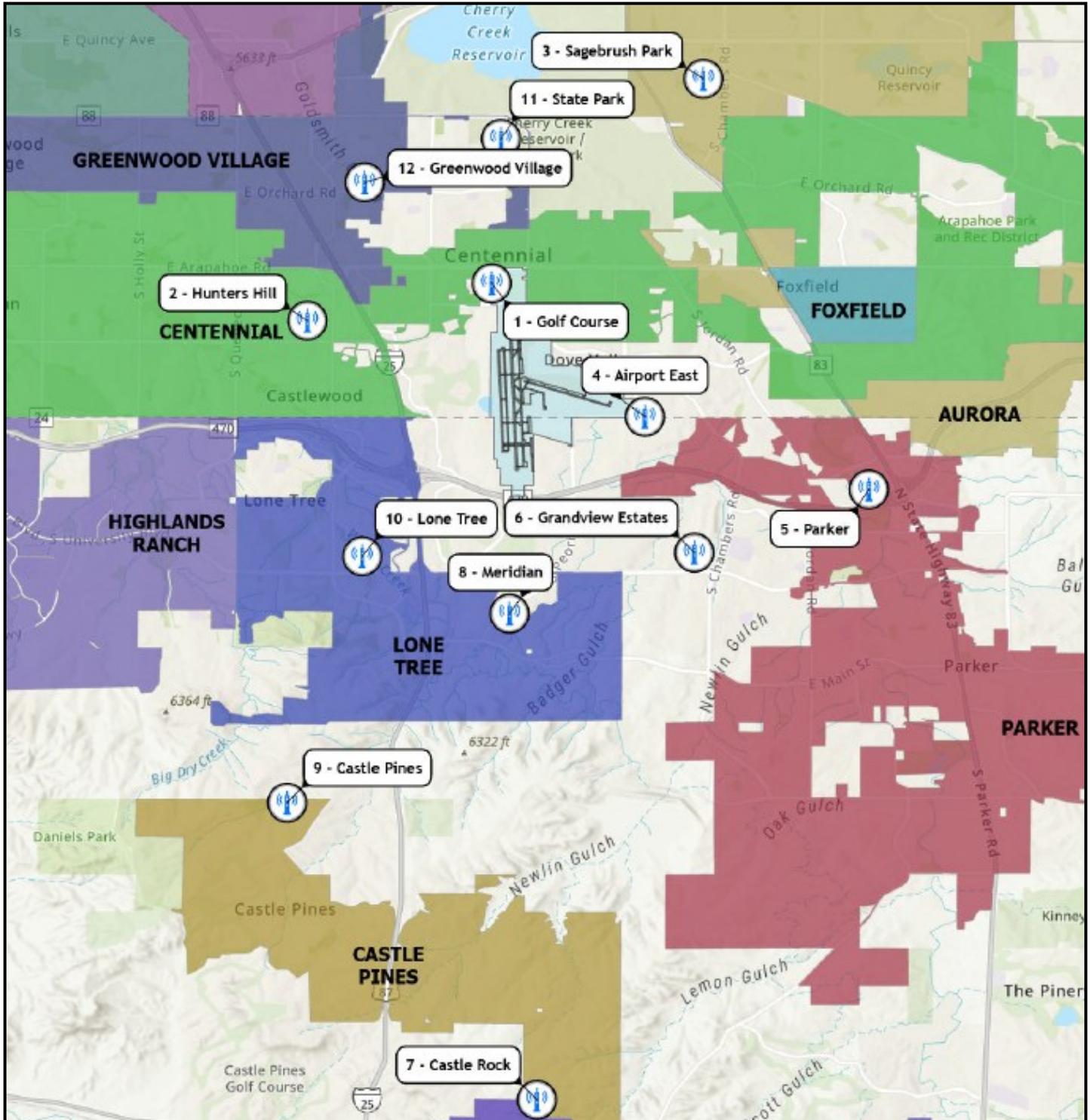
Overflight – Aircraft flight originating and terminating outside the area that transits the airspace without landing.

Visual Flight Rules (VFR) – A set of regulations under which a pilot operates an aircraft in weather conditions generally clear enough to allow the pilot to see where the aircraft is going. A flight plan is not required when the pilot is operating under Visual Flight Rules.

Sound Exposure Level (SEL) – The total energy in the A-weighted sound level measured during a transient noise event. SEL accounts for both the duration and the loudness of a noise event.

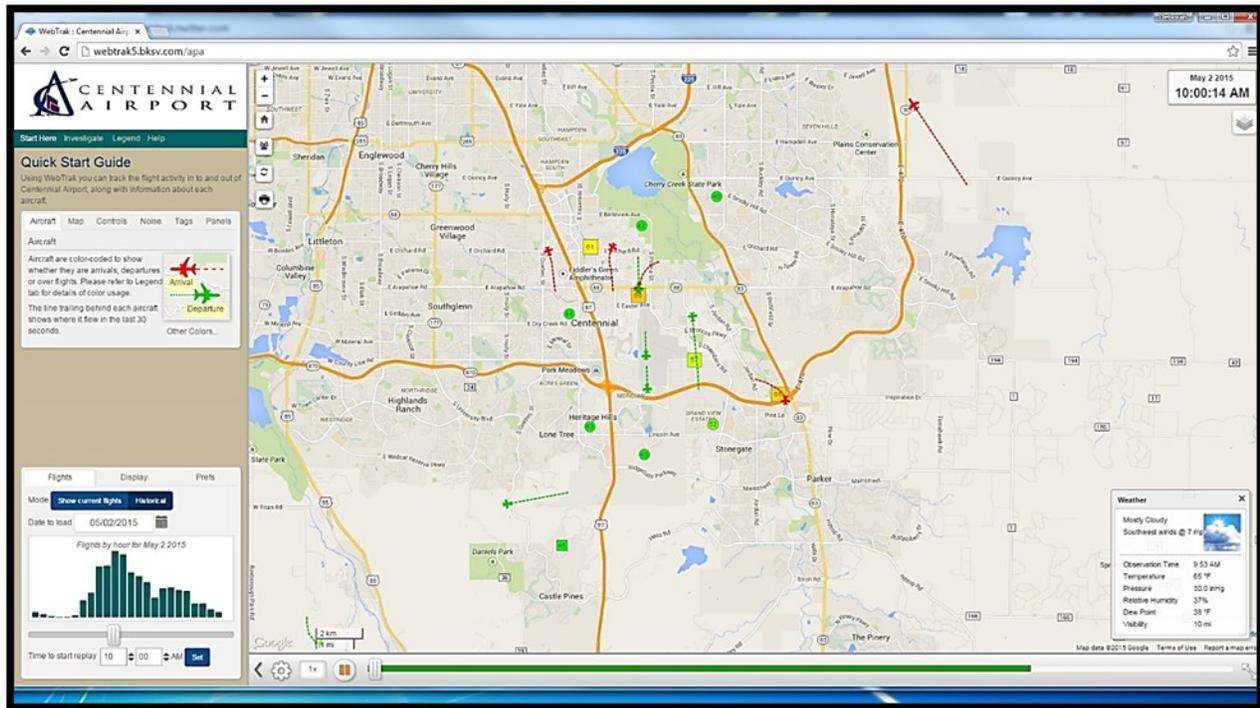
3. ABOUT APA'S NOISE MONITORING PROGRAM

Centennial Airport's (KAPA) Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS) is a new state of the art system that enables the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority to monitor and better understand aircraft noise in the vicinity of Centennial Airport. This system is comprised of 12 fixed noise monitoring terminals in the community, as well as 2 portable monitors that are available for short term monitoring anywhere in the community.



4. ABOUT WEBTRAK™

As part of an ongoing program, Centennial Airport offers an online tracking system for the movement of flights and air traffic patterns within the Denver Metro area. **WebTrak** Flight Tracking and Noise Information System allows concerned individuals to research data about flights to and from Centennial Airport, Denver International Airport, Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, Colorado Air & Space Port and Buckley Space Force Base, as well as any transitional air traffic through the region.



How to participate

The general public may use **WebTrak** to investigate a noise or flight that occurred near their location. The system also simplifies the process of filing a noise complaint, offering an easy, online option for residents to register concerns regarding noise levels at the following web addresses;

WebTrak: <https://webtrak.emsbk.com/apa>

Additional Noise Information: <https://noise.centennialairport.com/>

Scan here to view Centennial Airport's
Voluntary Noise Abatement Information



5. OPERATIONS STATISTICS

	IFR ITINERANT				VFR ITINERANT				LOCAL		
	AIR TAXI	G.A.	MILITARY	TOTAL ITINERANT	AIR TAXI	G.A.	MILITARY	TOTAL	G.A.	MILITARY	TOTAL LOCAL
January	2,634	2,546	131	5,311	1,559	5,291	77	6,927	11,197	2	11,199
February	2,509	2,499	134	5,142	1,488	5,097	84	6,669	11,271	6	11,277
March	2,682	2,896	124	5,702	1,731	5,897	83	7,711	13,120	15	13,135
April	2,405	2,562	161	5,128	1,706	5,418	89	7,213	12,912	0	12,912
May	2,644	2,939	164	5,747	1,826	6,358	84	8,268	13,704	7	13,711
June	2,833	3,052	241	6,126	1,724	6,426	80	8,230	12,056	22	12,078
July	2,874	3,195	196	6,265	1,938	7,010	84	9,032	12,140	3	12,143
August	2,760	3,092	169	6,021	1,637	6,712	84	8,433	11,556	10	11,566
September	2,950	2,855	137	5,942	2,167	6,921	65	9,153	12,815	3	12,818
October	3,054	2,871	160	6,085	2,005	6,389	69	8,463	12,548	6	12,554
November	3,012	2,711	144	5,867	1,729	6,309	35	8,073	8,670	6	8,676
December	3,173	2,674	90	5,937	1,475	4,804	51	6,330	9,081	4	9,085
Y-T-D Totals	33,530	33,892	1,851	69,273	20,985	72,632	885	94,502	141,070	84	141,154

	IFR OVERFLIGHTS				VFR OVERFLIGHTS				TOTAL OPERATIONS
	AIR TAXI	G.A.	MILITARY	TOTAL INTINERANT	AIR TAXI	G.A.	MILITARY	TOTAL	
January	6	3	2	11	31	49	2	82	23,530
February	0	3	1	4	35	53	6	94	23,186
March	7	6	1	14	29	53	3	85	26,647
April	6	2	2	10	41	72	10	123	25,386
May	7	13	2	22	30	64	5	99	27,847
June	7	6	1	14	36	37	3	76	26,524
July	4	8	2	14	49	81	8	138	27,592
August	6	9	2	17	59	62	3	124	26,161
September	3	5	1	9	34	74	11	119	28,041
October	2	4	1	7	31	90	8	129	27,238
November	6	3	0	9	52	117	1	170	22,795
December	8	7	1	16	74	68	1	143	21,511
Y-T-D Totals	62	69	16	147	501	820	61	1,382	306,458

Definitions

Air Taxi – A company that operates aircraft that carry cargo or mail, or passengers on an on demand or charter basis.

General Aviation (G.A.) – All civil aviation operations other than scheduled air services and non-scheduled air transport operations for remuneration or hire.

Local – Operations are performed by aircraft which operate in the local traffic pattern or within sight of the airport; flight in local practice areas located within a 20-mile radius of the airport; execute simulated instrument approaches or low passes at the airport.

IFR Itinerant – Operations other than local operations conducted under Instrument Flight Rules.

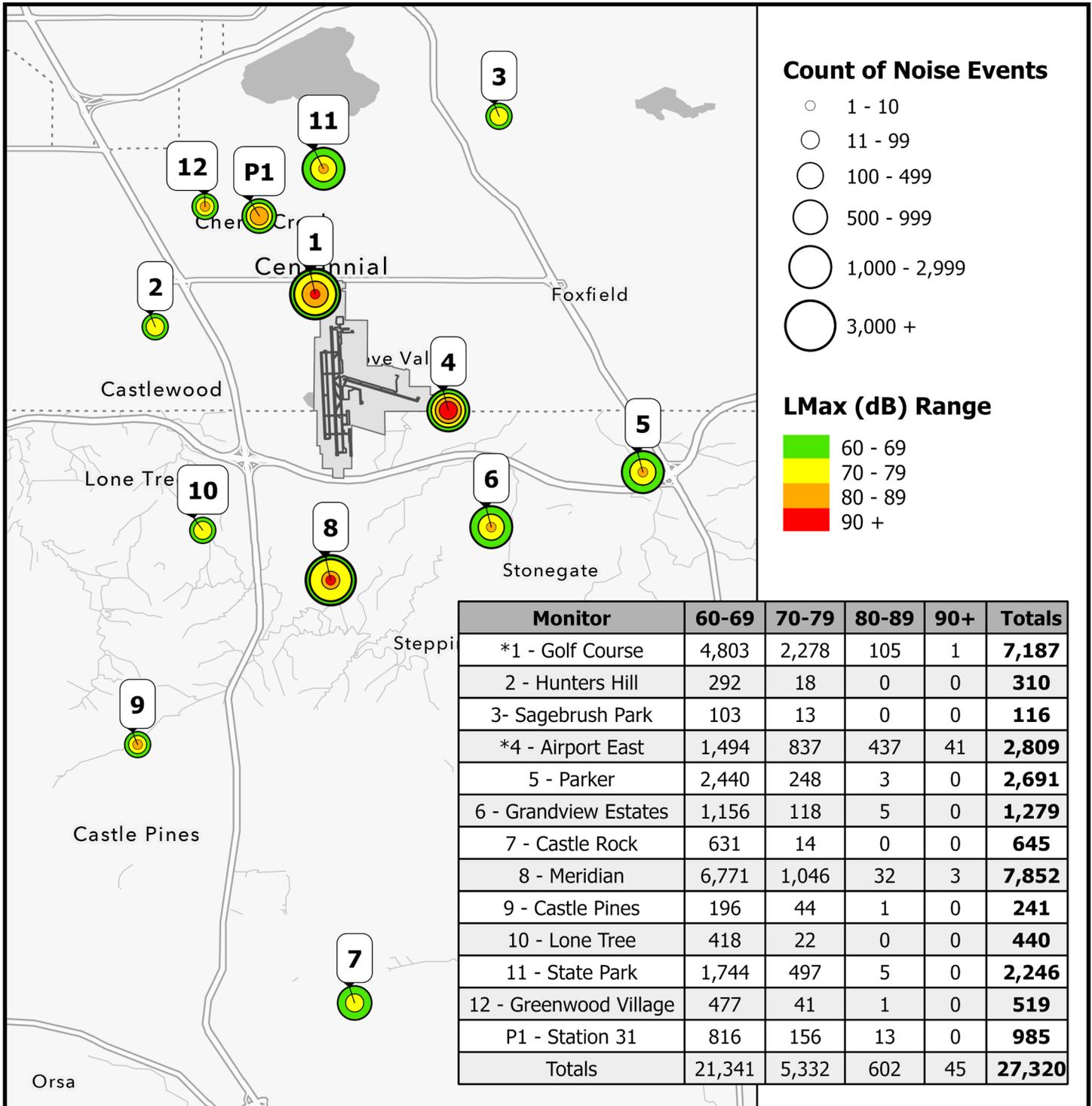
VFR Itinerant – Operations other than local operations conducted under Visual Flight Rules.

Overflight – Operation performed by aircraft that transit the area and did not originate or did not terminate within the airspace.

6. NOISE MONITOR REPORT

The following data displays the amount and associated decibel level of aircraft noise events at a given monitor. An aircraft noise event must contain the following characteristics:

First, the noise event must exceed the ambient noise level. This number varies at every monitor, but is generally greater than 50-55db. Secondly, the noise event must last longer than 5 seconds. Lastly, using radar data, the system must correlate an aircraft with the noise event. This ensures that the sound is not associated with a 'community noise event' such as a lawn mowers or emergency sirens.



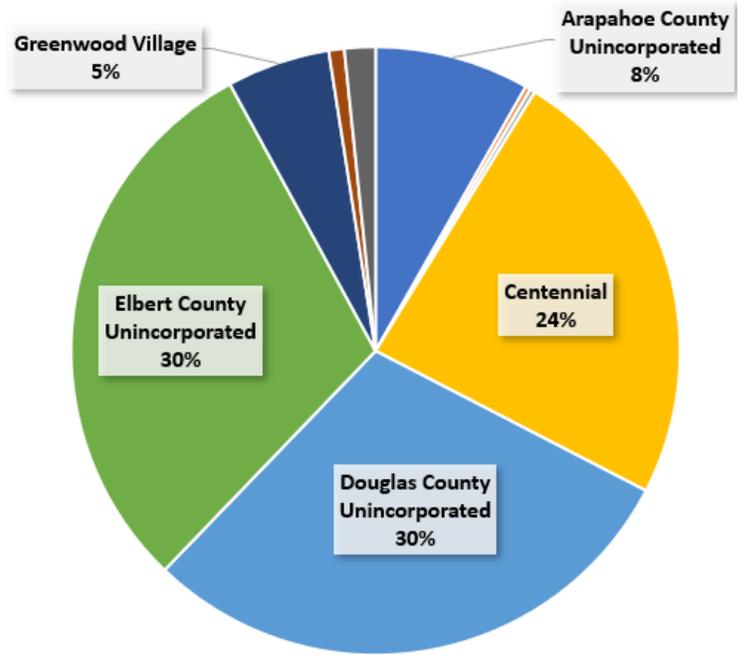
*NMT located on airport.

NMT Downtimes: NMT 7: 12/11 23:00—12/12 09:23; 12/12 19:00—12/13 08:44; 12/13 23:00—12/14 09:02; 12/14 23:00—12/15 08:36

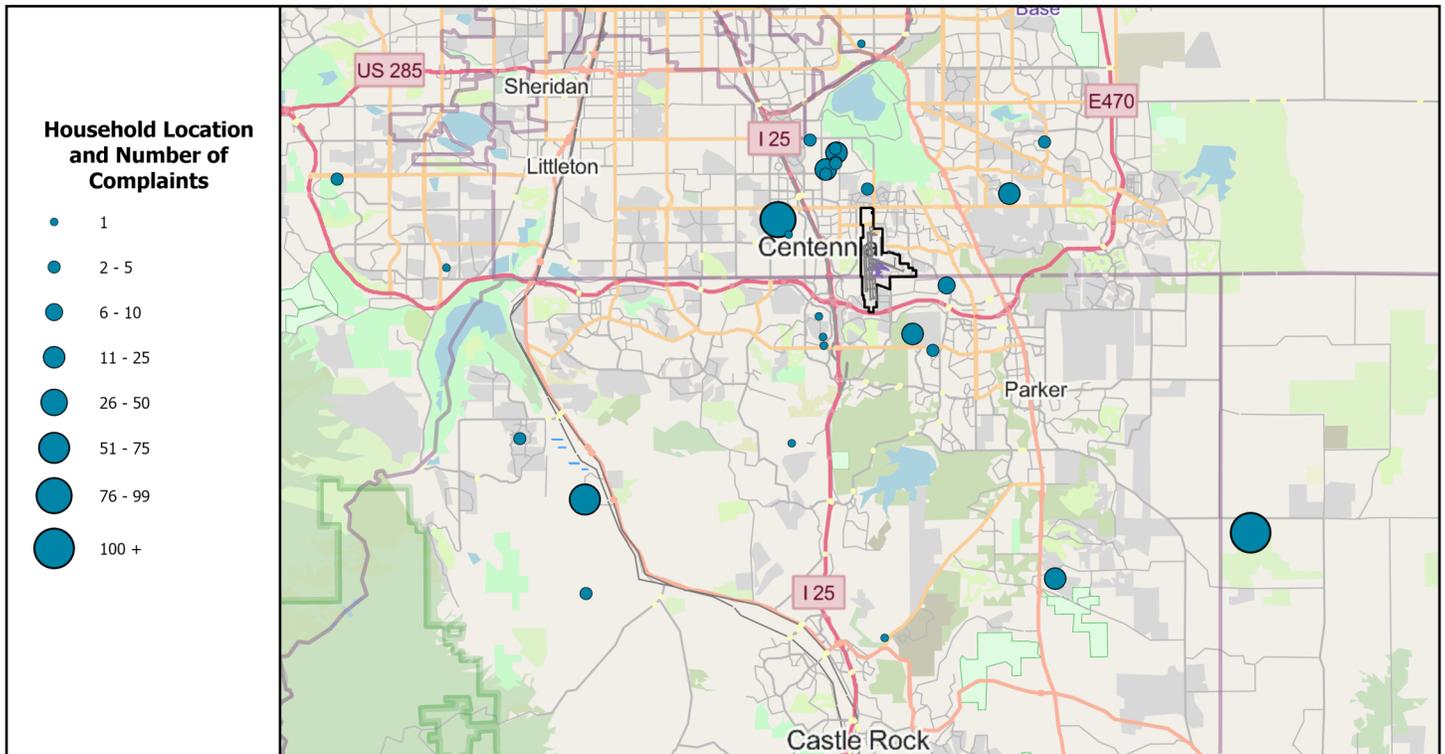
7. DECEMBER 2025 NOISE COMPLAINT STATISTICS

Municipality	Complaints	Households	Population
Arapahoe County Unincorporated	30	4	98,066
Aurora	1	1	399,913
Castle Pines	0	0	14,000
Castle Rock	1	1	86,000
Centennial	87	3	108,422
Cherry Hills Village	0	0	6,442
Denver	0	0	715,522
Douglas County Unincorporated	108	8	276,493*
Elbert County Unincorporated	109	1	29,382
Greenwood Village	20	5	15,691
Highlands Ranch	0	0	103,444
Lone Tree	3	3	14,253
Parker	0	0	68,000
Other	6	3	-
Total	365	29	1,936,078

Complaints per Municipality

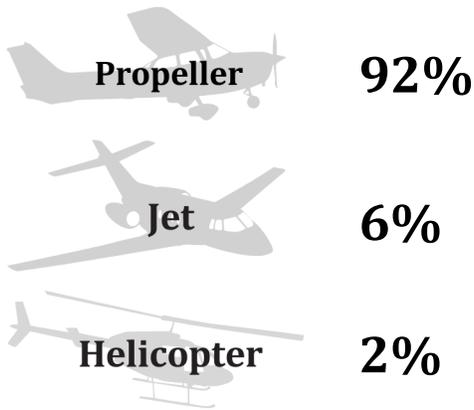


*Douglas County Unincorporated Population with Highlands Ranch Removed



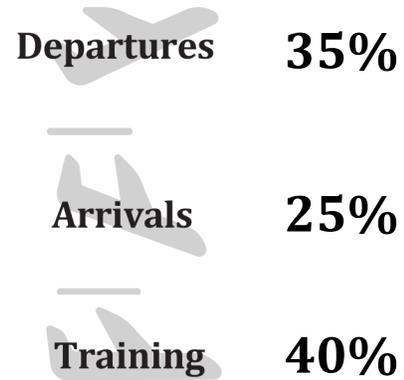
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Complaint by Aircraft Type



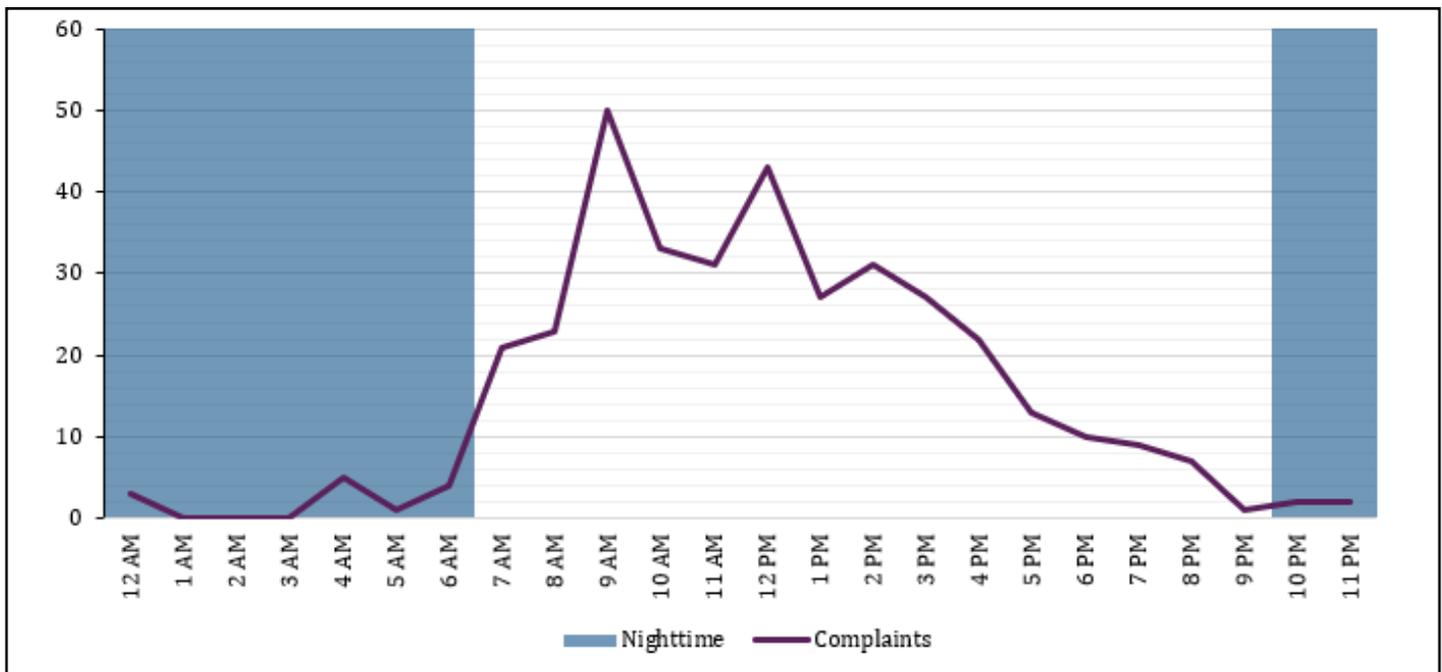
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Complaint by Operation Type



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Complaints by Hour



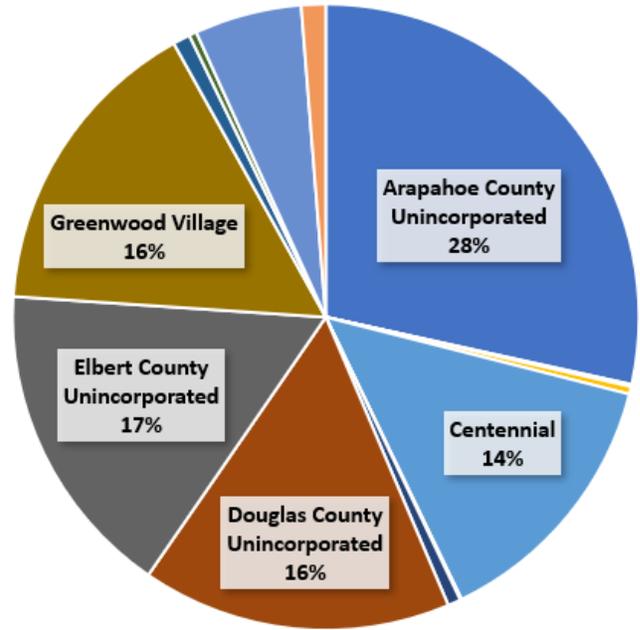
Noise Complaint Responses Completed	
Email	41
Phone	0
Total	41

Time Complaint Received	
Day (7:00 AM—9:59 PM)	348
Night (10:00 PM—6:59 AM)	17
Total	365

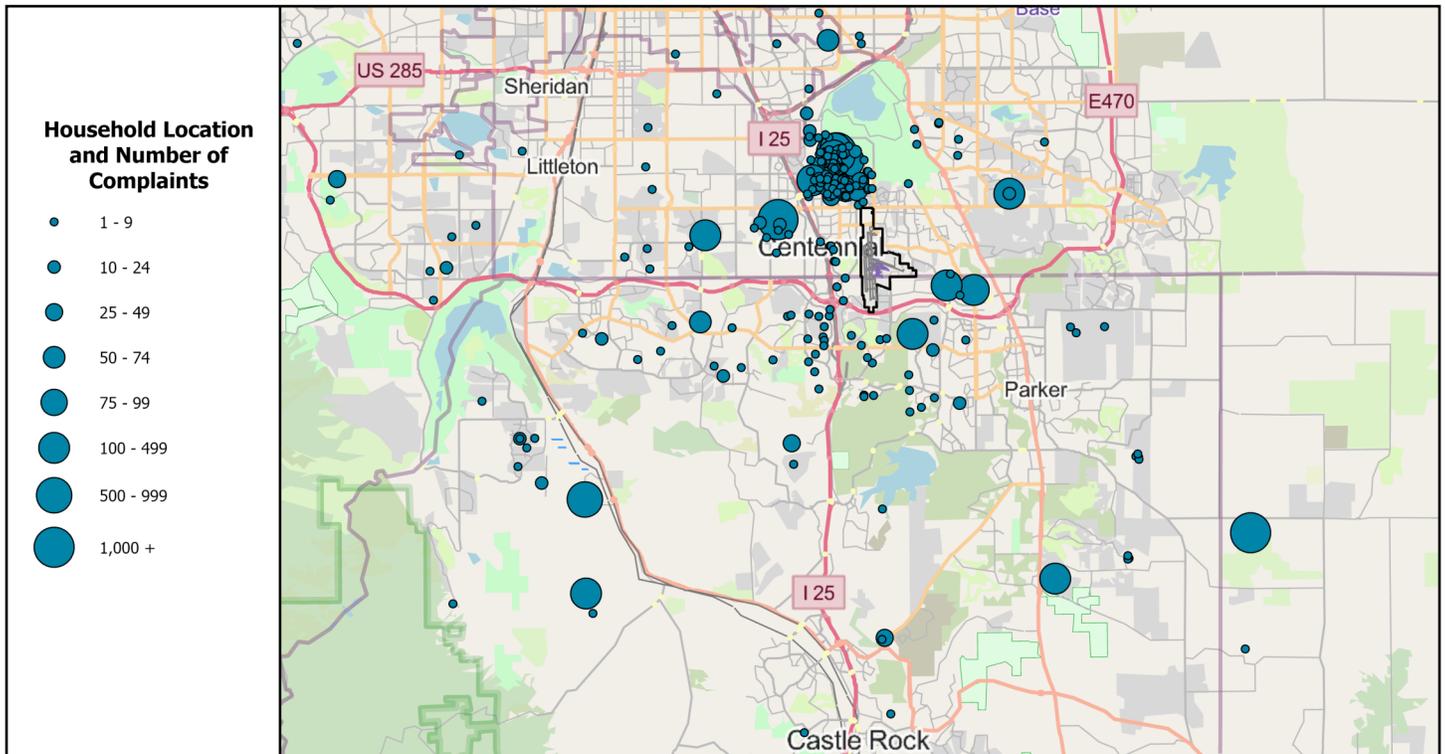
8. YEAR-TO-DATE 2025 NOISE COMPLAINT STATISTICS

Municipality	Complaints	Households	Population
Arapahoe County Unincorporated	2,653	68	98,066
Aurora	7	6	399,913
Castle Pines	4	2	14,000
Castle Rock	36	4	86,000
Centennial	1,297	19	108,422
Cherry Hills Village	7	2	6,442
Denver	62	6	715,522
Douglas County Unincorporated	1,491	41	276,493*
Elbert County Unincorporated	1,535	2	29,382
Greenwood Village	1,481	56	15,691
Highlands Ranch	83	9	103,444
Lone Tree	36	19	14,253
Parker	516	7	68,000
Other	117	19	-
Total	9,325	260	1,936,078

Complaints per Municipality

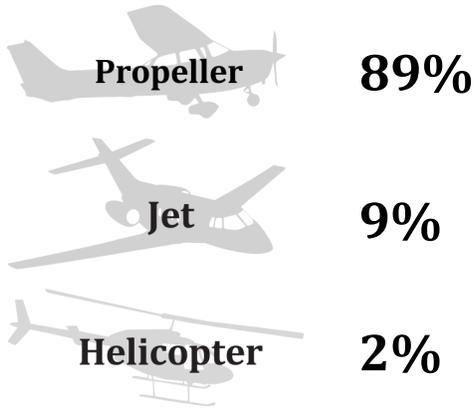


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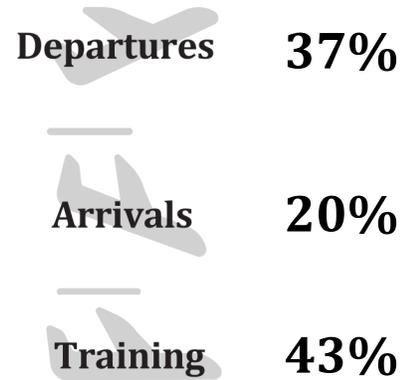
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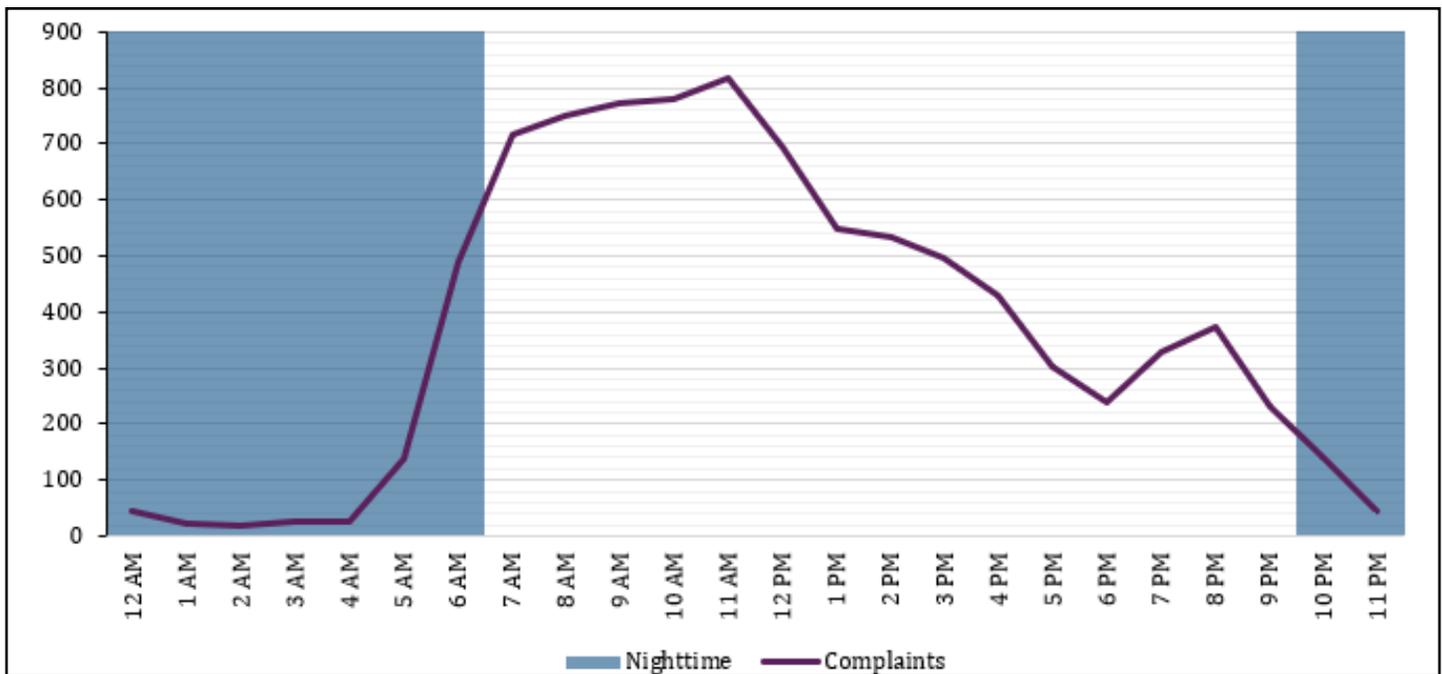
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Complaints by Hour

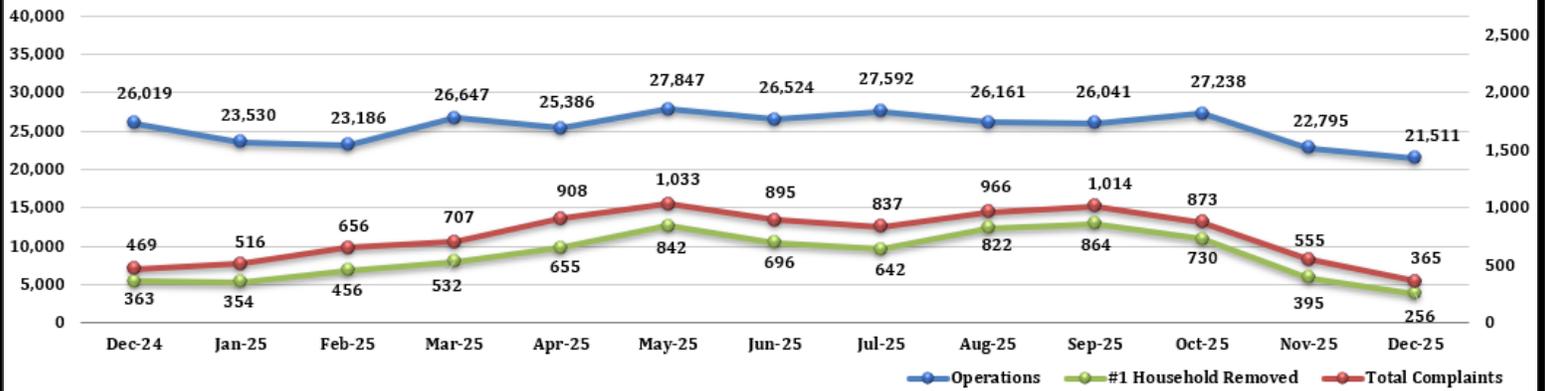


Noise Complaint Responses Completed	
Email	984
Phone	54
Total	1,038

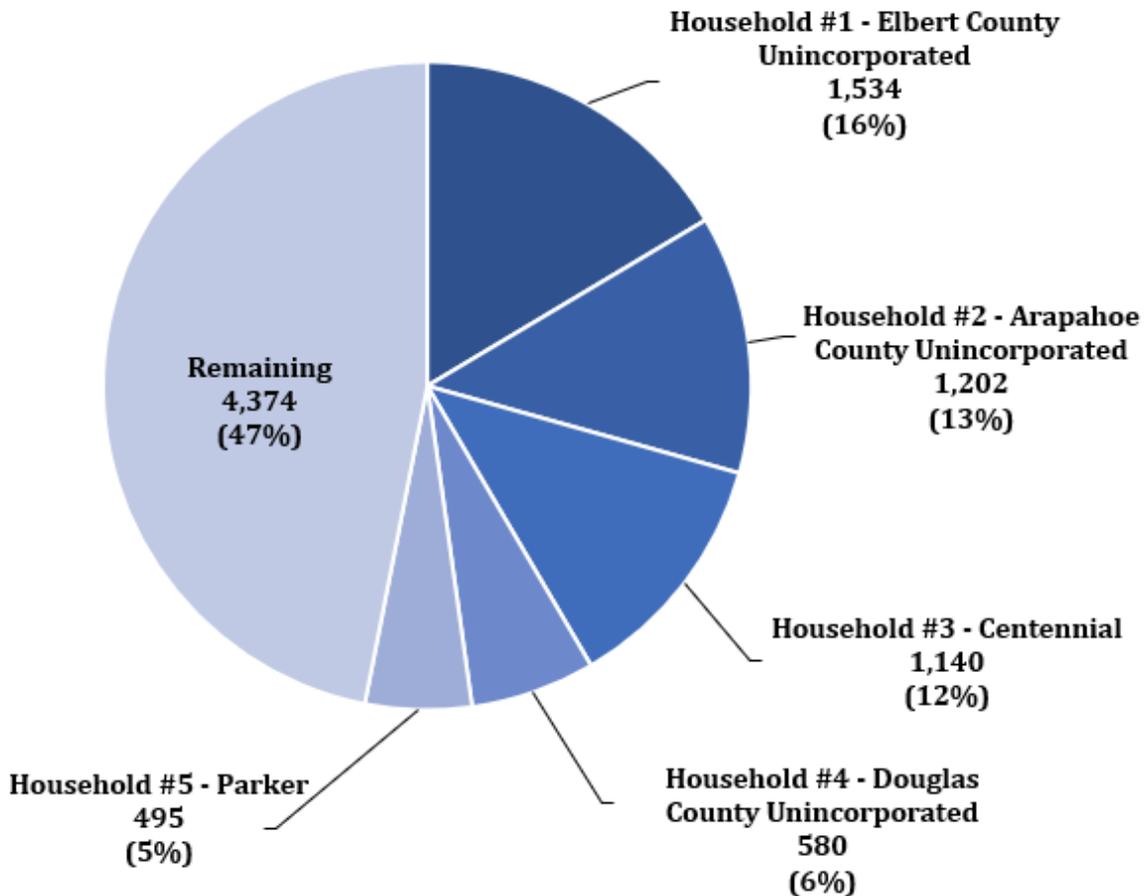
Time Complaint Received	
Day (7:00 AM—9:59 PM)	8,356
Night (10:00 PM—6:59 AM)	969
Total	9,325

8. COMPLAINT STATISTICS

13-Month Trend

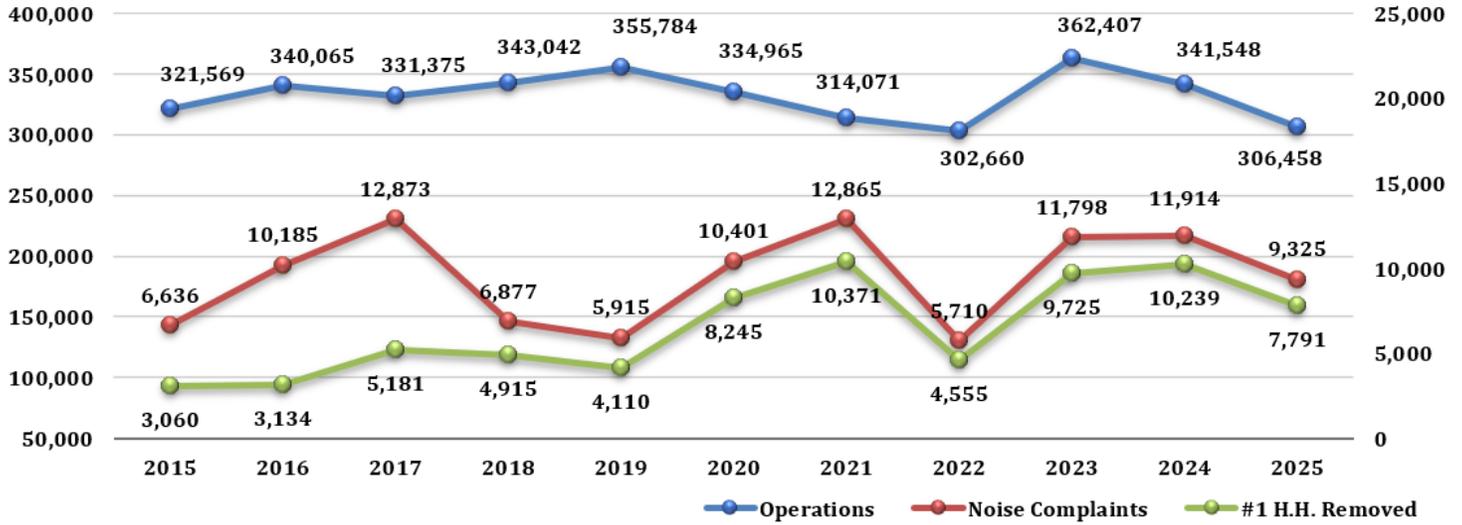


Top 5 Household Complaints YTD



9. YEAR-END STATISTICS

10 Year Operations vs. Complaints 2015—2025



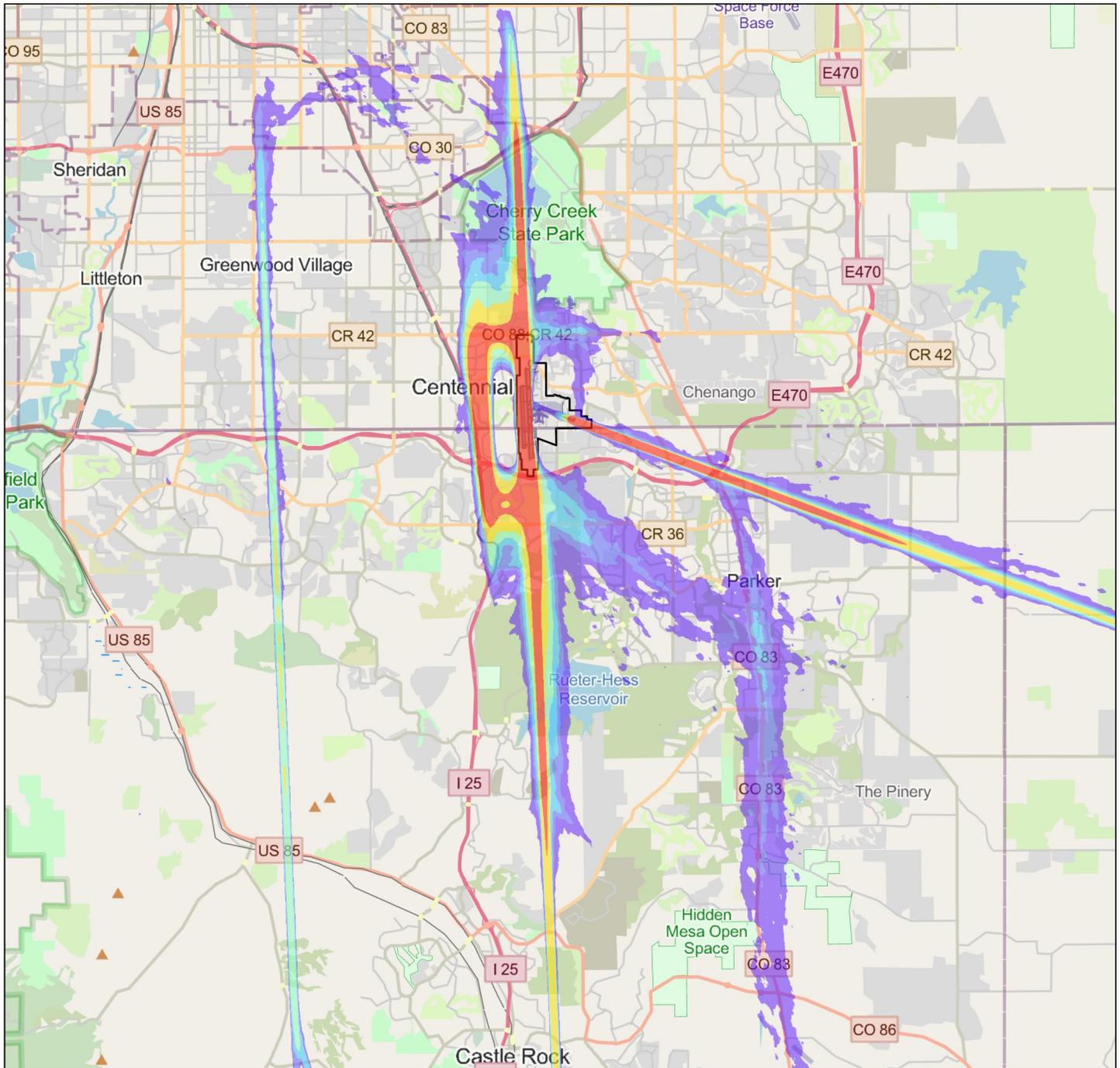
Percent of Population that Submitted a Noise Complaint in 2025

Municipality	Complaints	Households	Population	% of Population
Arapahoe County	2,653	68	98,066	0.07%
Aurora	7	6	399,913	0.00%
Castle Pines	4	2	14,000	0.01%
Castle Rock	36	4	86,000	0.00%
Centennial	1,297	19	108,422	0.02%
Cherry Hills Village	7	2	6,442	0.03%
Denver	62	6	715,522	0.00%
Douglas County	1,491	41	276,493*	0.01%
Elbert County	1,535	2	29,382	0.01%
Greenwood Village	1,481	56	15,691	0.36%
Highlands Ranch	83	9	103,444	0.01%
Lone Tree	36	19	14,253	0.13%
Parker	516	7	68,000	0.01%
Other	117	19	-	-
Total	9,325	260	1,936,078	0.01%

10. CENTENNIAL AIRPORT RADAR TRACK DENSITY MAP

This map takes all of the flight track data for the given time period and creates a line density plot. This enables everyone to have a better understanding of where the flight tracks are at, while allowing for historical comparisons. Dark red in the middle of the picture shows the highest density of flight tracks over the runways. The colors gradually move out to blue as the least dense.

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Lower Density Traffic

Higher Density Traffic

11. NOTES AND DISCLAIMER

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Centennial Airport disclaims any responsibility or liability for any direct or indirect damages resulting from the use of this data. We hope this information provides you with a valuable tool in which to review noise data and characteristics in your area. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Centennial Airport Noise office at 303-790-0598.



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