

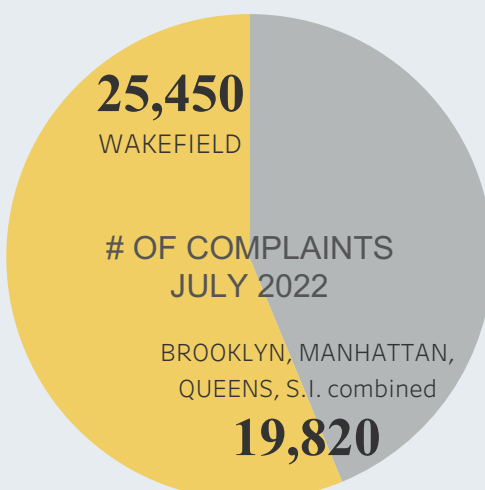
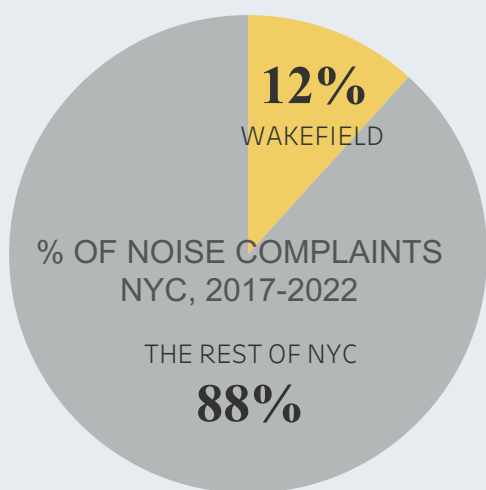
# What's Going On In Wakefield?

2017-2022

Years included in dataset  
NYC Residential Noise Complaints

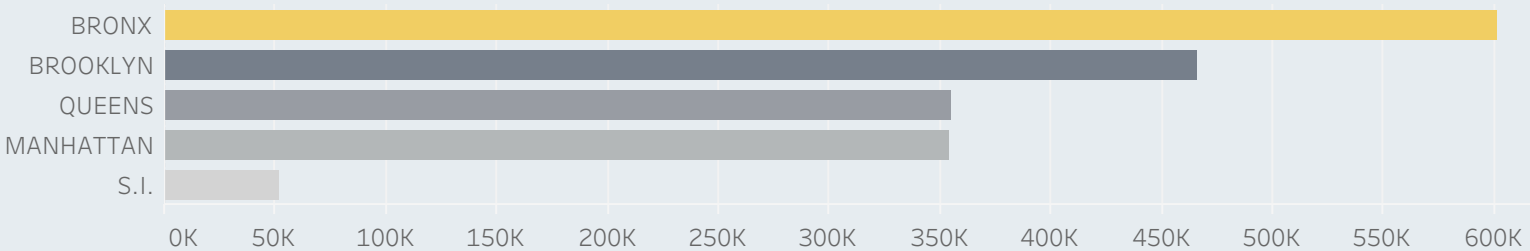
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Wakefield, the Bronx  
Zip Code



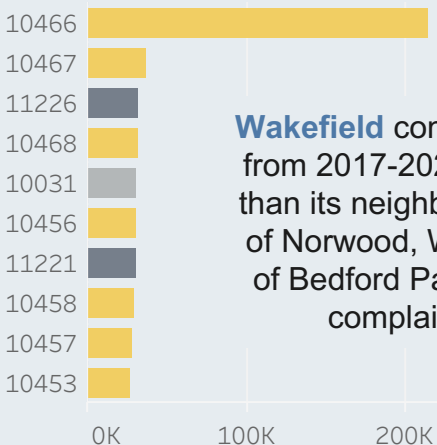
It's no secret that the Bronx is the noisiest borough in NYC. With an average of over 100,000 noise complaints every year, "The Bronx isn't quiet and never has been." [🔗](#)

## Total Complaints by Burough

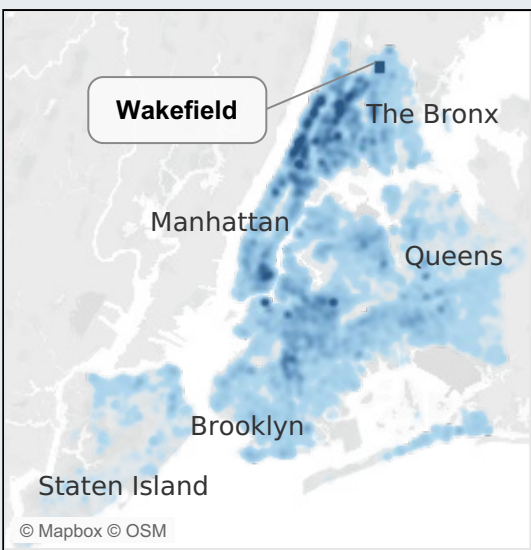


But one neighborhood on the outskirts is largely to blame for these noise complaints.

## Noisiest Zip Codes

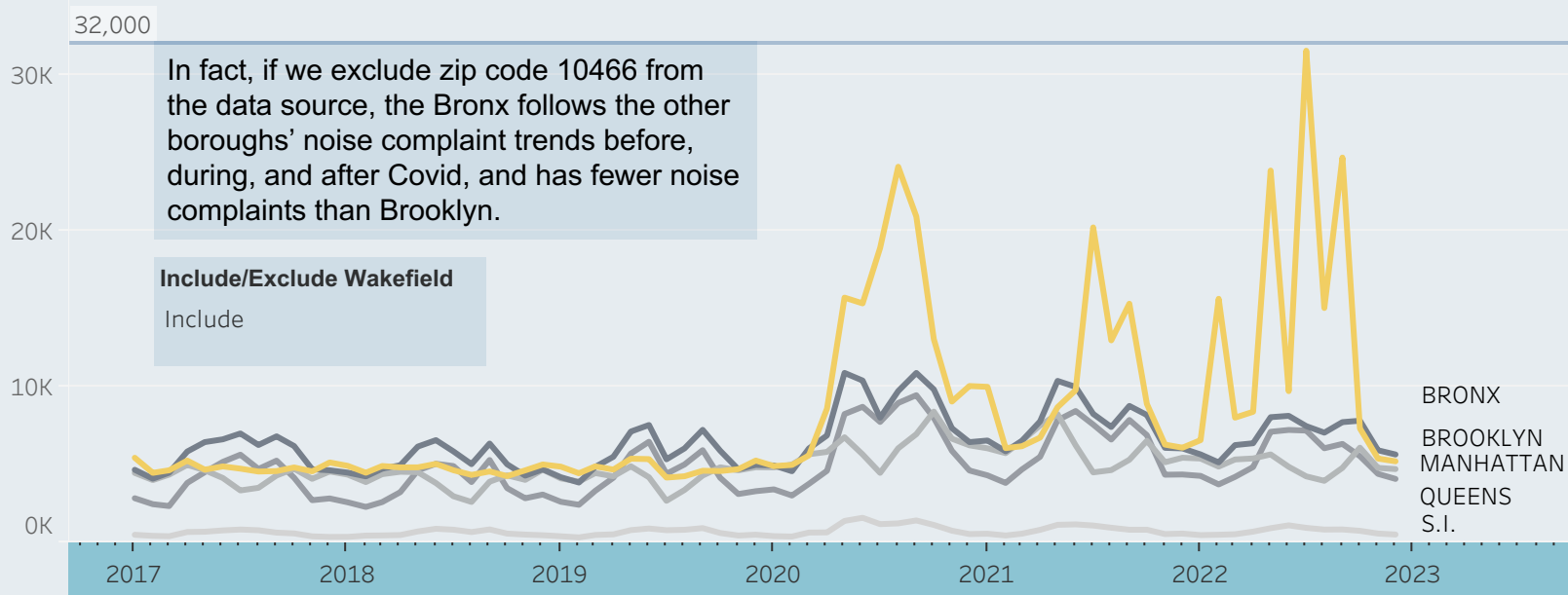


**Wakefield** contributed 214,000 noise complaints from 2017-2022, almost **600%** more complaints than its neighboring zip code, 10467 (comprised of Norwood, Williamsbridge, Allerton, and parts of Bedford Park), which logged a mere 35,800 complaints in the same time period.



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



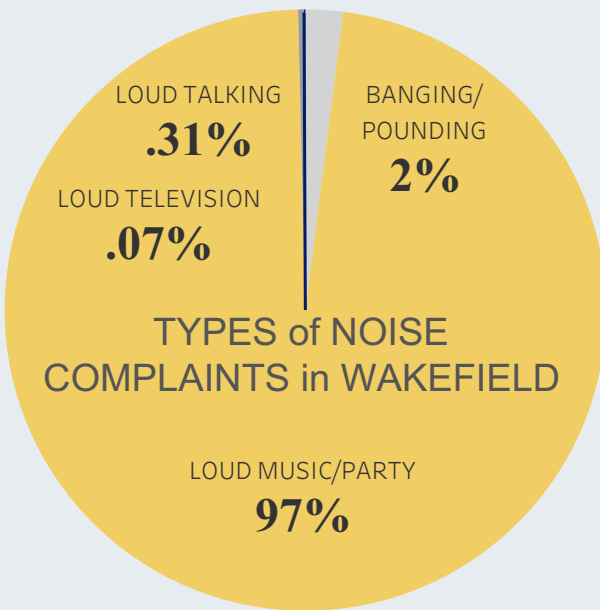
Even before Covid, Wakefield was among the neighborhoods where the households with broadband internet was lowest - less than 60 percent. Bronx residents were challenged to find solutions to accommodate distance learning and working from home. [🔗](#)



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. [🔗](#)



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 admission & alcohol - a unique solution to the job crisis. The Bronx isn't quiet and never has been. And 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.