

Go

iOS

Android

Share

## Walkable Neighborhoods

Walkability offers surprising benefits to our health, the environment, our finances, and our communities.

**Health:** The average resident of a walkable neighborhood weighs 6-10 pounds less than someone who lives in a sprawling neighborhood.<sup>1</sup>

Cities with good public transit and access to amenities promote happiness.<sup>2</sup>

**Environment:** 82% of CO2 emissions are from burning fossil fuels.<sup>3</sup> Your feet are zero-pollution transportation machines.

**Finances:** Cars are the second largest household expense in the U.S.<sup>4</sup> One point of Walk Score is worth up to \$3,000 of value for your property.<sup>5</sup> [Read the research report.](#)

**Communities:** Studies show that for every 10 minutes a person spends in a daily car commute, time spent in community activities falls by 10%.<sup>6</sup>

**Popular cities:** Find a walkable apartment in [Chicago](#), [Seattle](#), [Portland](#), [Oakland](#) or [Minneapolis](#).

**Find homes for sale:** [Chicago real estate](#), [San Francisco real estate](#), [Seattle real estate](#), [Washington DC real estate](#), [Boston real estate](#)



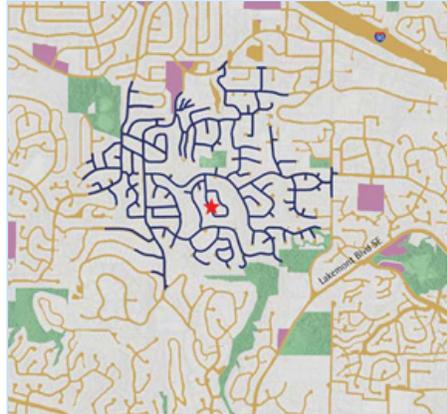
© Urban Advantage and Roma Design

### One-Mile Walk in a Compact Neighborhood



A one-mile walk in [Seattle's Phinney Ridge](#) takes you through a grid-like street network with a mix of residences and businesses.

### One-Mile Walk in a Sprawling Suburb



A one-mile walk in [Bellevue, WA](#) with cul-de-sacs and winding streets has few shops and services within walking distance.

Maps courtesy of Lawrence Frank & Co. and the Sightline Institute.

## What makes a neighborhood walkable?

- **A center:** Walkable neighborhoods have a center, whether it's a main street or a public space.
- **People:** Enough people for businesses to flourish and for public transit to run frequently.
- **Mixed income, mixed use:** Affordable housing located near businesses.
- **Parks and public space:** Plenty of public places to gather and play.
- **Pedestrian design:** Buildings are close to the street, parking lots are relegated to the back.
- **Schools and workplaces:** Close enough that most residents can walk from their homes.
- **Complete streets:** Streets designed for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit.

**Walk Score**

- Blog
- About
- How It Works
- Press
- Android
- iPhone
- Terms & Privacy
- Feedback

**Professional**

- Walk Score Widget
- Walk Score APIs
- Data Services
- Real Estate Professionals
- Walkability Research
- Badges



@CreditExperts A2: How will this investment affect my career, family and mobility? #ThatMoneyStuff  
—AnthonyCopeman Mar 16, 2:30 pm

If you are using a screen reader or having trouble reading this website, please call Walk Score customer service at (253) 256-1634.

© 2017 Walk Score