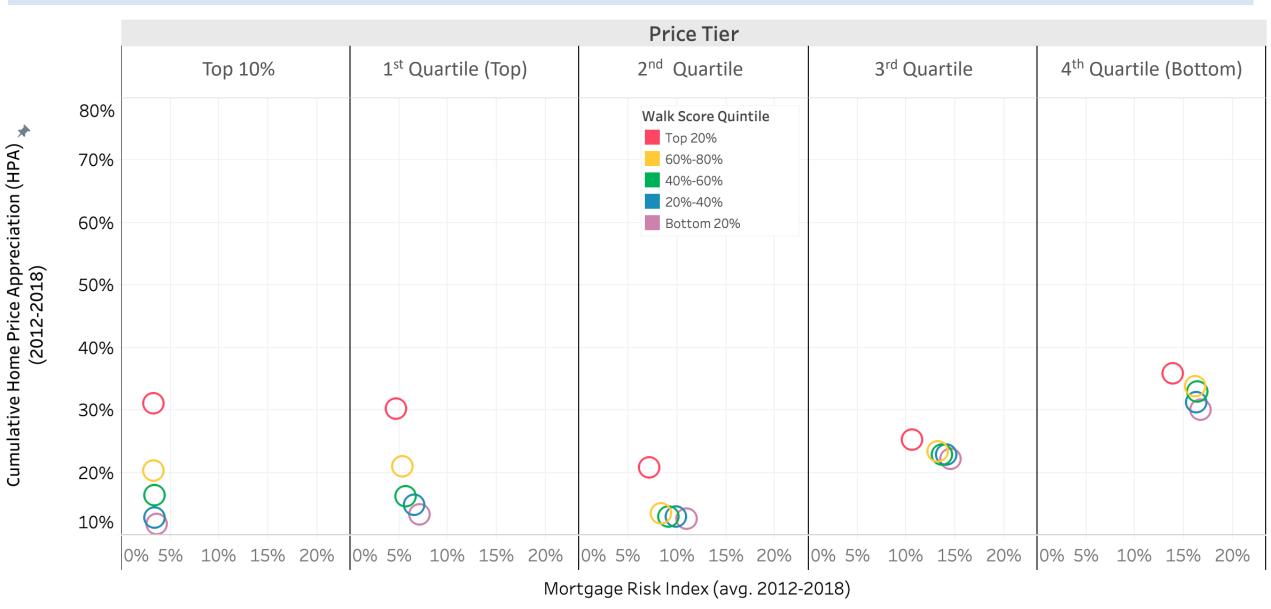
# Evaluation of Walkability, Constant-quality Home Price Appreciation(HPA), & Leverage: Top 50 Metros

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### HPA Trend by Walk Score and Price Tiers: Washington, DC Metro Area



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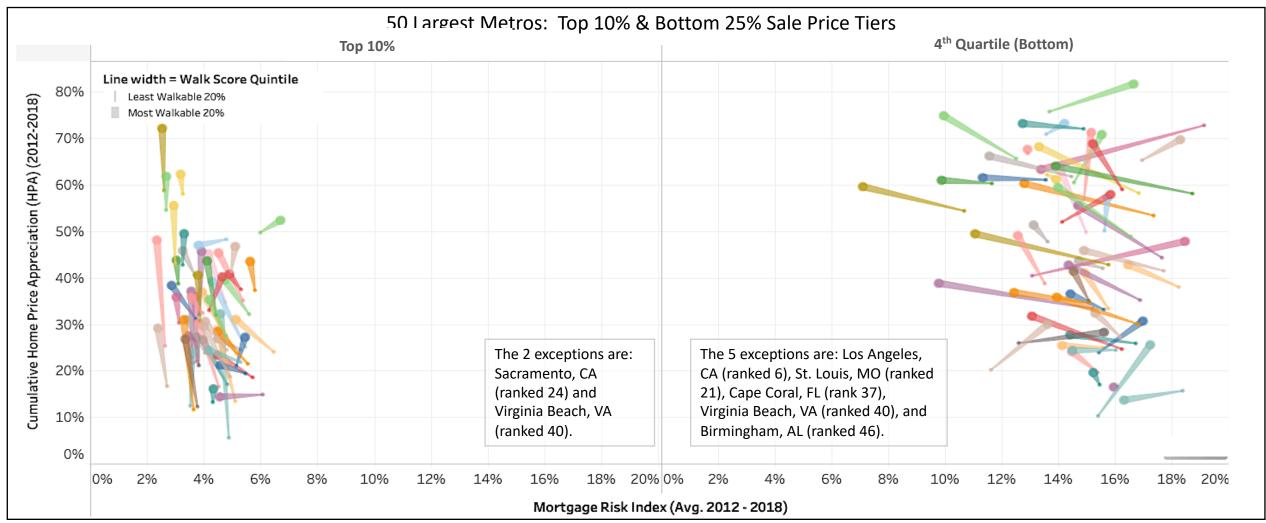
50 Largest Metros: HPA Trend by Walk Score and Price Tiers Line width = Walk Score Quintile **Price Tier** Least Walkable 20% 2<sup>nd</sup> Quartile 1<sup>st</sup> Quartile (Top) 4<sup>th</sup> Quartile (Bottom) Top 10% 3<sup>rd</sup> Quartile Most Walkable 20% 3 exceptions: 7 exceptions: Miami, FL 2 exceptions : 1 exception: 80% **Cumulative Home Price Appreciation** Virginia Beach, VA. Baltimore, MD (ranked (ranked 4), San Diego, VA Sacramento, CA 26), Milwaukee, WI (rank 27), Cape Coral, (ranked 24) and (ranked 44), Tucson, FL(ranked 37), North Virginia Beach, VA (ranked 40). AZ (ranked 45). Port(ranked 38), Virginia Beach, VA, Milwaukee, 60% (HPA) (2012-2018) WI, Tucson, AZ. 40% The 5 exceptions are: Los Angeles, CA (ranked 6), St. Louis, MO (ranked 21), 20% Cape Coral, FL, Virginia Beach, VA, Birmingham, AL (ranked 46). 0% 0% 5% 10% 15% 0% 5% 10% 15% 0% 5% 10% 15% 0% 5% 10% 15% 0% 5% 10% 15% Mortgage Risk Index (Avg. 2012-2018)

Walkability matters. For the five price tier scenarios of 50 metros (total 250 scenarios), walkability provides HPA lift in 93% of the cases.

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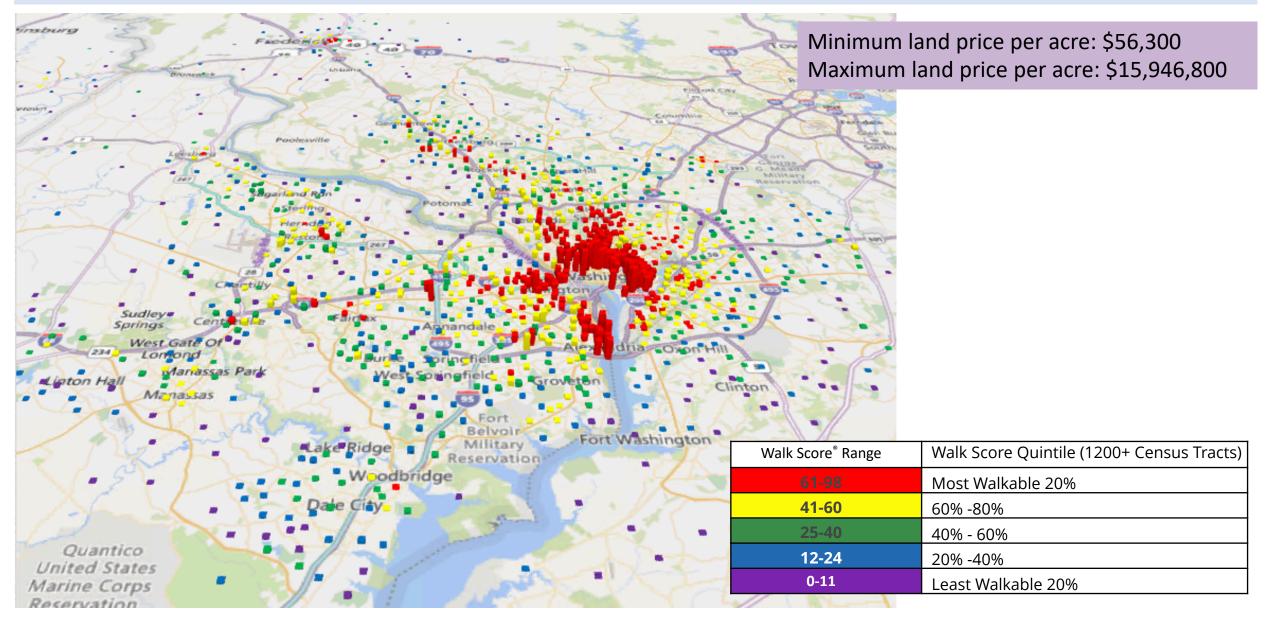
- Top 10% sale price tier: for 48 metros, House Price Appreciation (HPA) was higher in the most walkable quintile than the least walkable one (avg. HPA premium of 8.6%) and the MRI range is very tight, with the average MRI difference being only 0.5%.
- Bottom 25% sale price tier: for 45 metros HPA was higher in the most walkable quintile than the least walkable one (avg. HPA premium of 5.2%) and the MRI range is much wider, with the average MRI difference being 2.1%.



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## Depiction of Walkability and Land Price Per Acre: Washington, DC Census Tract 3D Map



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