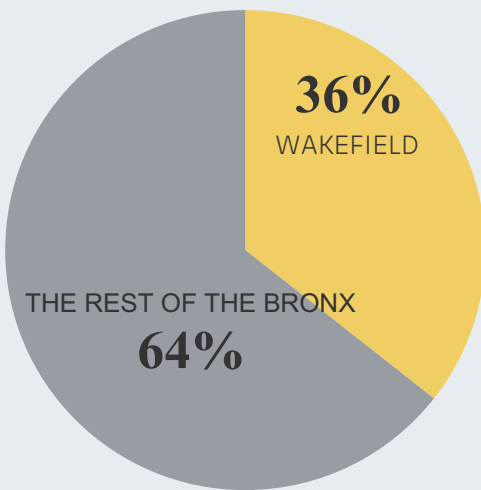
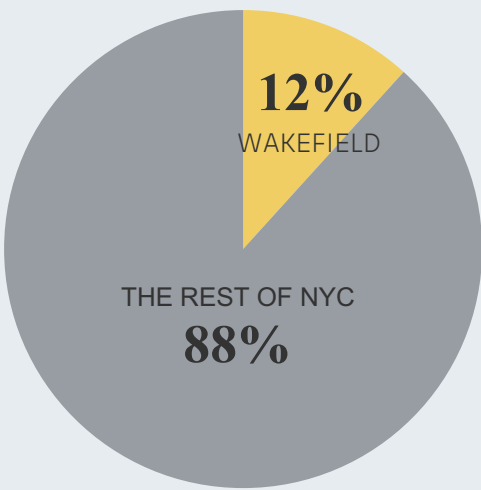


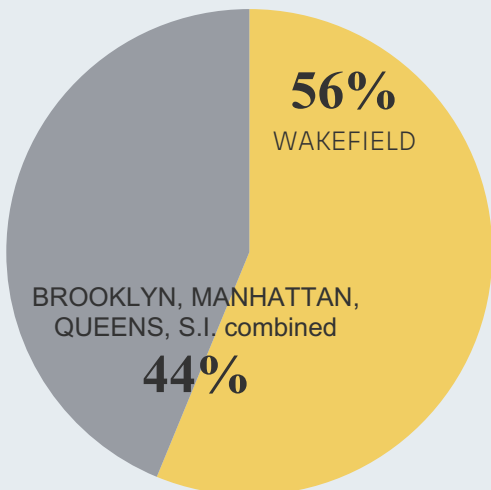
# What's Going On In Wakefield?

A deep dive into the noisiest neighborhood in NYC

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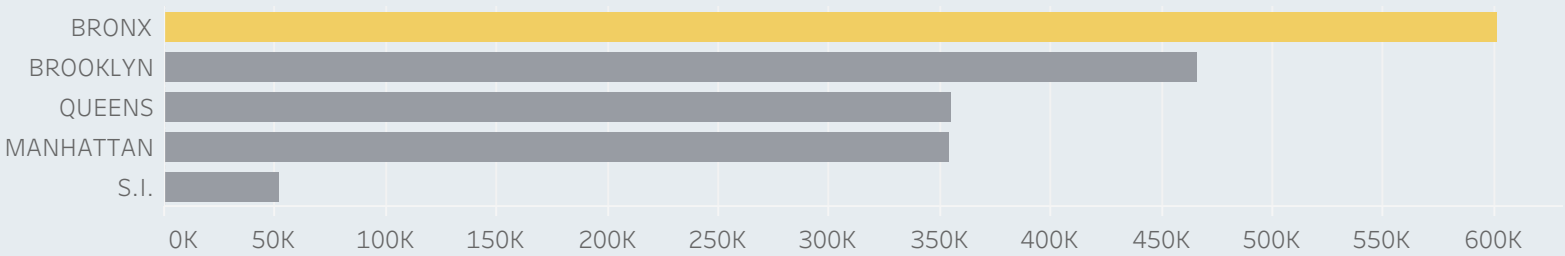


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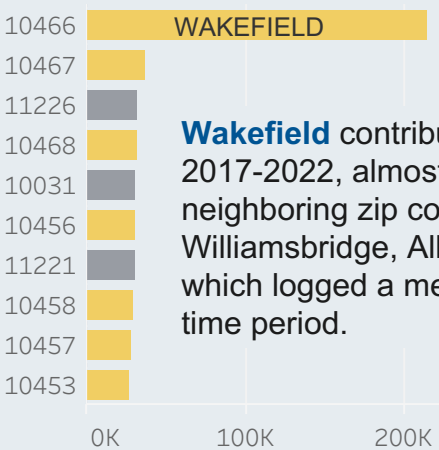
It's no secret that the Bronx is the noisiest borough in NYC. With an average of over 100,000 noise complaints every year, **"The Bronx isn't quiet and never has been."** [🔗](#)

## Total Complaints by Borough

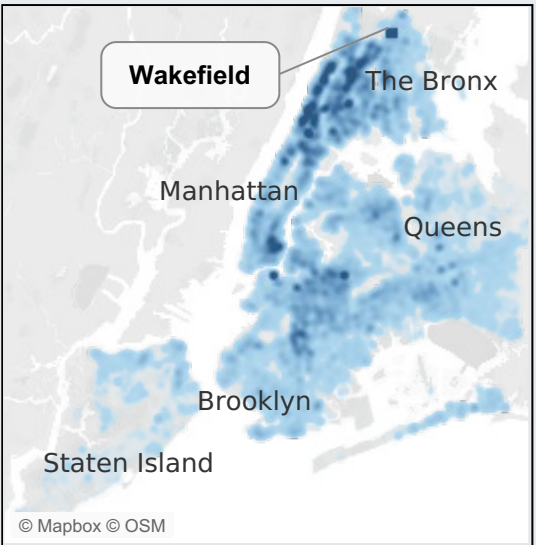


But **one neighborhood on the outskirts** is largely to blame for these noise complaints.

## Noisiest Zip Codes

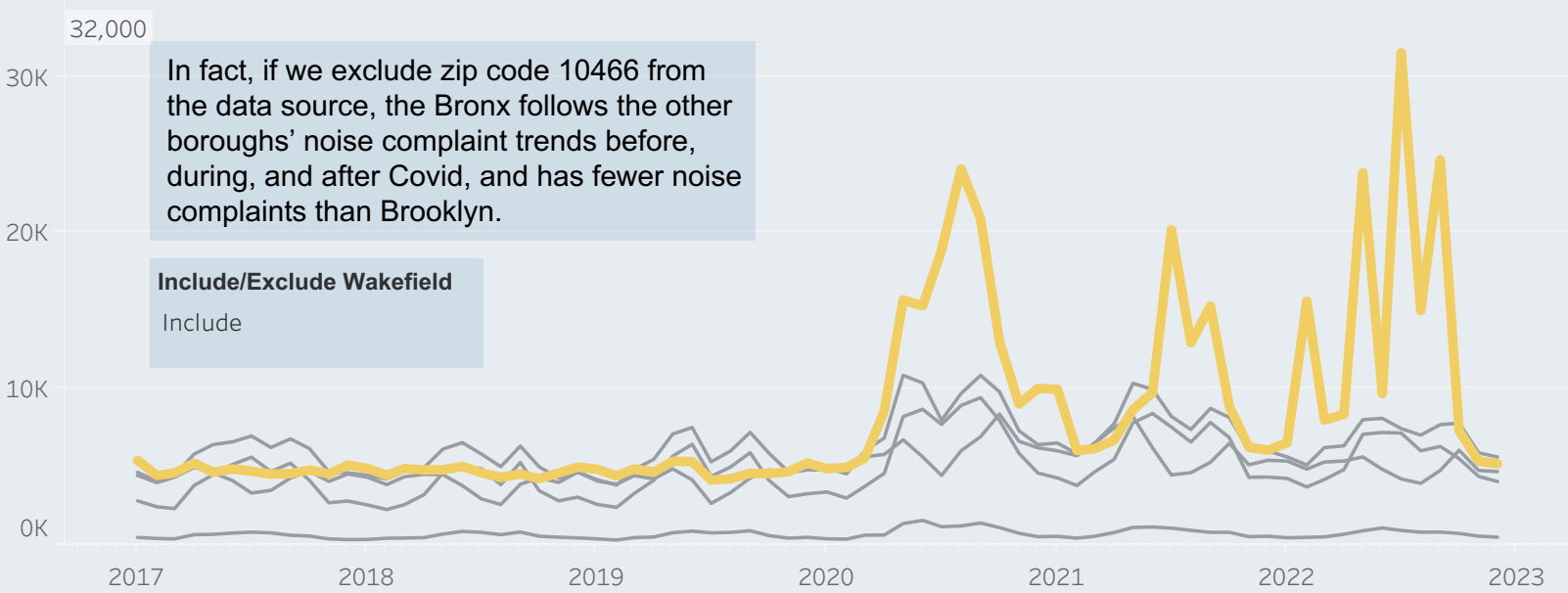


**Wakefield** contributed 214,000 noise complaints from 2017-2022, almost **600%** more complaints than its neighboring zip code, 10467 (comprised of Norwood, Williamsbridge, Allerton, and parts of Bedford Park), which logged a mere 35,800 complaints in the same time period.



**Wakefield wasn't always this disproportionately loud.** All the boroughs saw a dramatic increase in noise complaints once Covid struck in 2020. But while we see a downward trend in the number of noise complaints in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island, noise continues to rise in Wakefield.

## Including & Excluding Wakefield

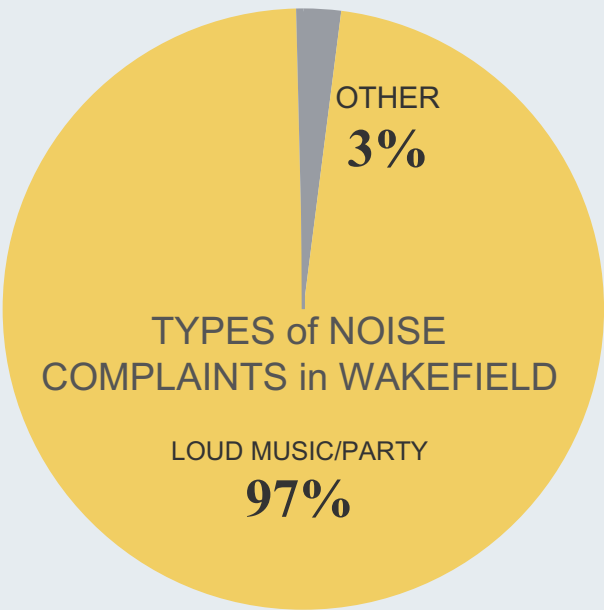


The possible explanation is the result of a few factors coming together to create the perfect storm.

1. Even before Covid, Wakefield was among the neighborhoods where the households with broadband internet was lowest - less than 60 percent. **Bronx residents were challenged to find solutions to accommodate distance learning and working from home.** [🔗](#)

2. Because this district is spread out and **has a significant number of private, single-family homes, the area lends itself to more party activity.** In fact, promoters go so far as to reach out to homeowners who might be financially struggling, asking them to rent out their homes for parties. [🔗](#)

3. One resident, Mary Lauro, interviewed in 2007, believes that **the demographic which makes up this area** (72% Caribbean & Guyanese, 19% Hispanic) **is accustomed to blasting music in their countries of origin** and have carried on that tradition here. However, Carmen Rosa, the district manager at the time, **attributes the noise more to youth than cultural differences.** [🔗](#) [🔗](#)



Whether it's the ethnic composition or the age of the offenders, the fact remains: after Covid, the majority of Wakefield citizens were not equipped to work from home... unless you count throwing parties & charging for alcohol & admission - a unique solution to the job crisis. The Bronx isn't quiet and never has been. Based on these trends, it never will be. **But one thing is for sure: if you like to party, this is the place to be.**