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1. 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.

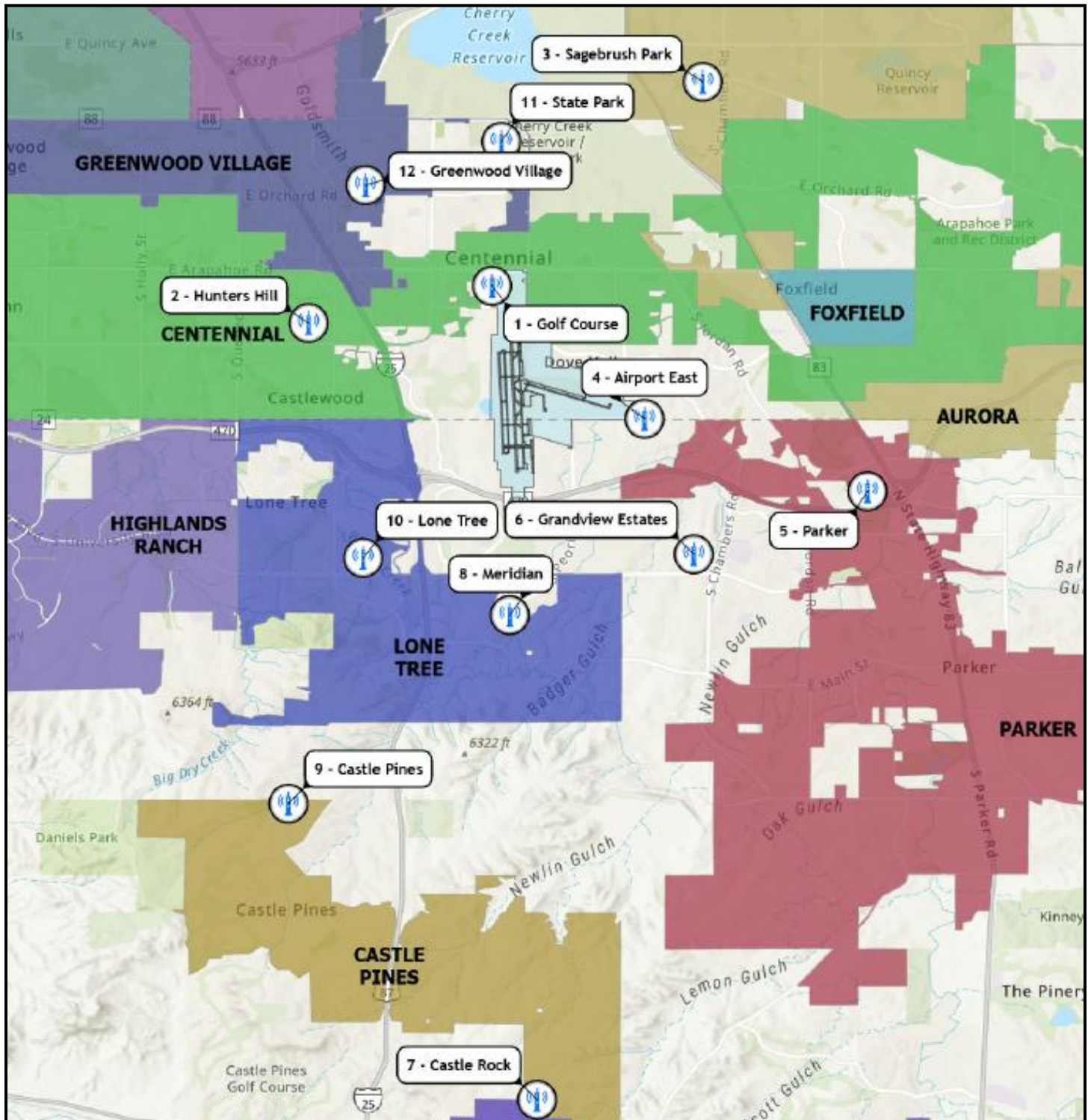
Overflight – Aircraft flight originating and terminating outside the area that transits the airspace without landing.

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.

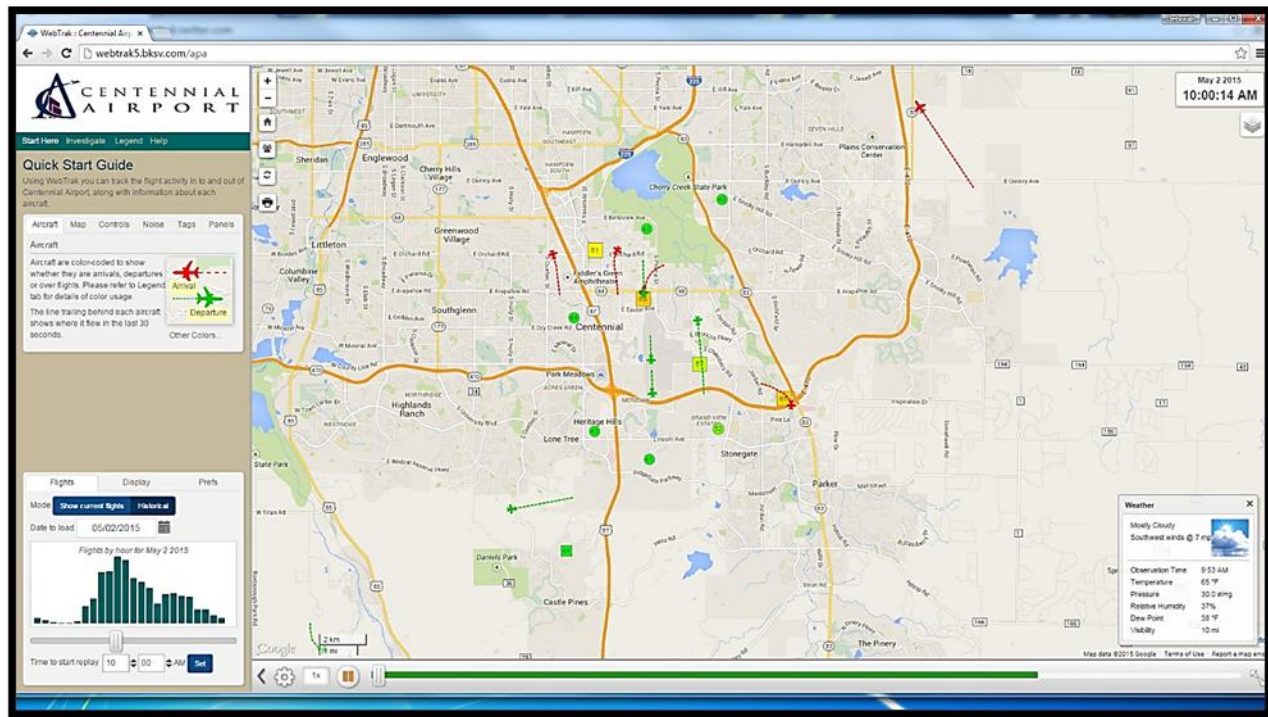
2. ABOUT APA'S NOISE MONITORING PROGRAM

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.



3. 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**



4. 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	2,880	2,644	82	5,606	1,713	5,480	44	7,237	12,900	6	12,906
February	2,551	2,367	128	5,046	1,722	5,780	28	7,530	12,353	0	12,353
March	2,787	2,619	106	5,512	1,621	5,491	51	7,163	11,306	0	11,306
April	2,689	2,351	176	5,216	1,454	5,210	47	6,711	11,757	0	11,757
May	2,892	2,632	164	5,688	1,749	6,245	73	8,067	14,095	0	14,095
June	2,916	2,873	203	5,992	1,591	6,667	88	8,346	13,877	0	13,877
July	3,077	2,959	238	6,274	1,624	7,535	75	9,234	14,415	12	14,427
August	2,943	3,011	199	6,153	1,989	7,601	68	9,658	15,975	0	15,975
September				0				0			0
October				0				0			0
November				0				0			0
December				0				0			0
Y-T-D Totals	22,735	21,456	1,296	45,487	13,463	50,009	474	63,946	106,678	18	106,696

	IFR OVERFLIGHTS				VFR OVERFLIGHTS					TOTAL OPERATIONS
	AIR TAXI	G.A.	MILITARY	TOTAL ITINERANT	AIR TAXI	G.A.	MILITARY	TOTAL		
January	3	0	1	4	49	58	6	113	January	25,866
February	2	0	6	8	57	86	2	145	February	25,082
March	6	5	1	12	66	214	2	282	March	24,275
April	1	6	2	9	38	80	3	121	April	23,814
May	5	11	0	16	25	61	5	91	May	27,957
June	2	9	2	13	46	75	5	126	June	28,354
July	6	13	2	21	46	114	8	168	July	30,124
August	3	6	1	10	55	81	9	145	August	31,941
September				0				0	September	
October				0				0	October	
November				0				0	November	
December				0				0	December	
Y-T-D Totals	28	50	15	93	382	769	40	1,191	Y-T-D Totals	217,413

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.

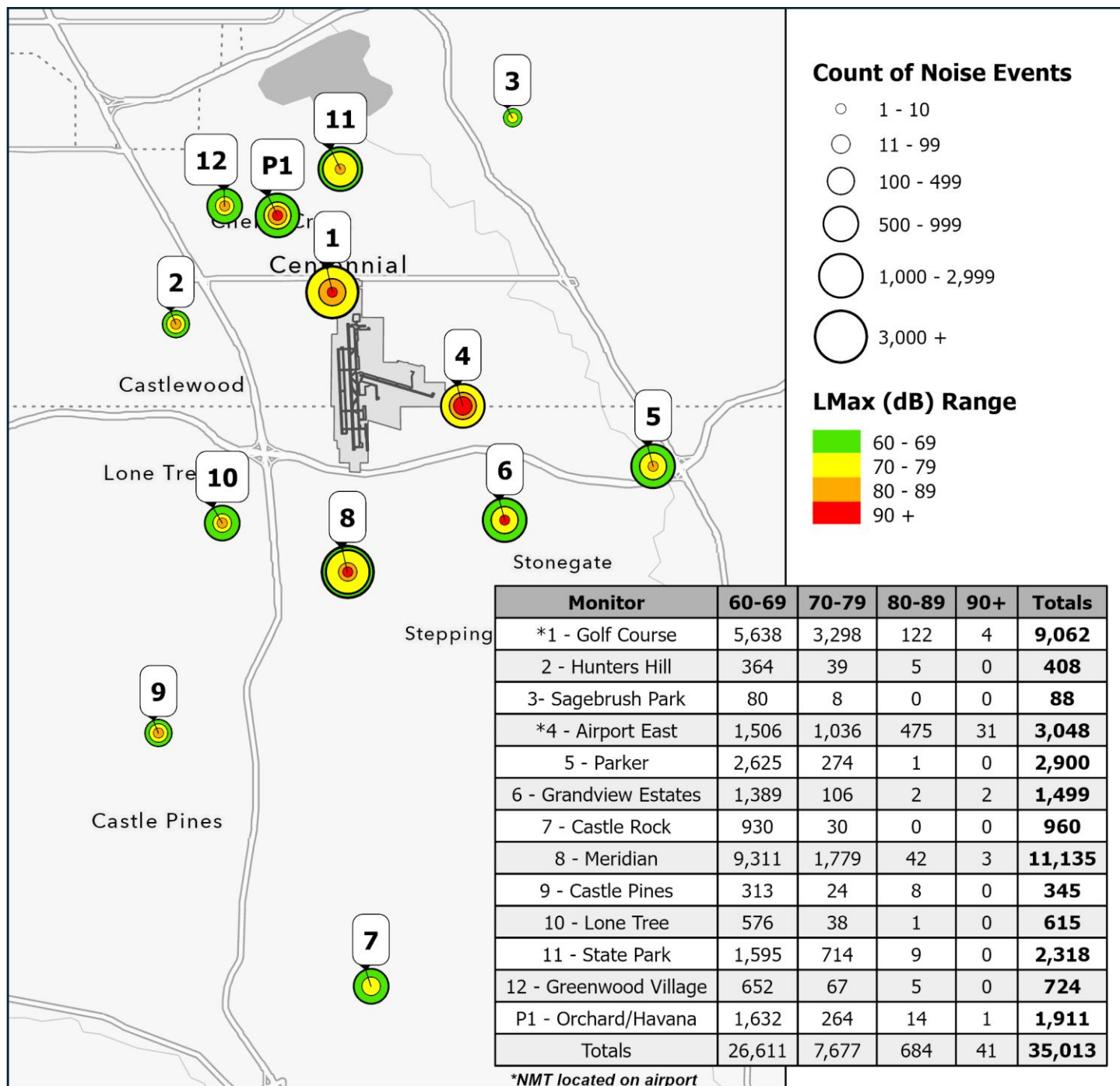
Overflight – Operation performed by aircraft that transit the area and did not originate or did not terminate within the airspace.

5. AUGUST 2026 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 lawn mowers or emergency sirens.

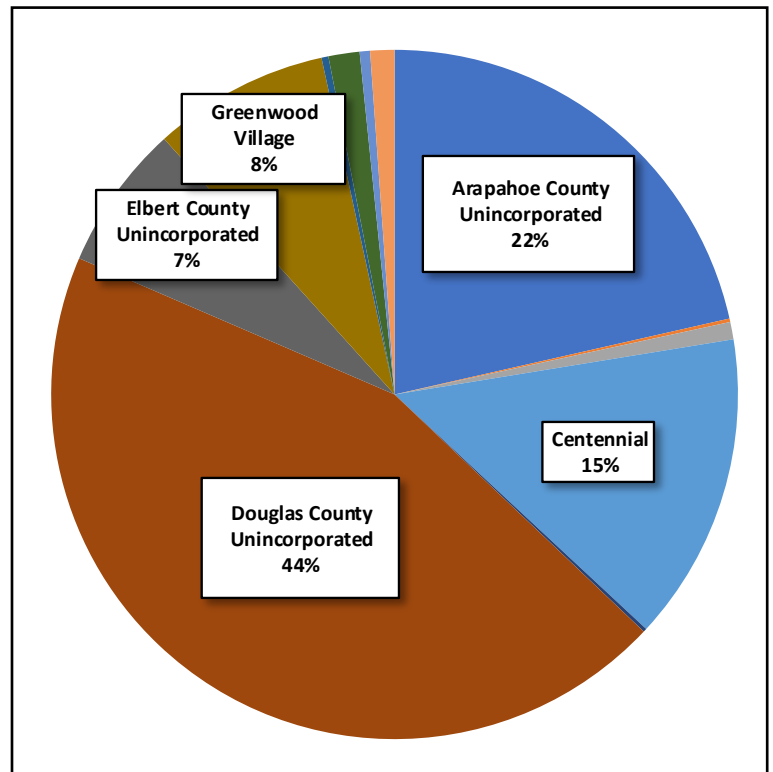
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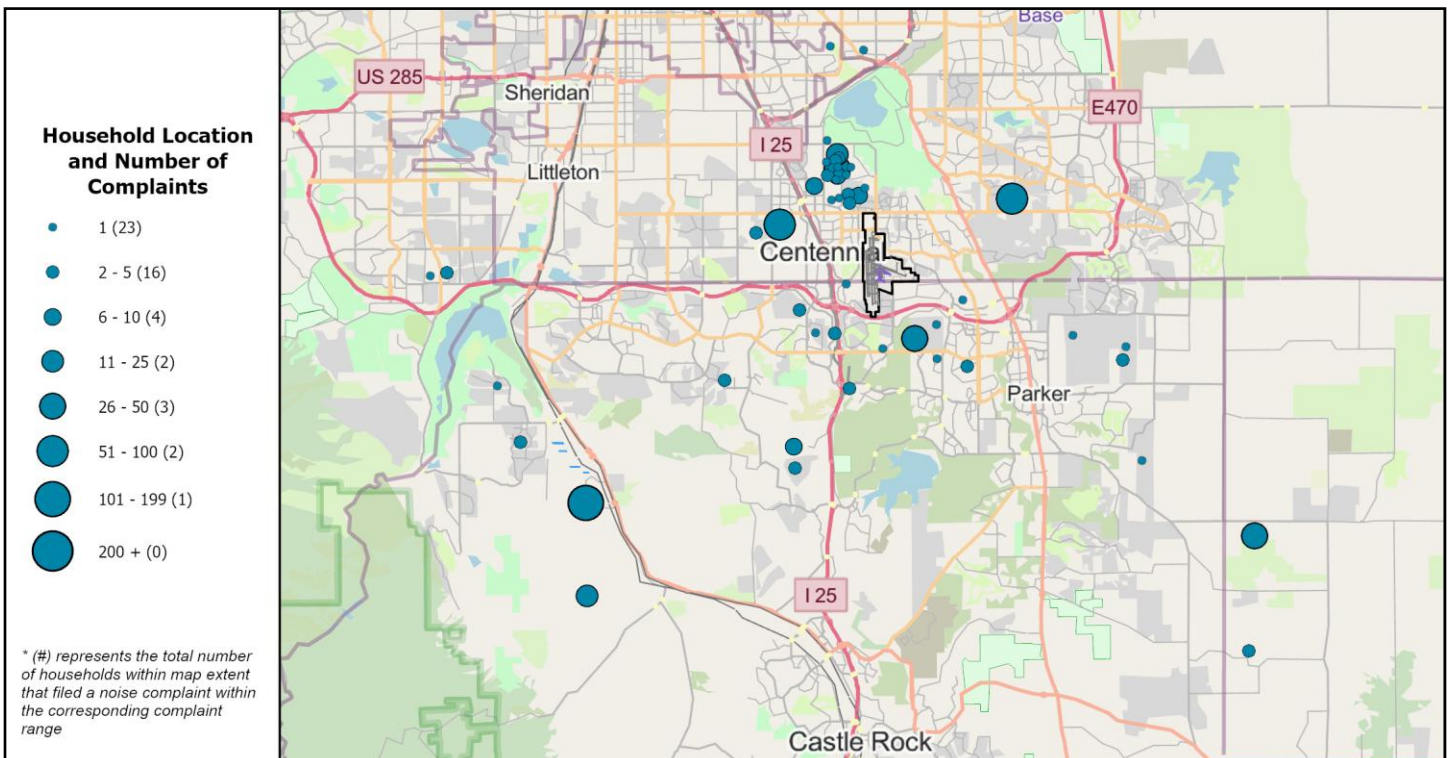
6. AUGUST 2026 NOISE COMPLAINT STATISTICS

Municipality	Complaints	Households	Population
Arapahoe County Unincorporated	132	14	98,066
Aurora	1	1	399,913
Castle Pines	5	1	14,000
Castle Rock	0	0	86,000
Centennial	89	2	108,422
Cherry Hills Village	0	0	6,442
Denver	1	1	715,522
Douglas County Unincorporated	274	15	276,493*
Elbert County Unincorporated	42	2	29,382
Greenwood Village	51	7	15,691
Highlands Ranch	2	1	103,444
Lone Tree	9	3	14,253
Parker	3	2	68,000
Other	7	4	-
Total	616	53	1,936,078

Complaints per Municipality

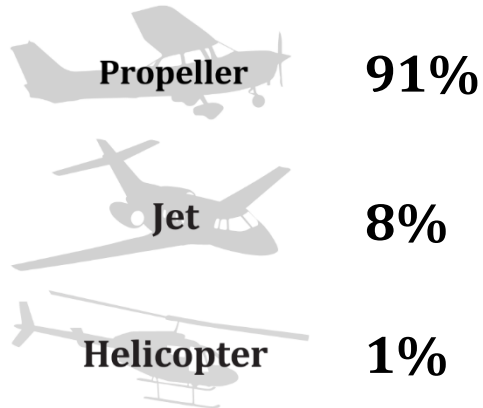


*Douglas County Unincorporated Population with Highlands Ranch Removed



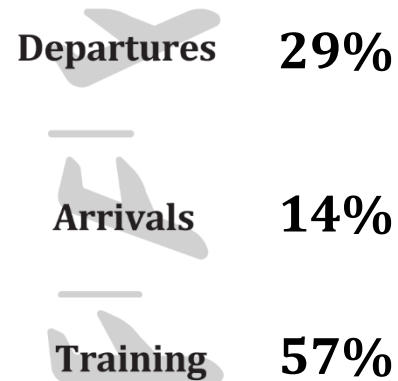
6. AUGUST 2026 NOISE COMPLAINT STATISTICS

Complaint by Aircraft Type



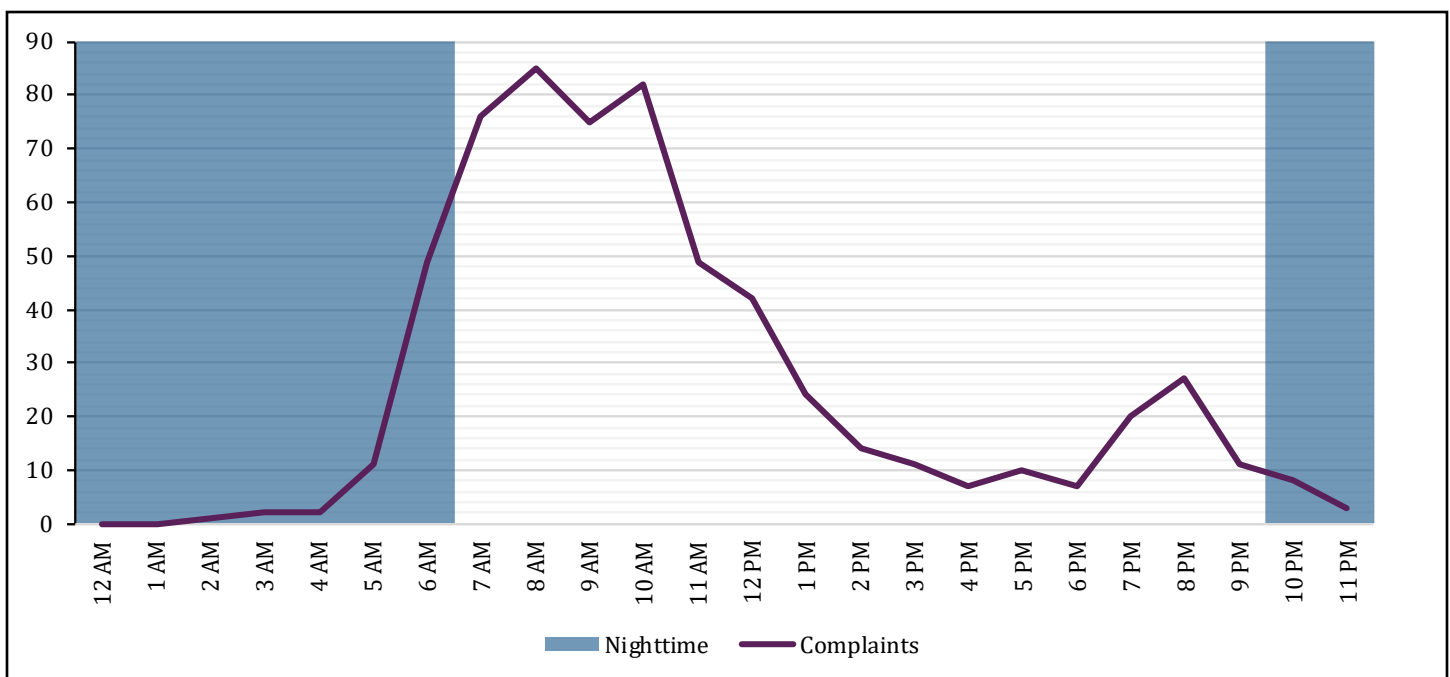
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Complaint by Operation Type



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Complaints by Hour



Noise Complaint Responses Completed

Email	90
Phone	19
Total	109

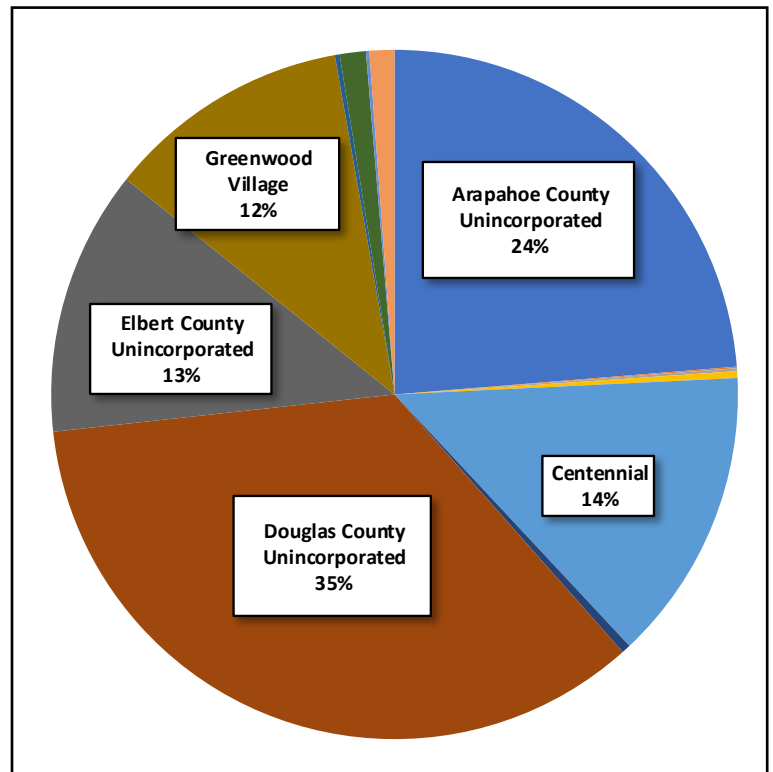
Time Complaint Received

Day (7:00AM – 9:59PM)	540
Night (10:00PM – 6:59AM)	76
Total	616

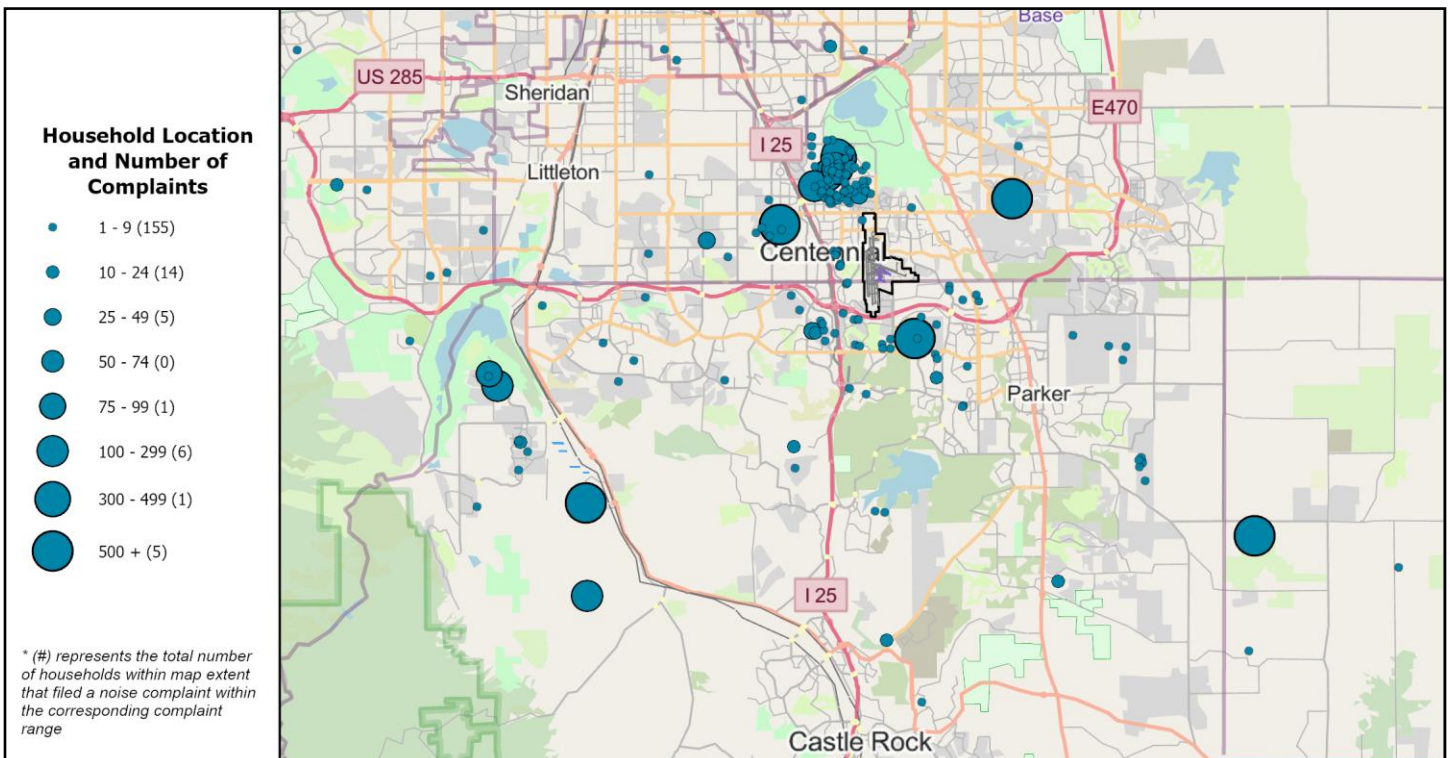
7. YEAR-TO-DATE NOISE COMPLAINT STATISTICS

Municipality	Complaints	Households	Population
Arapahoe County Unincorporated	1,353	58	98,066
Aurora	4	1	399,913
Castle Pines	8	3	14,000
Castle Rock	18	2	86,000
Centennial	786	11	108,422
Cherry Hills Village	0	0	6,442
Denver	24	3	715,522
Douglas County Unincorporated	1,989	43	276,493*
Elbert County Unincorporated	711	5	29,382
Greenwood Village	655	33	15,691
Highlands Ranch	13	6	103,444
Lone Tree	70	9	14,253
Parker	9	6	68,000
Other	67	16	-
Total	5,707	196	1,936,078

Complaints per Municipality

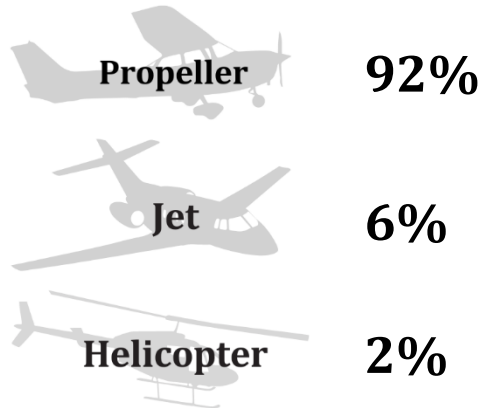


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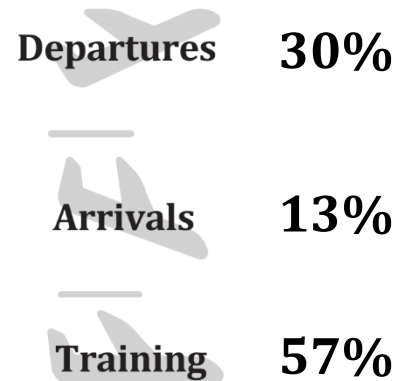
7. YEAR-TO-DATE NOISE COMPLAINT STATISTICS

Complaint by Aircraft Type



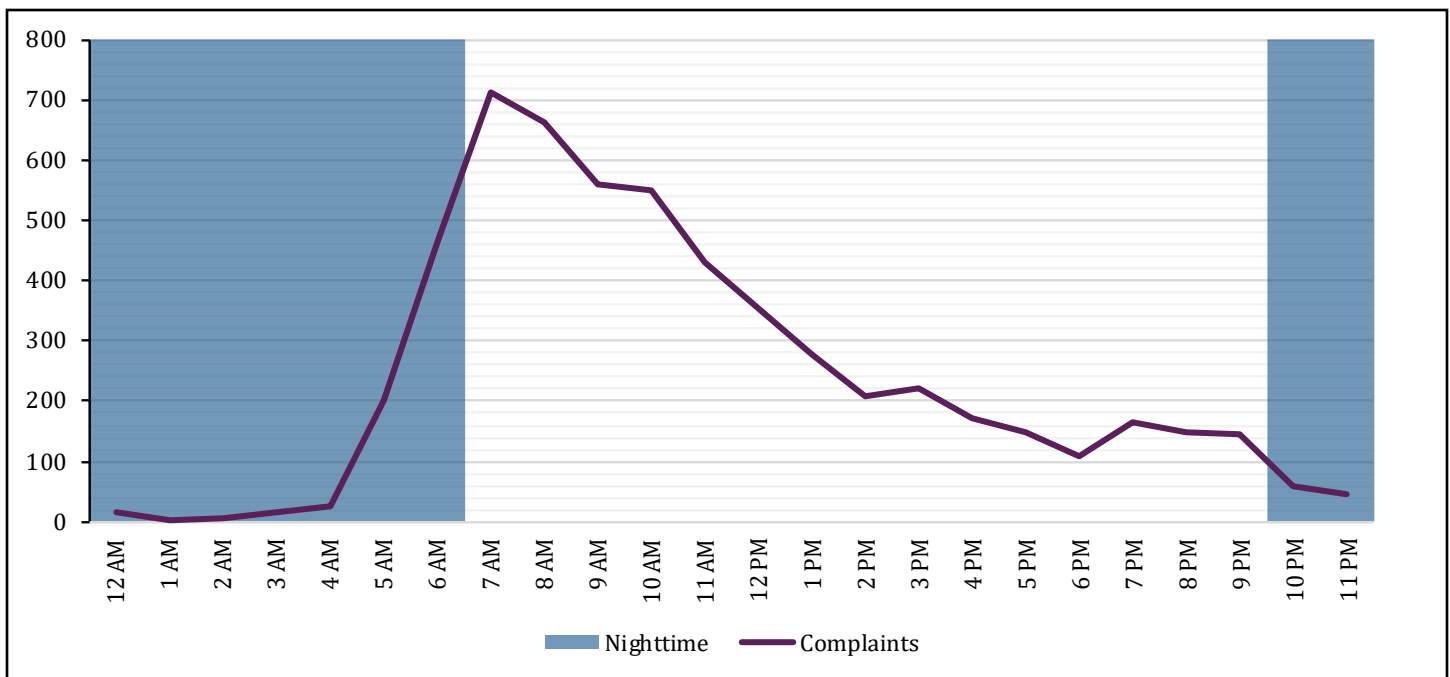
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Complaint by Operation Type



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Complaints by Hour

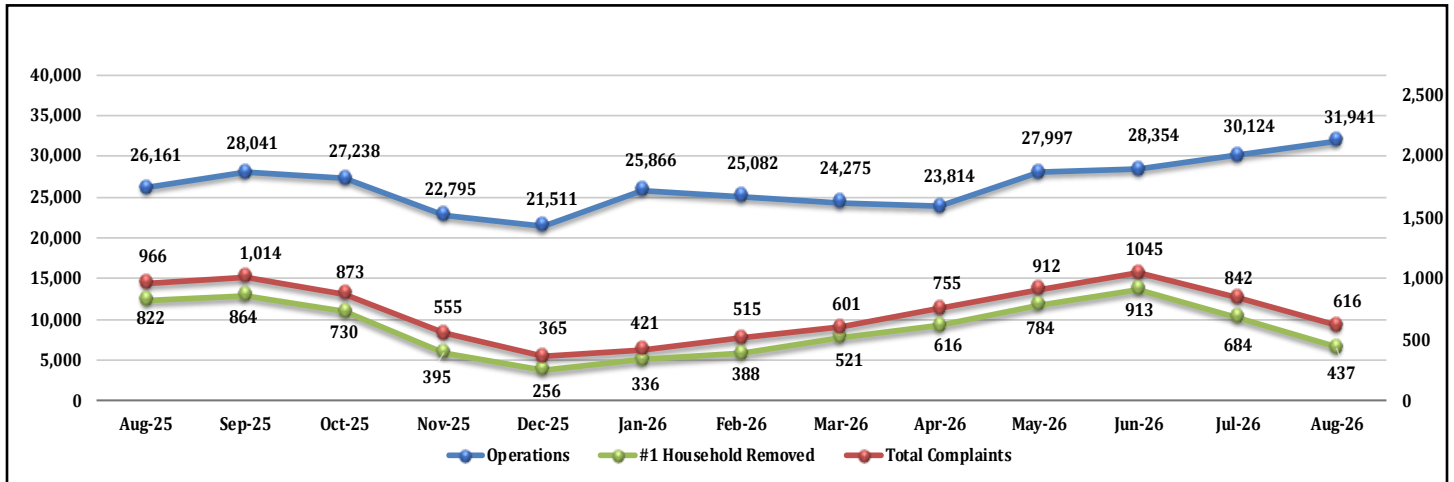


Noise Complaint Responses Completed	
Email	619
Phone	52
Total	671

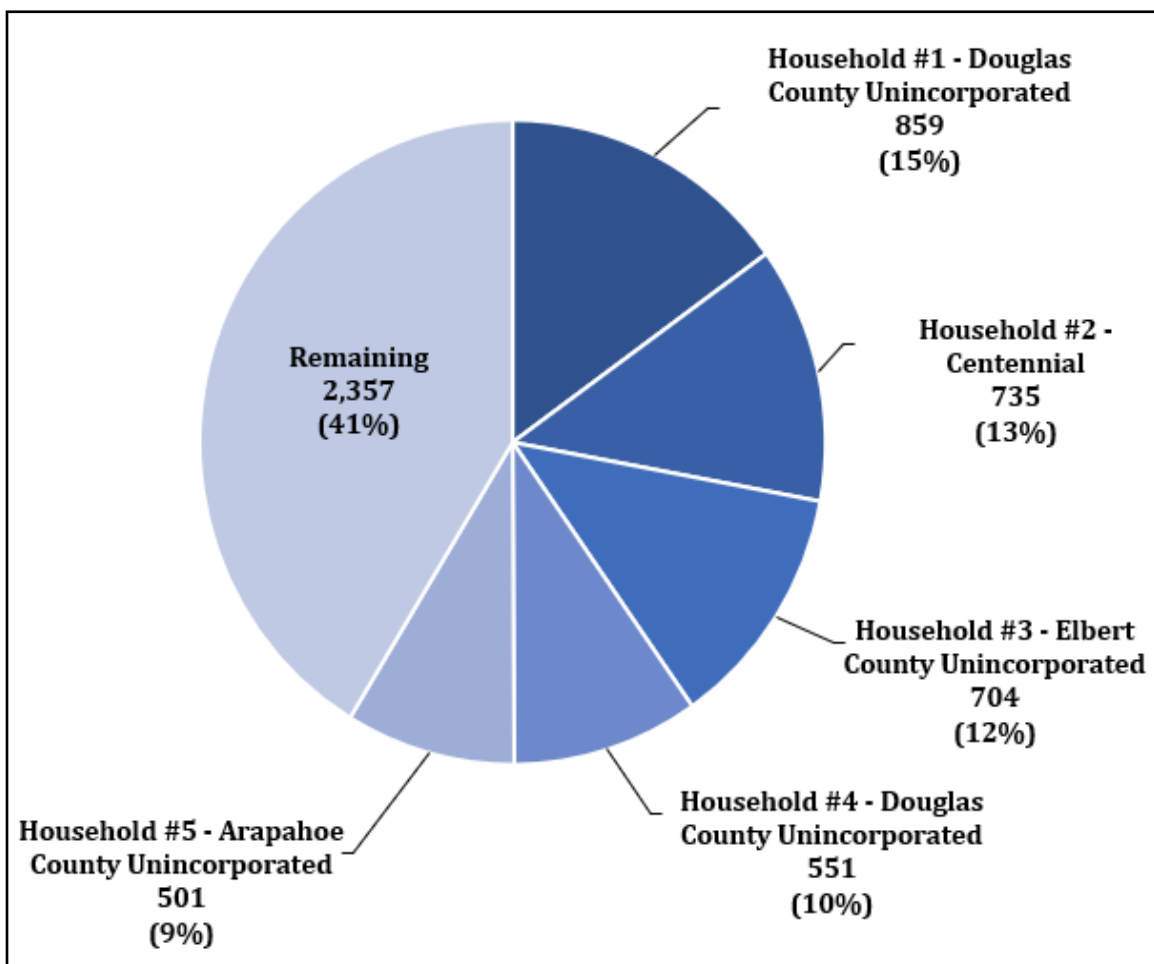
Time Complaint Received	
Day (7:00AM – 9:59PM)	4,866
Night (10:00PM – 6:59AM)	841
Total	5,707

7. YEAR-TO-DATE NOISE COMPLAINT STATISTICS

13-Month Trend



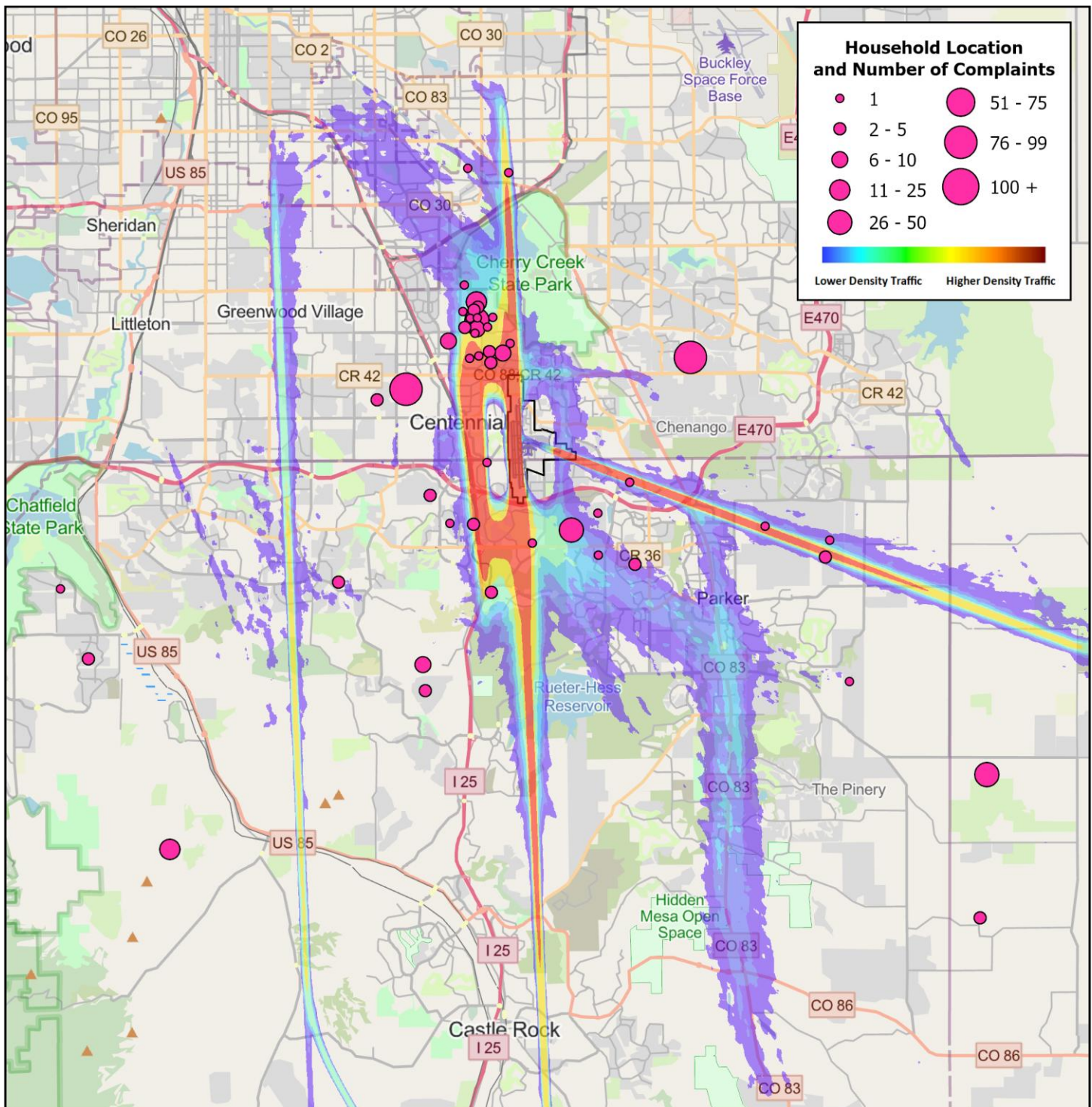
Top 5 Household Complaints Year-To-Date



8. RADAR TRACK DENSITY MAP

This map takes all of the flight track data for the given time period and creates a line density plot overlaid with the monthly noise complaint dot map. This enables a better understanding of where the flight tracks are at in relation to noise complaints, 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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9. 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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