



Centennial Airport Monthly Noise Report



August 2023

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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.

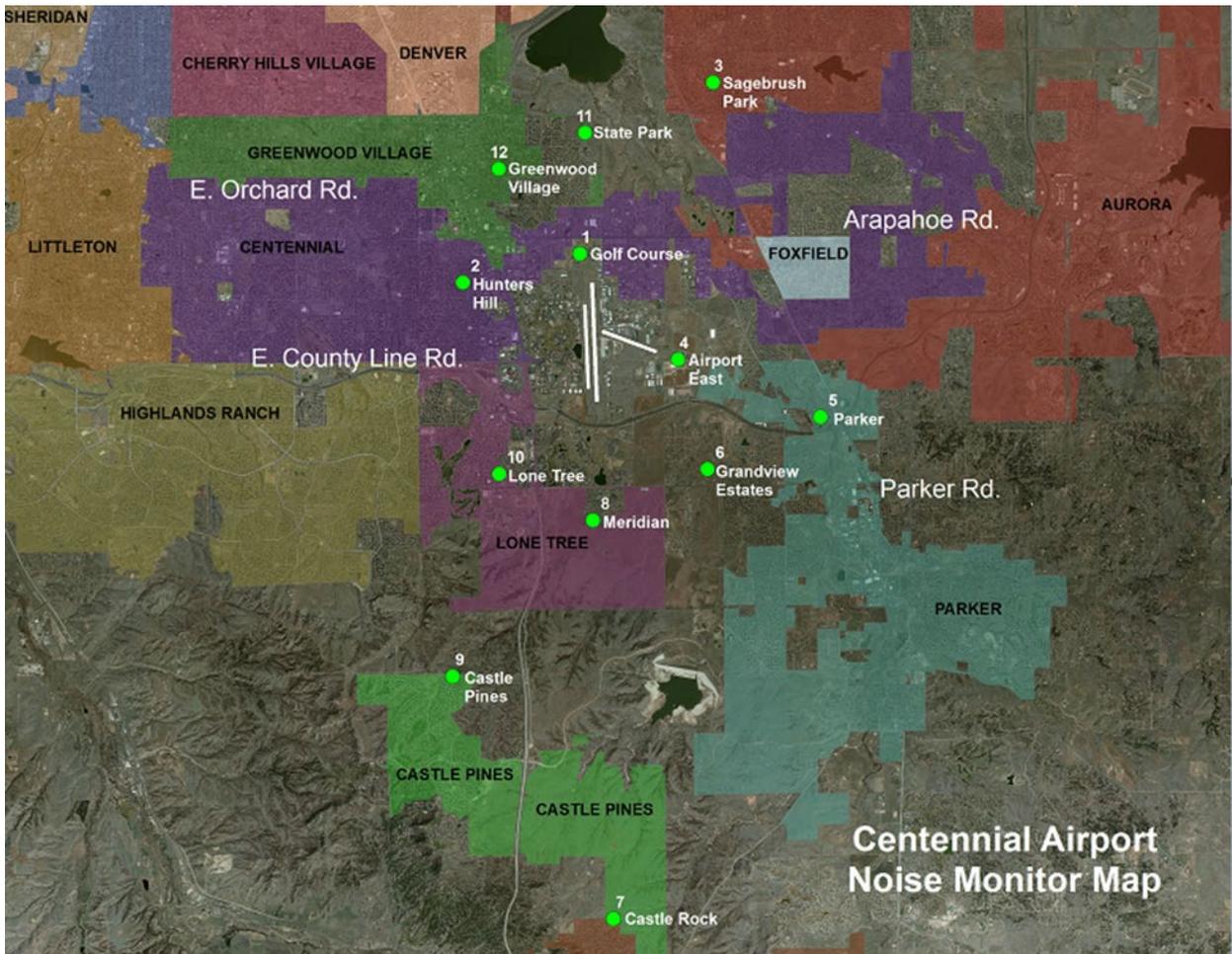
Visual Flight Rules (VFR) – A set of regulations under which a pilot operates an aircraft in weather conditions generally clear enough to allow the pilot to see where the aircraft is going. A flight plan is not required when the pilot is operating under Visual Flight Rules.

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.

Overview

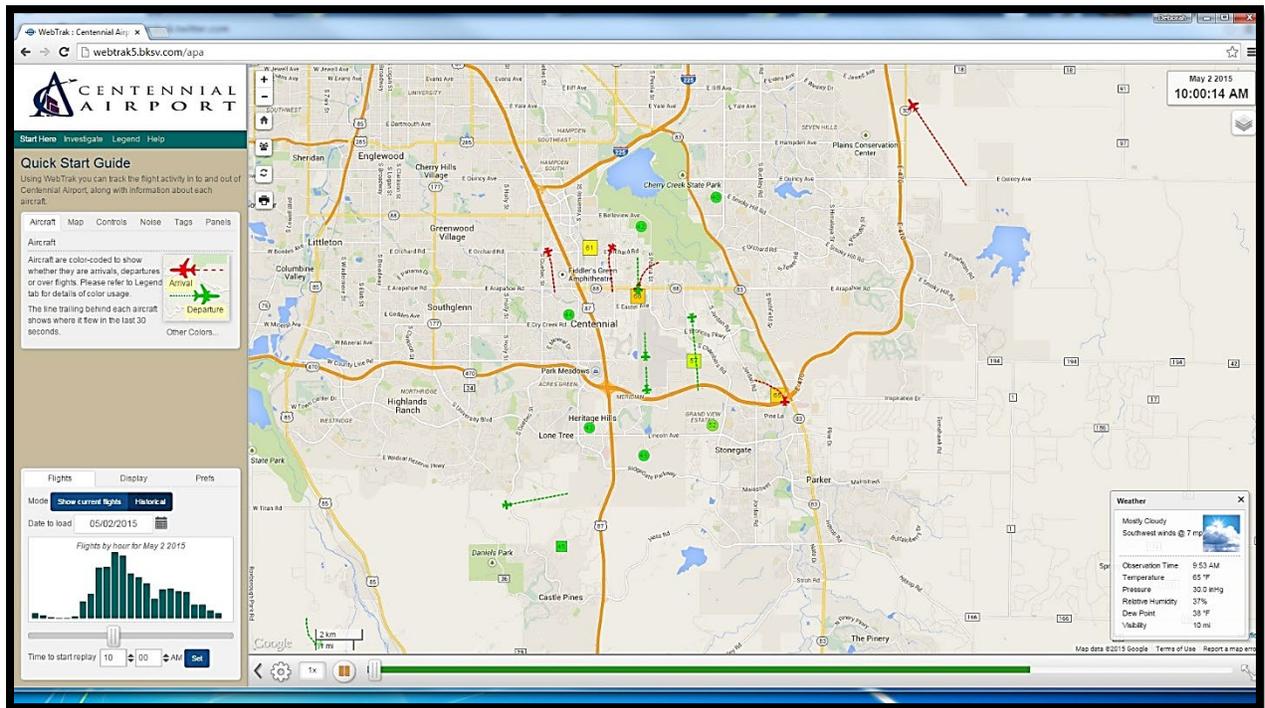
3 ABOUT APA'S NOISE MONITORING PROGRAM

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 now 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, Front Range Airport and Buckley Air 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:

APA WebTrak:

https://webtrak.emsbk.com/apa?fbclid=IwAR1xnXwQ2sVwisSZ_szUAIHFtyYBNI_ZTACOI1PF7ZSH8PPbBxORnnaidUUE

Centennial Airport Website: <http://www.centennialairport.com>

In addition, noise complaints can also be submitted on our noise hotline:

APA Noise Hotline:

303-790-4709

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	2,304	3,055	99	5,458	896	5,213	69	6,178	11,936	25	11,961
February	2,180	2,883	123	5,186	1,046	5,388	85	6,519	12,426	20	12,446
March	2,512	3,260	187	5,959	1,555	5,523	100	7,178	14,989	20	15,009
April	2,152	2,693	144	4,989	1,616	6,550	137	8,303	16,940	40	16,980
May	2,556	3,026	175	5,757	1,542	5,734	116	7,392	17,833	21	17,854
June	2,584	3,338	165	6,087	1,544	6,277	159	7,980	16,101	31	16,132
July	2,524	3,341	189	6,054	1,999	8,004	131	10,134	18,733	53	18,786
August	2,536	3,434	245	6,215	2,283	8,727	118	11,128	21,173	29	21,202
September				0				0			0
October				0				0			0
November				0				0			0
December				0				0			0
Y-T-D Totals	19,348	25,030	1,327	45,705	12,481	51,416	915	64,812	130,131	239	130,370

	IFR OVERFLIGHTS				VFR OVERFLIGHTS				TOTAL OPERATIONS	
	AIR TAXI	G.A.	MILITARY	TOTAL INTINERANT	AIR TAXI	G.A.	MILITARY	TOTAL		
January	2	4	4	10	43	73	11	127	January	23,734
February	6	4	2	12	31	80	1	112	February	24,275
March	0	0	3	3	24	90	4	118	March	28,267
April	3	5	2	10	37	79	13	129	April	30,411
May	1	5	0	6	32	120	8	160	May	31,169
June	2	9	1	12	29	87	6	122	June	30,333
July	6	12	3	21	28	138	7	173	July	35,168
August	8	12	5	25	32	86	7	125	August	38,695
September				0				0	September	
October				0				0	October	
November				0				0	November	
December				0				0	December	
Y-T-D Totals	28	51	20	99	256	753	57	1,066	Y-T-D Totals	242,052

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 REPORTS

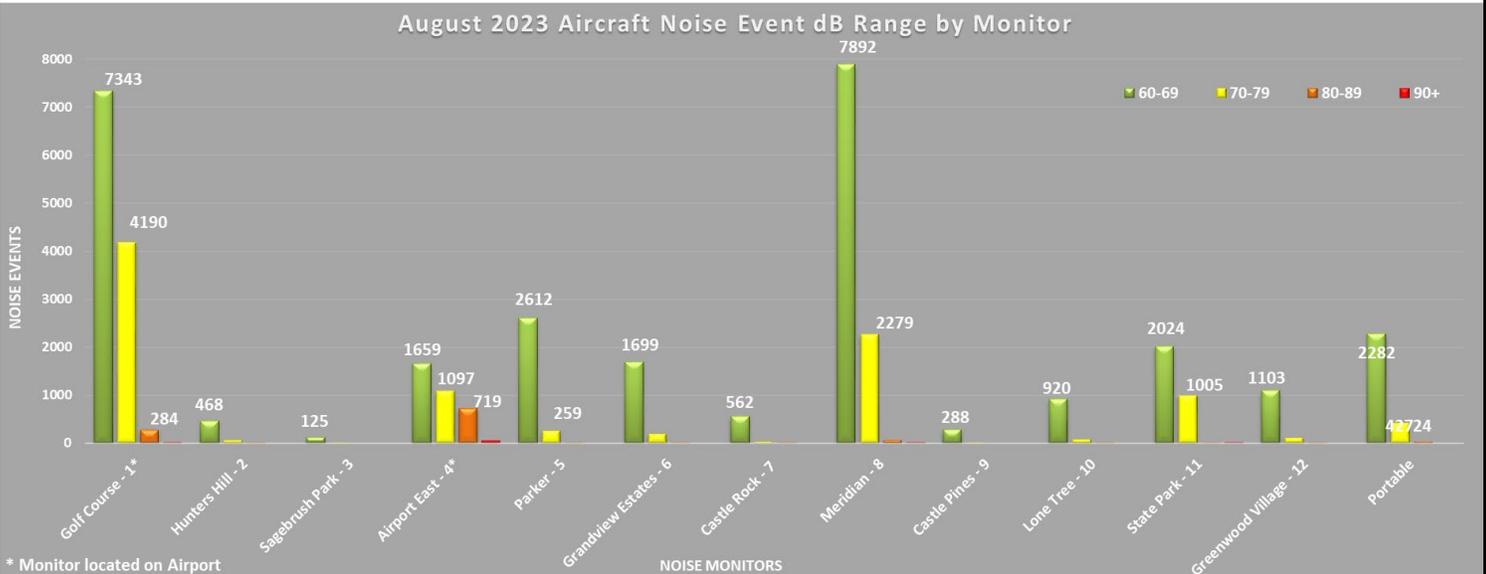
The following data displays the amount and associated decibel level of aircraft noise events at a given monitor. An aircraft noise event must contain the following characteristics:

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.

The information below reflects only aircraft noise events as described above.

August 2023 Aircraft Noise Event Decibel Range By Monitor					
Monitor	60-69	70-79	80-89	90+	Totals
Golf Course- 1*	7343	4190	284	15	11832
Hunters Hill- 2	468	71	7	0	546
Sagebrush Park- 3	125	9	0	0	134
Airport East- 4*	1659	1097	719	47	3522
Parker- 5	2612	259	2	0	2873
Grandview Estates- 6	1699	203	9	0	1911
Castle Rock- 7	562	24	1	0	587
Meridian- 8	7892	2279	63	8	10242
Castle Pines- 9	288	18	0	0	306
Lone Tree- 10	920	77	2	0	999
State Park- 11	2024	1005	11	2	3042
Greenwood Village- 12	1103	108	11	0	1222
Portable Station 31	2282	427	24	0	2733
Totals	28977	9767	1133	72	39949

*Monitor located on Airport



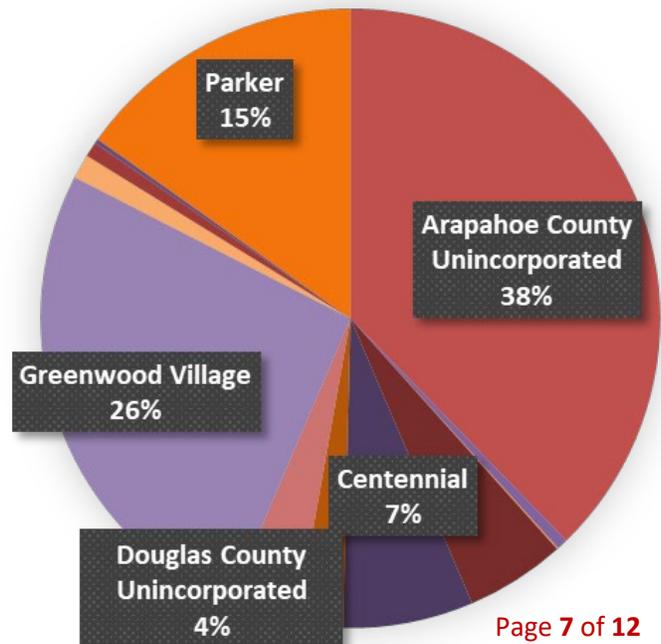
7 AUGUST 2023 NOISE COMPLAINT STATISTICS

In August, Centennial Airport received 1,574 complaints from 138 households.

August Noise Complaints			YTD		Population
Municipality	Complaints	Households	Complaints	Households	Census 2020
Arapahoe County Unincorporated	594	61	3,294	169	98,066
Aurora	9	3	57	10	386,261
Castle Pines	1	1	7	3	11,036
Castle Rock	82	4	291	7	73,158
Centennial	107	5	616	13	108,418
Cherry Hills Village	0	0	0	0	6,442
Denver	38	2	118	4	715,522
Douglas County Unincorporated	57	10	291	19	276,493*
Greenwood Village	411	37	2,184	74	15,691
Highlands Ranch	20	6	33	10	103,444
Lone Tree	12	5	40	11	14,253
Parker	239	1	636	11	58,512
Other	4	3	74	22	UNK
Total	1,574	138	7,641	353	1,867,296

*Douglas County Unincorporated Population with Highlands Ranch Removed

Complaints per Municipality



August 2023 Noise Complaint Responses Completed	
Email	90
Phone	25
Total	115

Time Complaint Received	Aug
Day Hours (7:00 am - 9:59pm)	1,323
Night Hours (10:00 pm - 6:59 am)	251
TOTAL	1,574

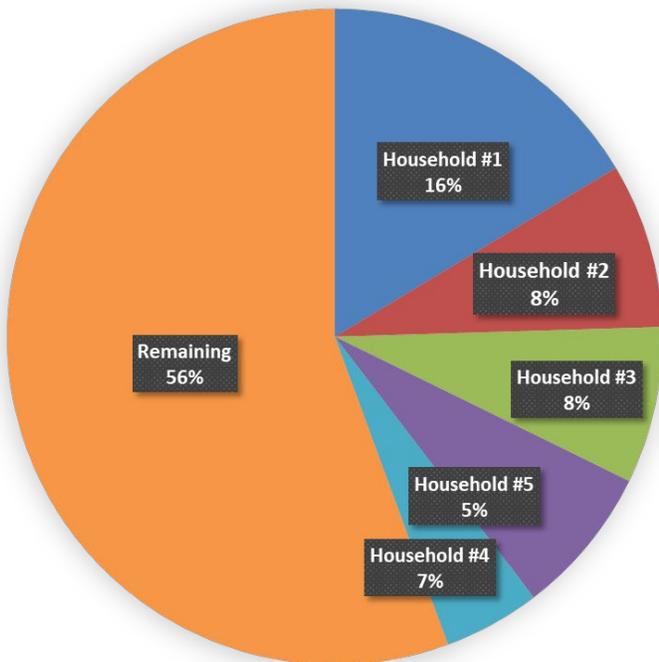
Current 12 Month Trend



Previous Year 13 Month Trend

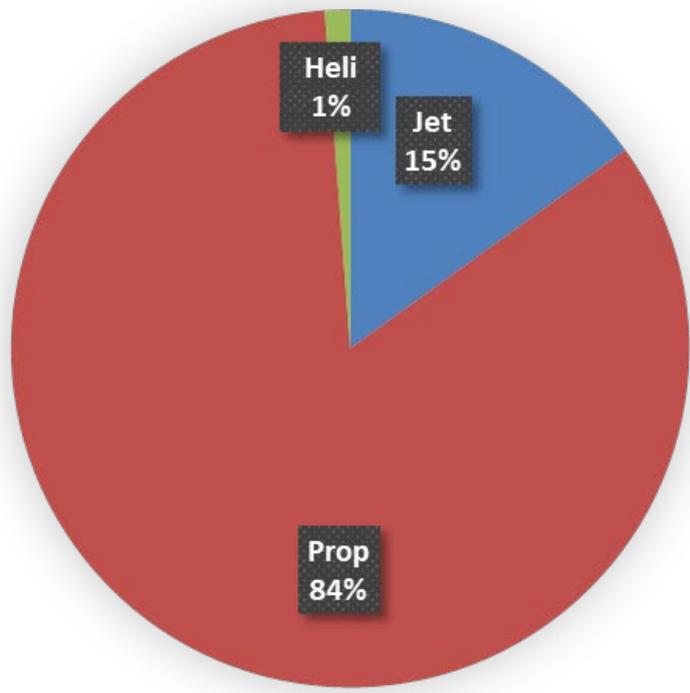


Top 5 Household Complaints YTD



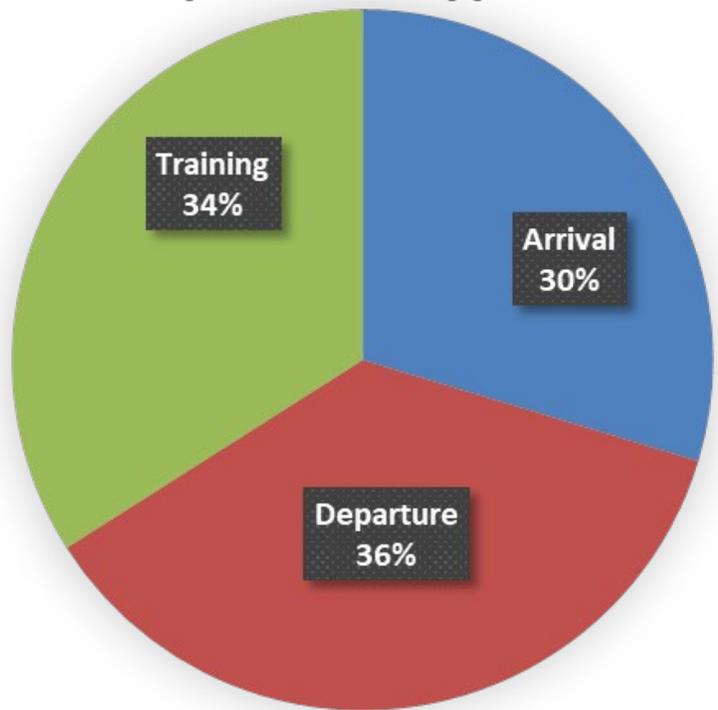
Top 5 Household Complaints		
Household	Complaints	Households
Household #1	1,253	Greenwood Village
Household #2	621	Parker
Household #3	591	Centennial
Household #4	563	Arapahoe County
Household #5	364	Arapahoe County
Remaining	4,250	
Total	7,642	

Complaints by Aircraft Type

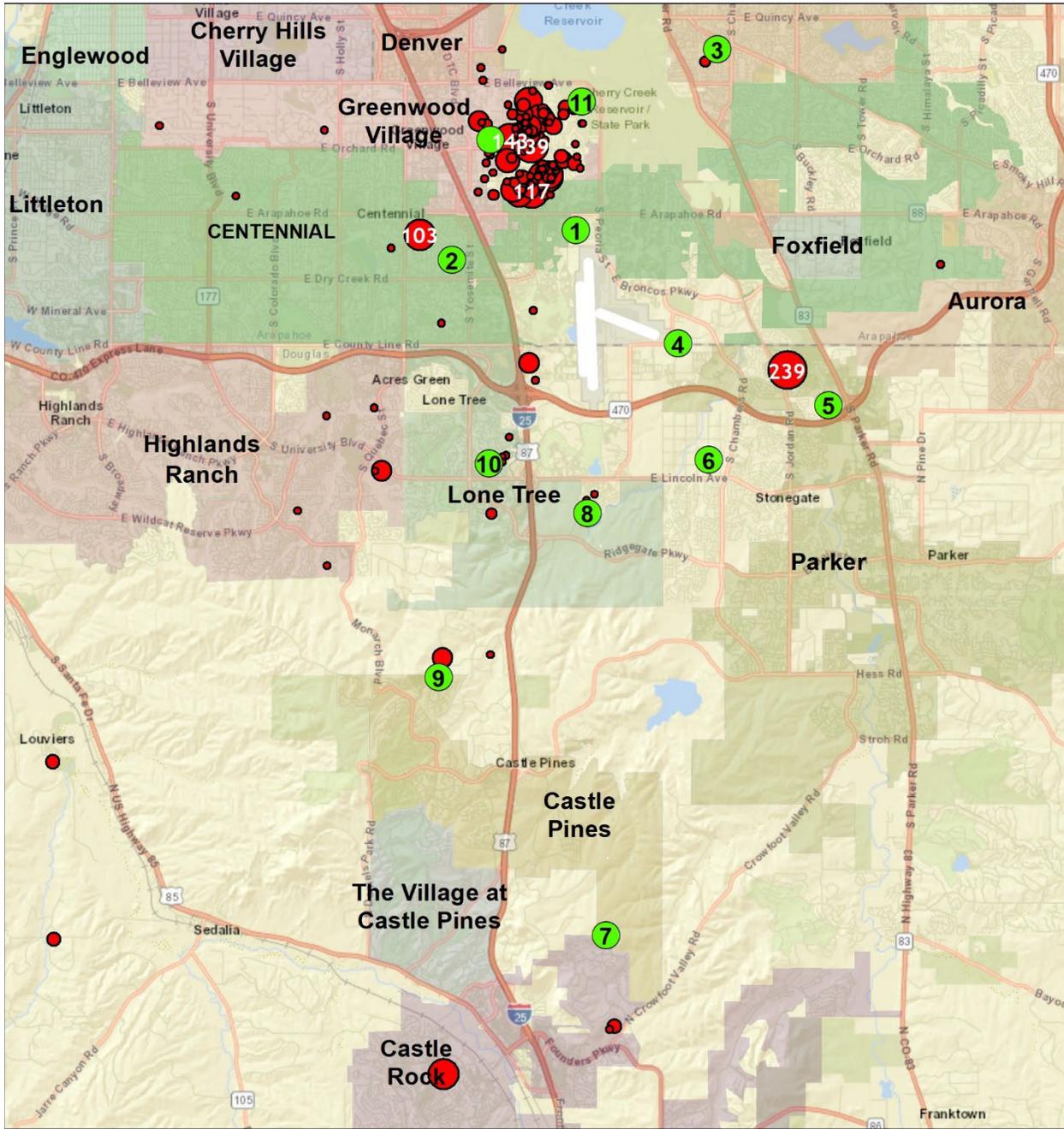


*#1 Household Removed

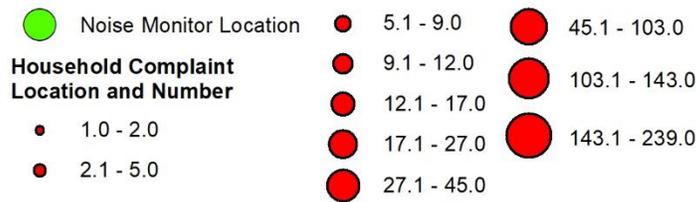
Complaints by Operation Type



8 CENTENNIAL AIRPORT COMPLAINT MAP



August 2023 Complaints

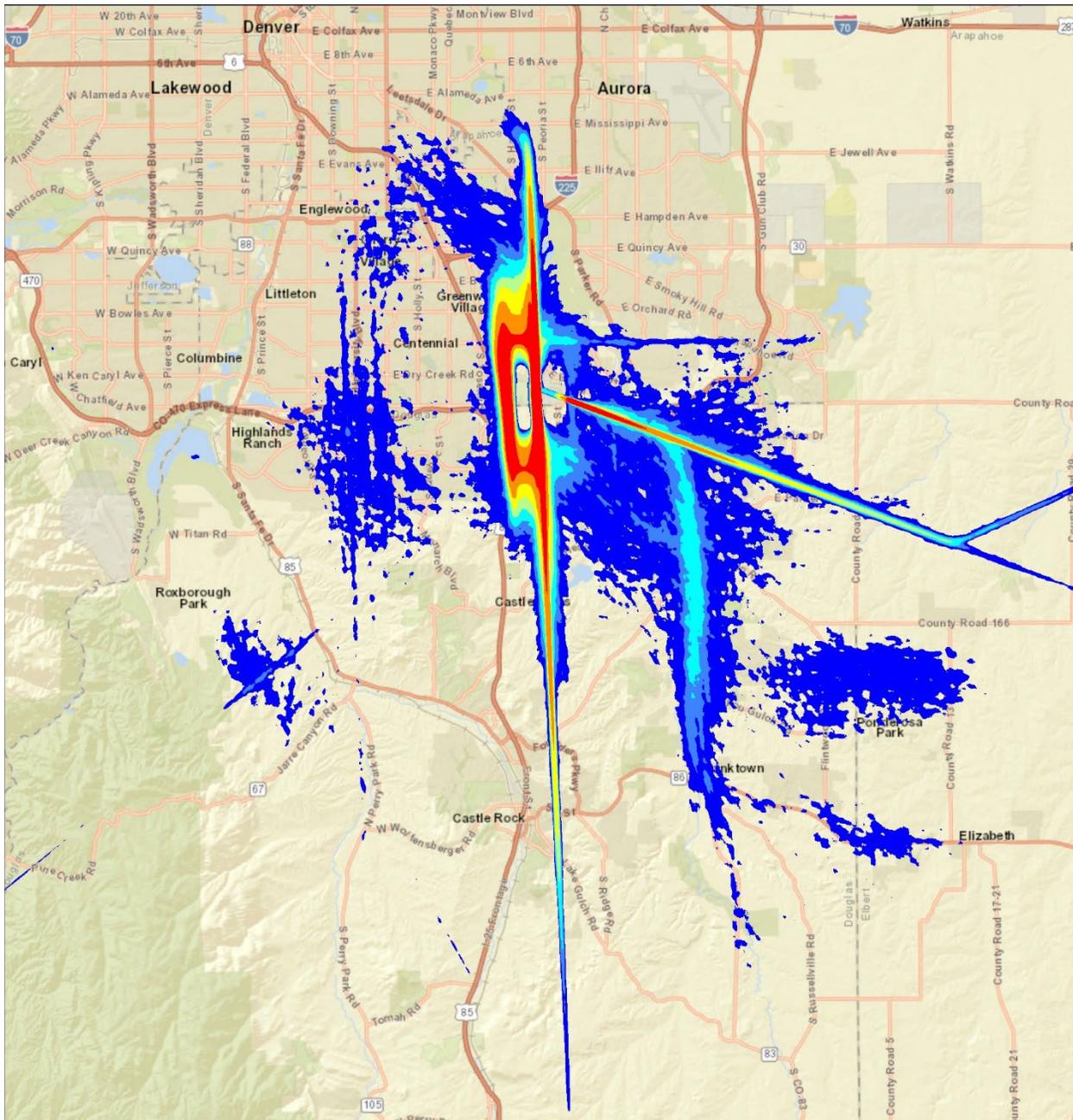


**Larger dots equate to more complaints for that particular households

9 CENTENNIAL AIRPORT RADAR TRACK DENSITY MAP

The following maps take all of the flight track data for the given time period and create 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.

August 2023 Flight Tracks associated with Centennial Airport



10 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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