

PHILADELPHIA HOUSE PRICE INDICES

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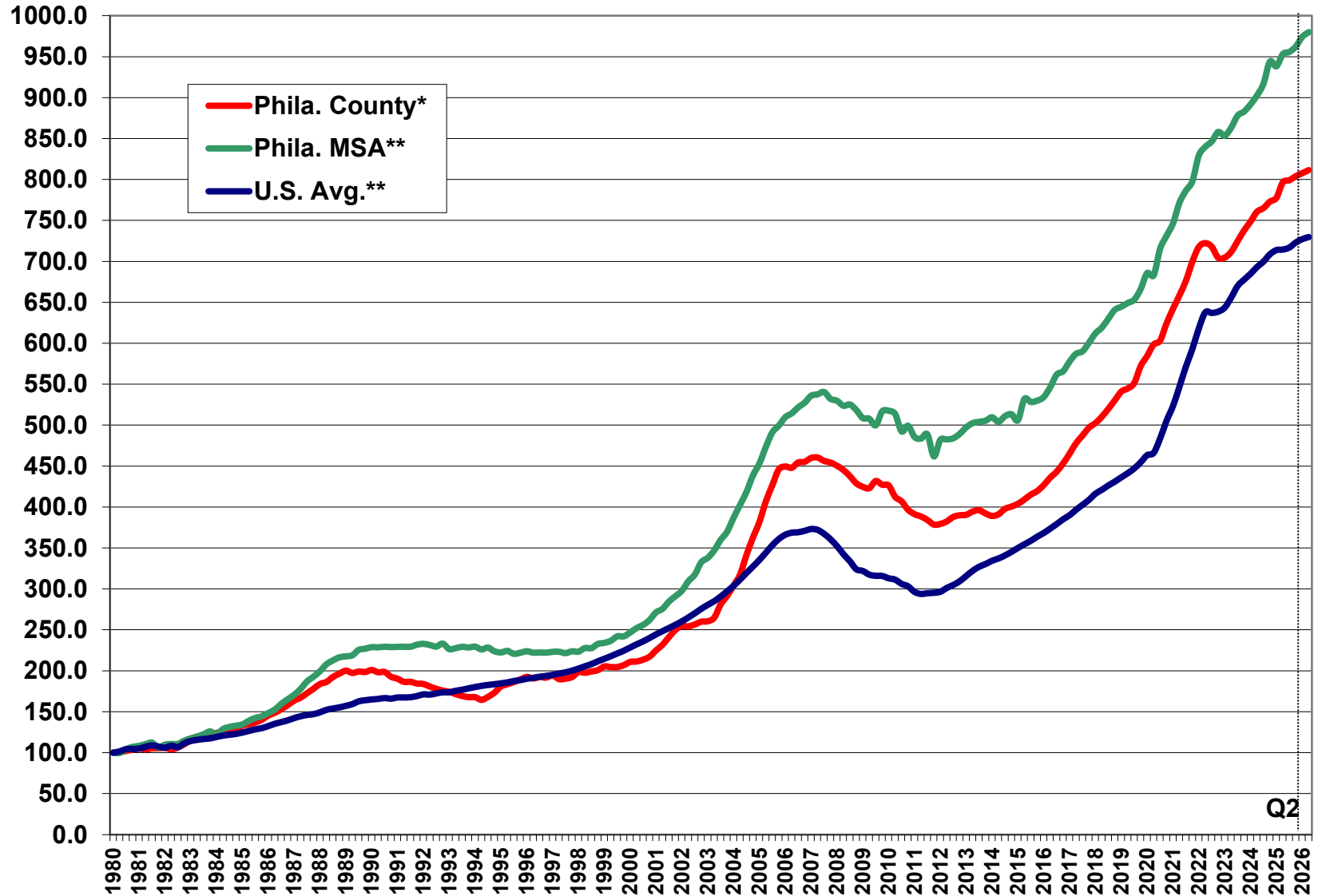
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House Price Indices 1980-2026: 1980Q1=100 Philadelphia County v. Philadelphia MSA and U.S. Average



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**Courtesy of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA).

These HPIs are current through 2025 Q3 only.

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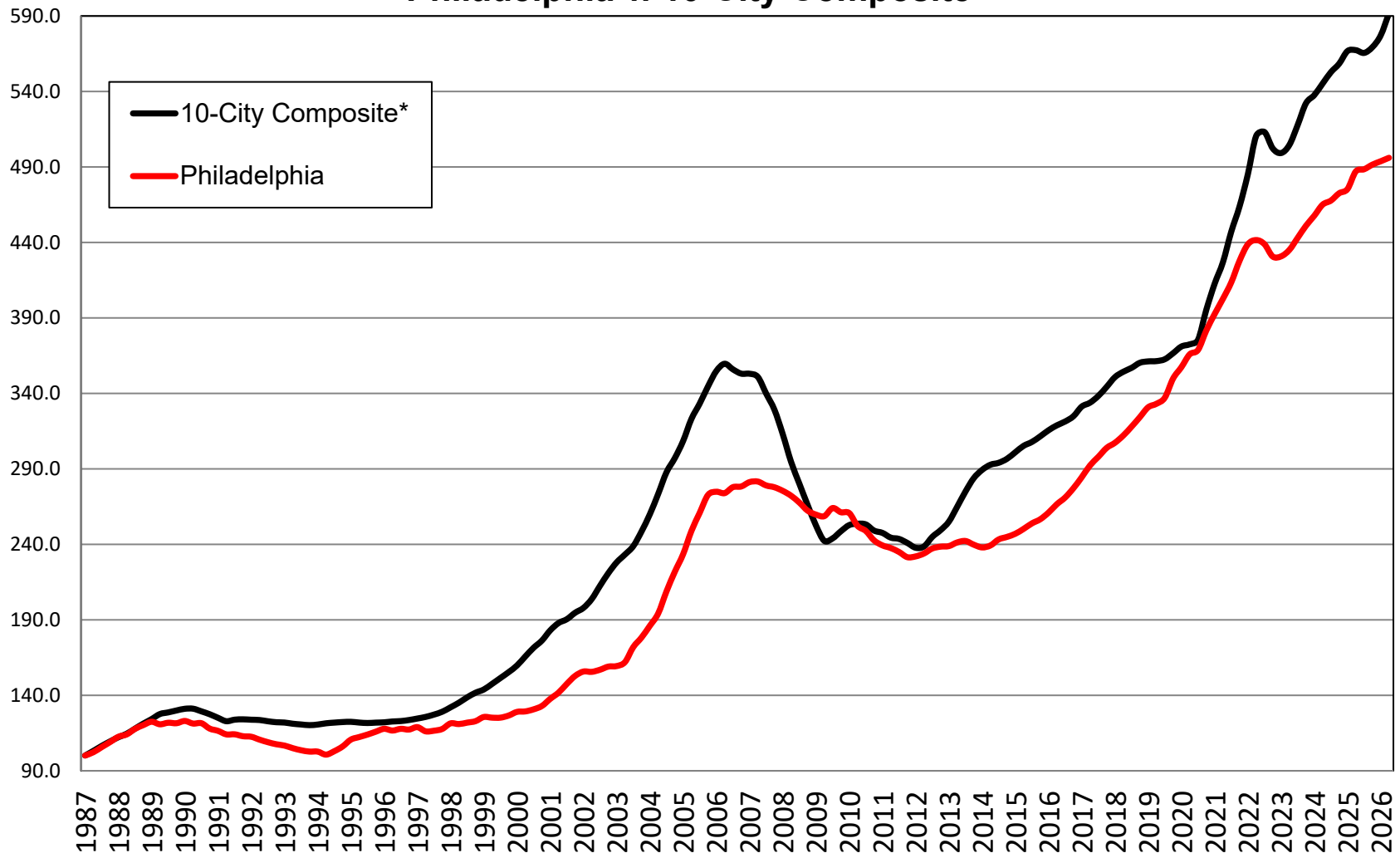
Total House Price Appreciation Rates by Geographic Market

Period	Philadelphia County*	Philadelphia MSA**	U.S.A.**
46-Year	711.5%	879.9%	629.7%
10-Year	86.2%	79.4%	95.3%
1-Year	2.7%	2.8%	2.1%
1-Quarter	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%

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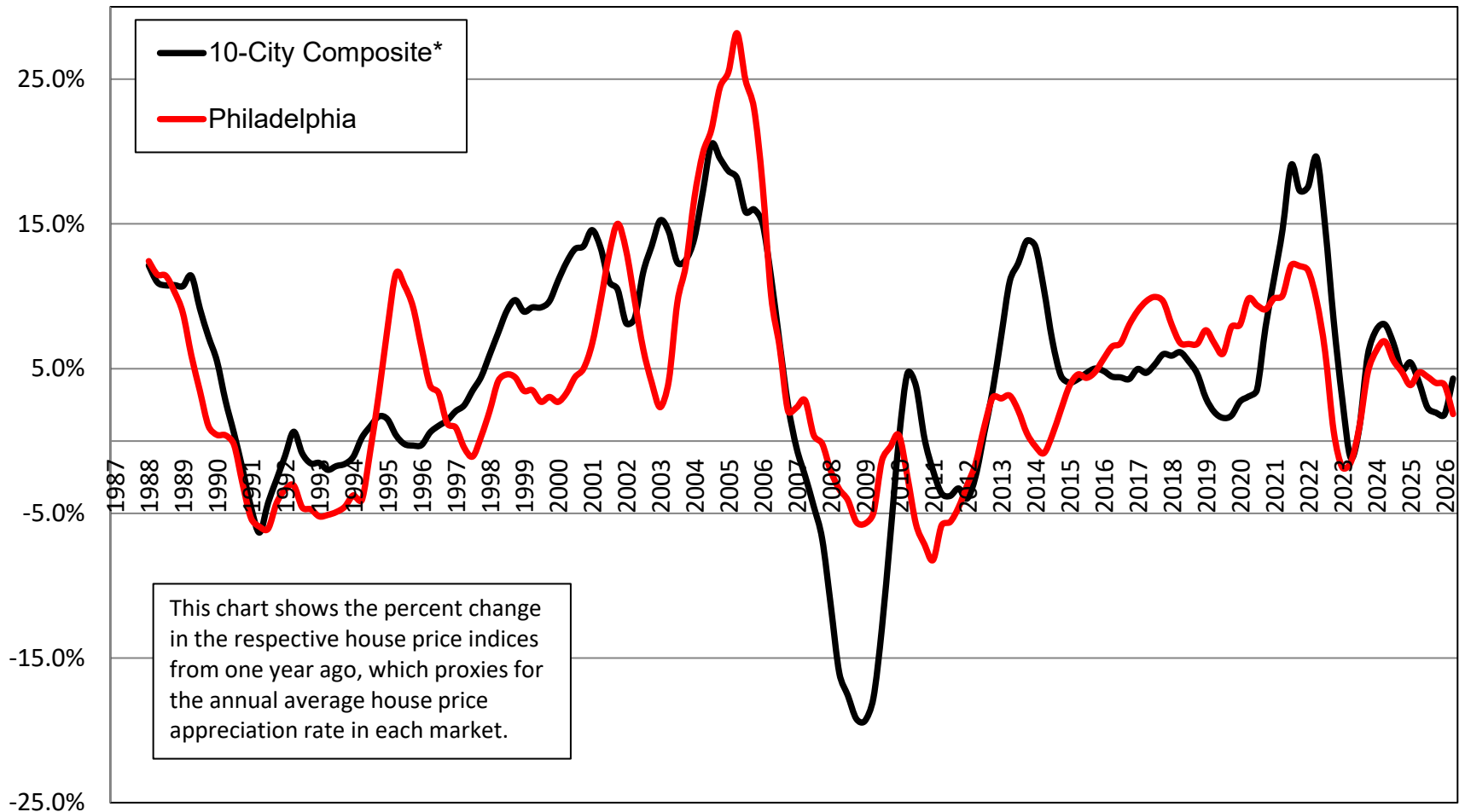
**Source: U.S. Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). These numbers are through 2026Q2 only. “MSA”=“Metropolitan Statistical Area”, which is the entire 10-county region.

House Price Appreciation 1987-2026: Philadelphia v. 10-City Composite



*Source: S&P/Case-Shiller. The 10-City Composite index includes Boston, Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Diego, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. It does not include Philadelphia. This chart is meant to compare Philadelphia's house price growth to house price growth in other large U.S. cities.

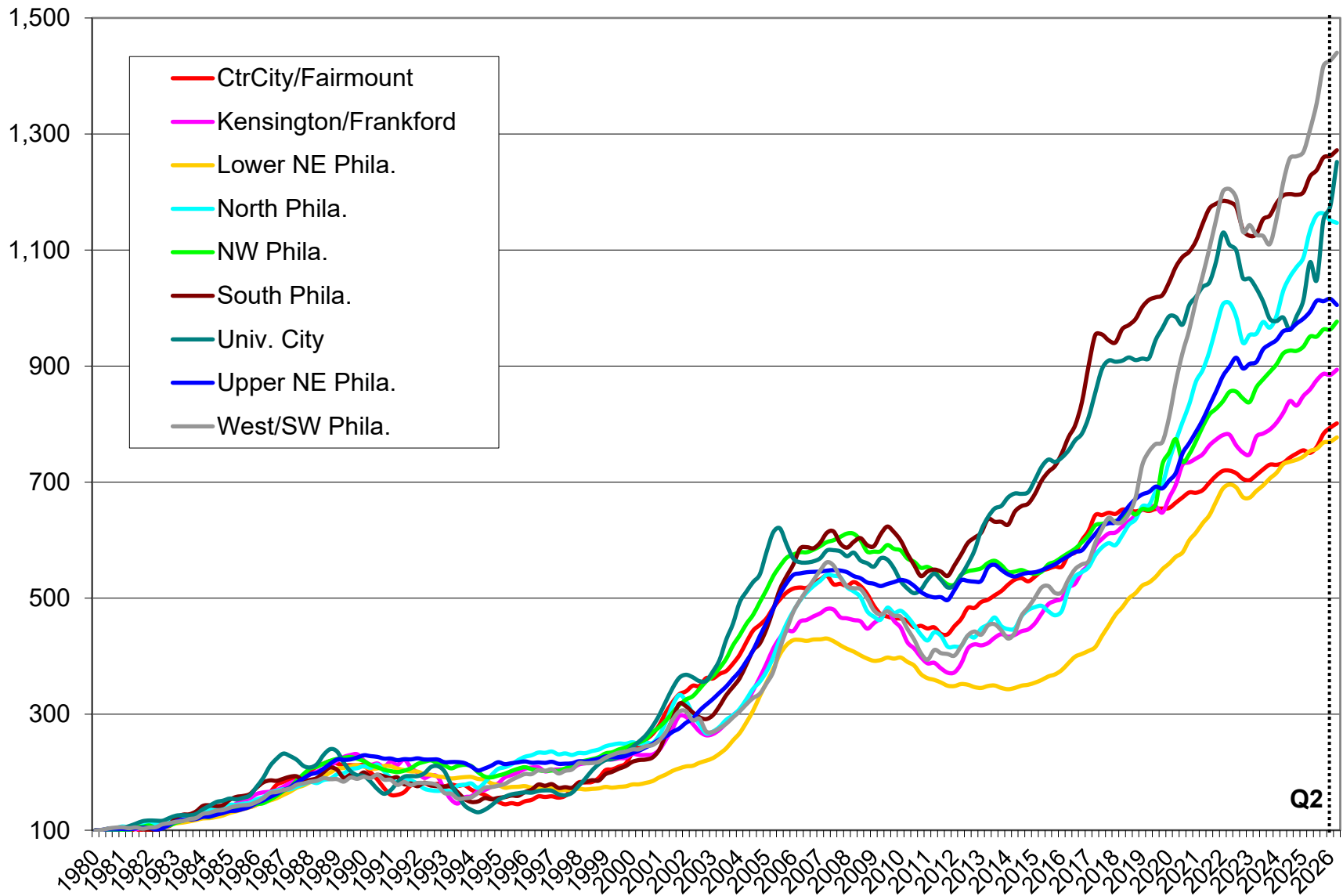
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Philadelphia House Price Indices by Neighborhood: 1980-2026

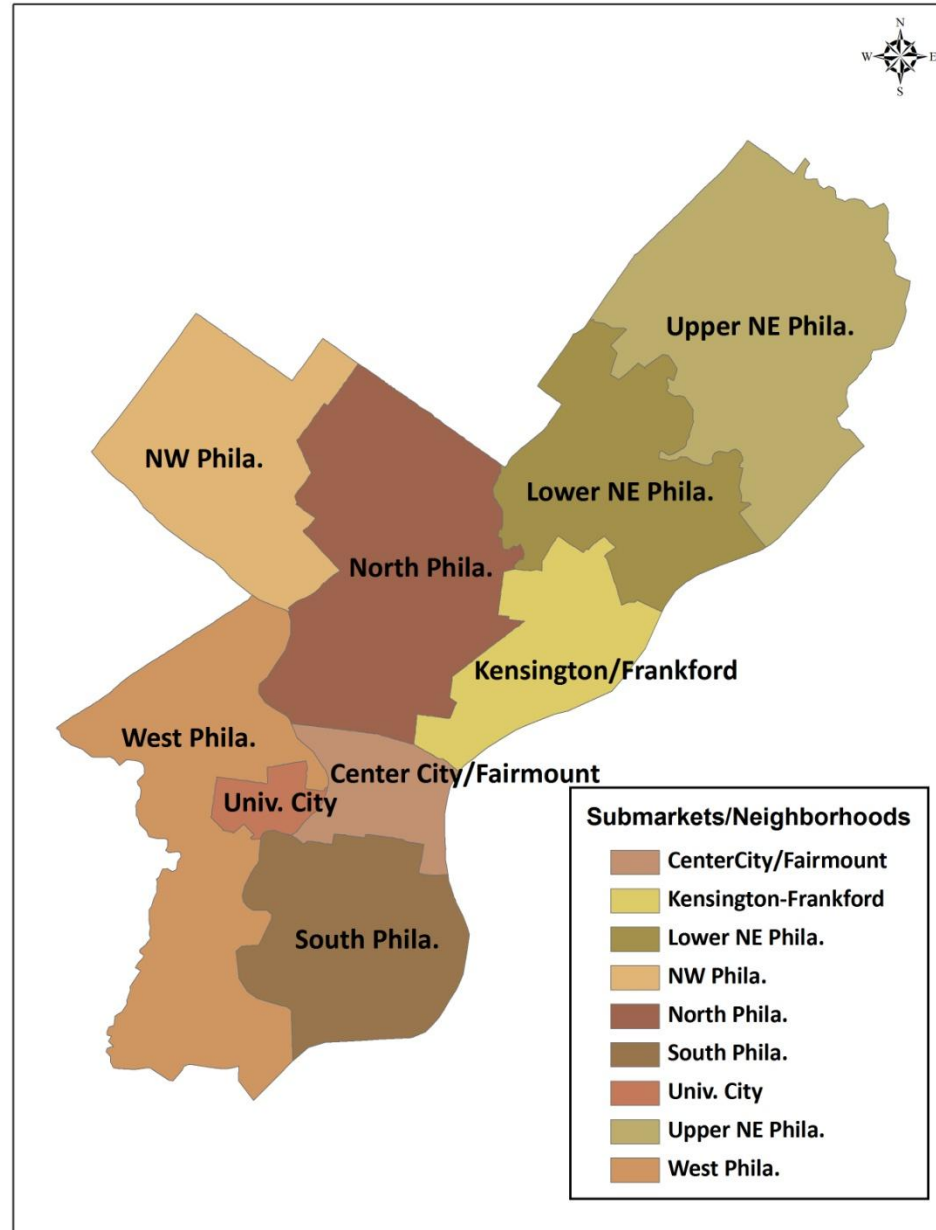
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Philadelphia Submarket Boundaries



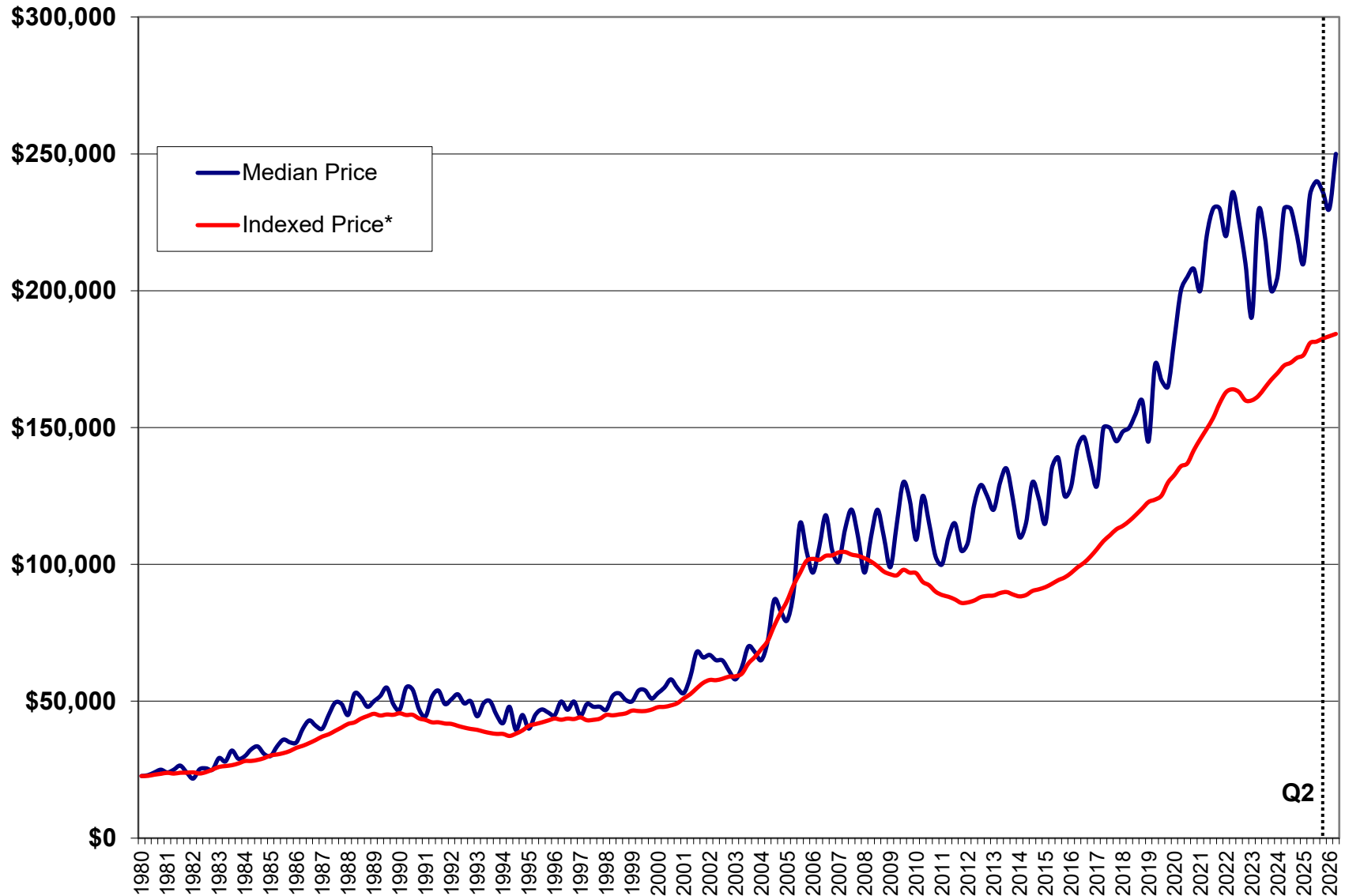
Philadelphia House Price Appreciation Rates by Submarket

Period	Center City/ Fairmount	Kensington /Frankford	Lower NE Phila.	North Phila.	NW Phila.	South Phila.	Univ. City	Upper NE Phila.	West/ SW Phila.
46-year	701.3%	793.9%	677.1%	1046.6%	876.8%	1172.2%	1151.9%	905.1%	1340.2%
10-year	39.5%	72.5%	100.2%	122.8%	69.0%	63.7%	65.9%	75.5%	170.5%
1-Year	6.8%	4.0%	3.1%	1.2%	2.7%	3.7%	16.0%	1.2%	10.2%
1-Quarter	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	-0.4%	1.4%	0.8%	6.6%	-1.0%	1.0%

This table gives the total % change in average house values by submarket, through 2026 Q2, from different starting points in time.

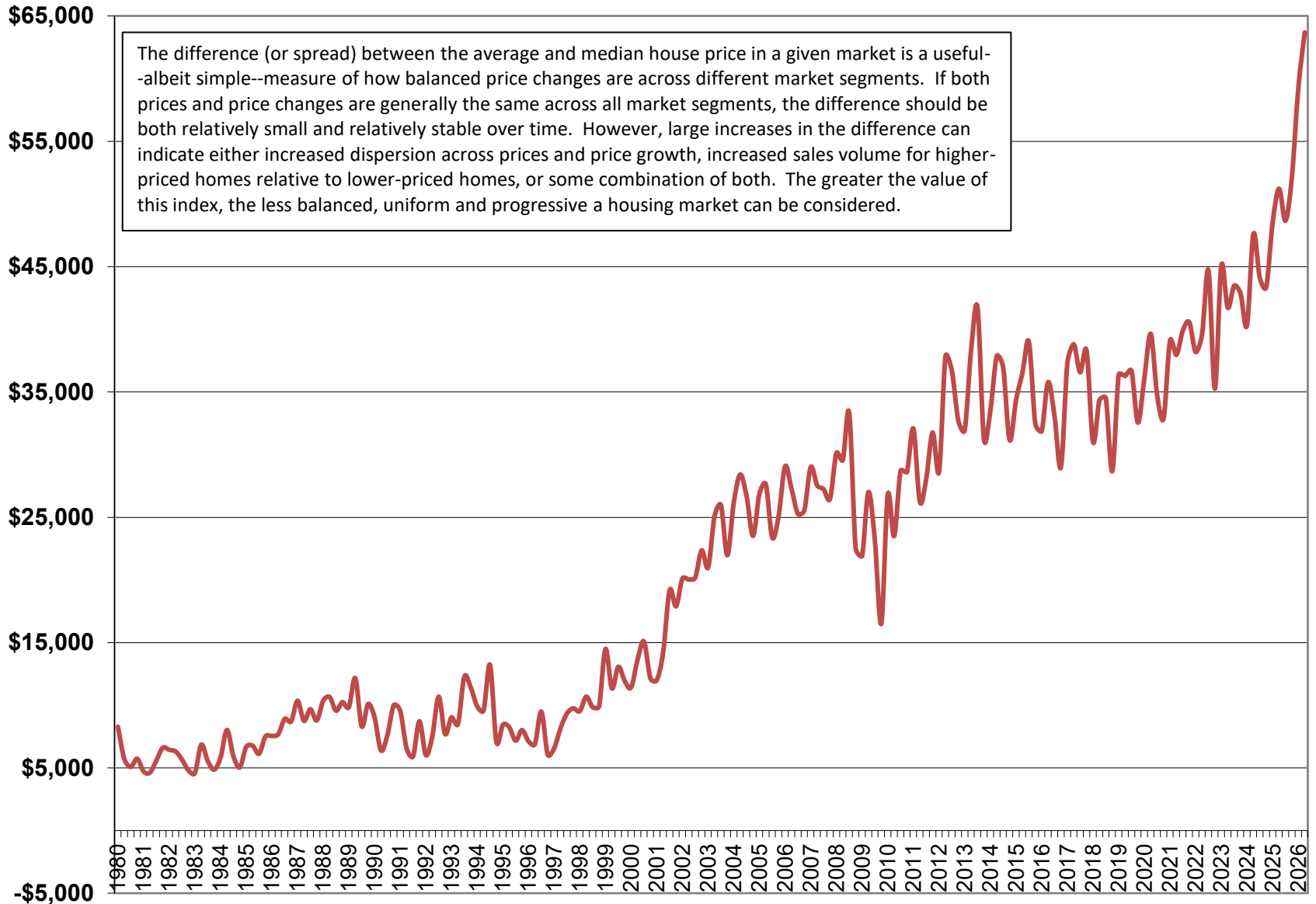
Note: Unlike the citywide index, the submarket indices are smoothed by a three-period moving average.

Median Philadelphia House Price v. Indexed Philadelphia House Price* 1980-2026

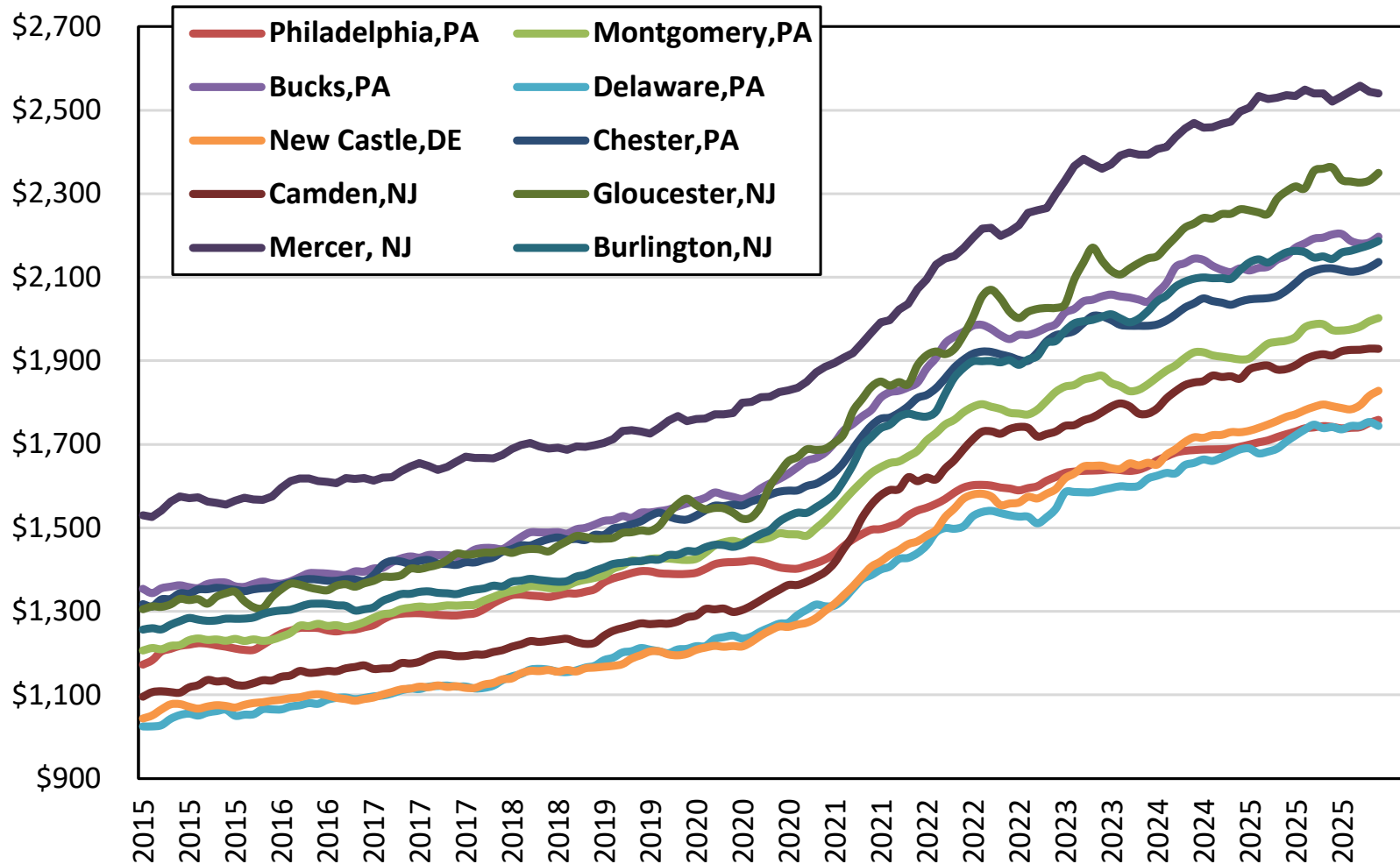


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Average Philadelphia House Price Minus Median House Price: 1980-2026

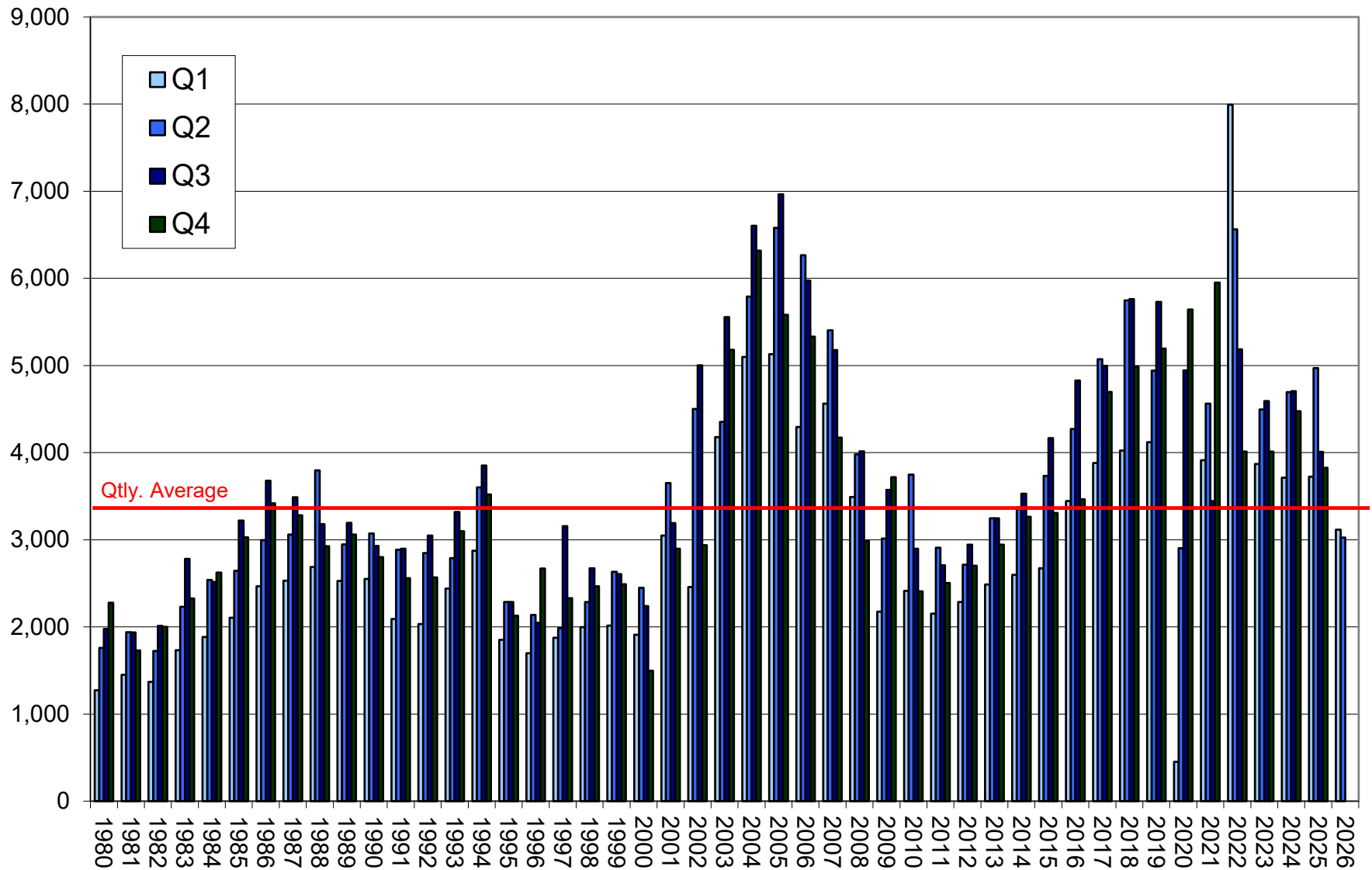


Median Monthly Rent by County: 2015-2026



Source: <https://www.zillow.com/research/data>. Be aware that Zillow's computation of average rents includes both apartment units and single-family houses. Zillow does not make it possible to break out rented dwellings by the type of unit at a granular level.

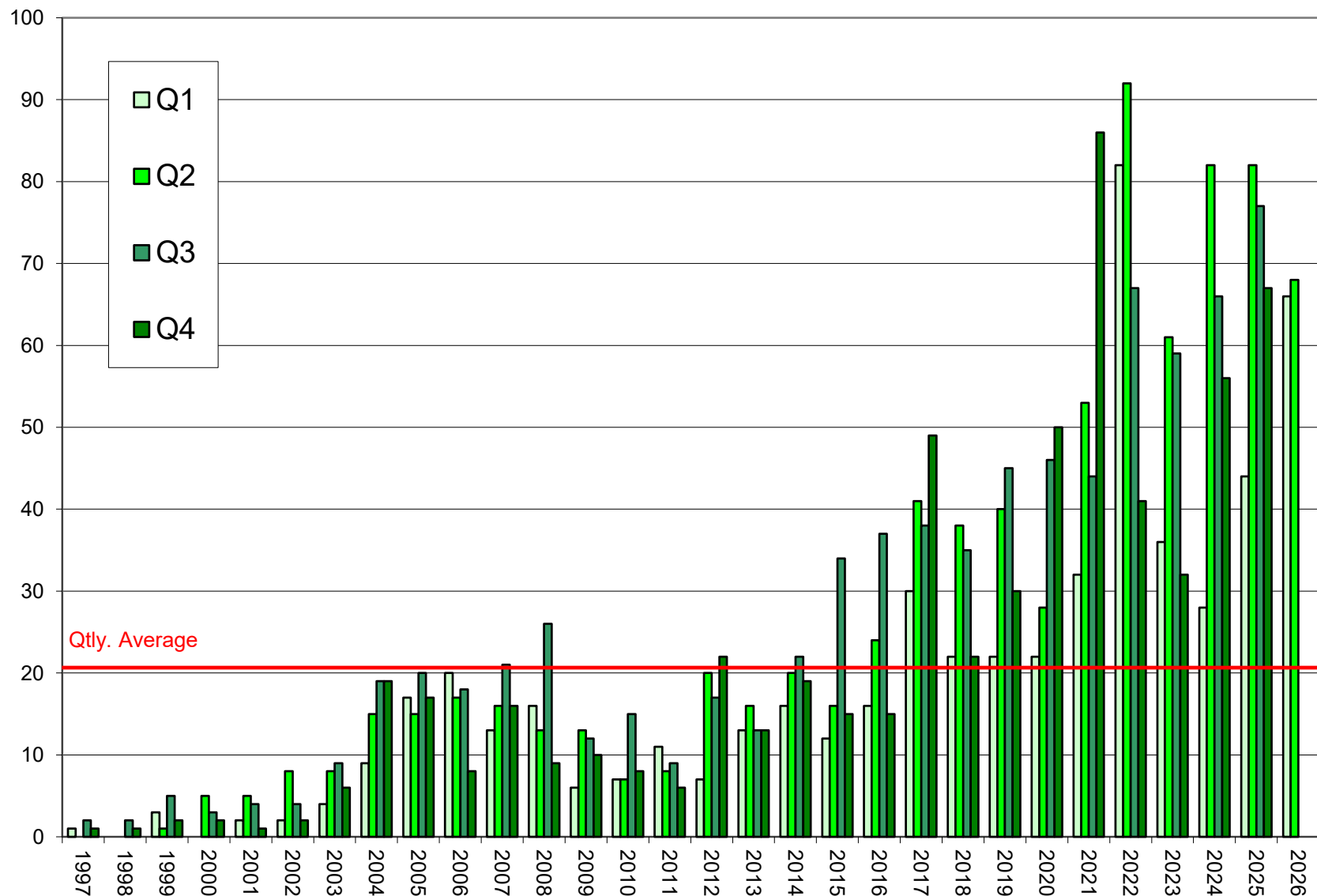
Number of Philadelphia House Sales* per Quarter: 1980-2026



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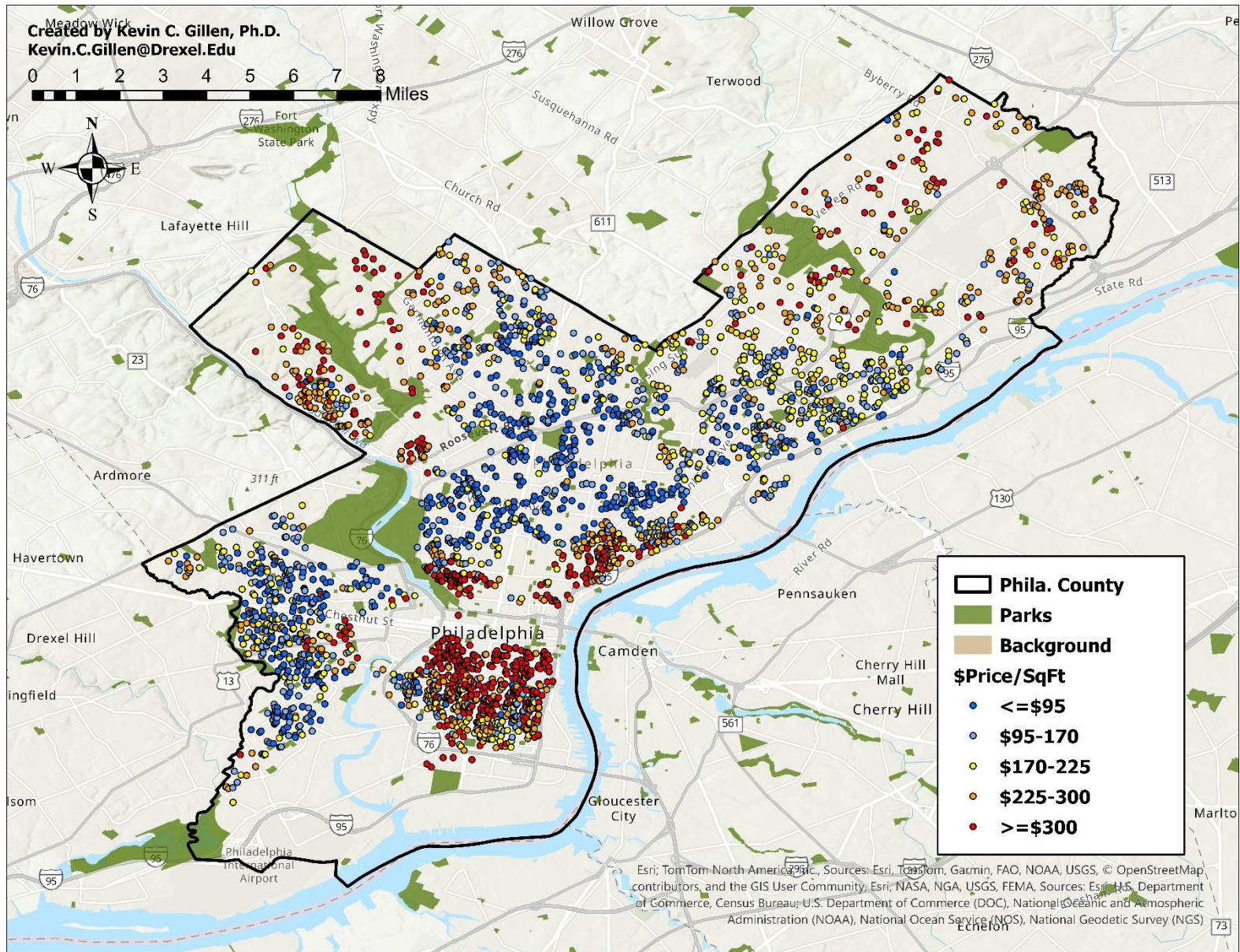
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Number of Philadelphia House Sales* per Quarter with Price >= \$1 Million: 1997-2026



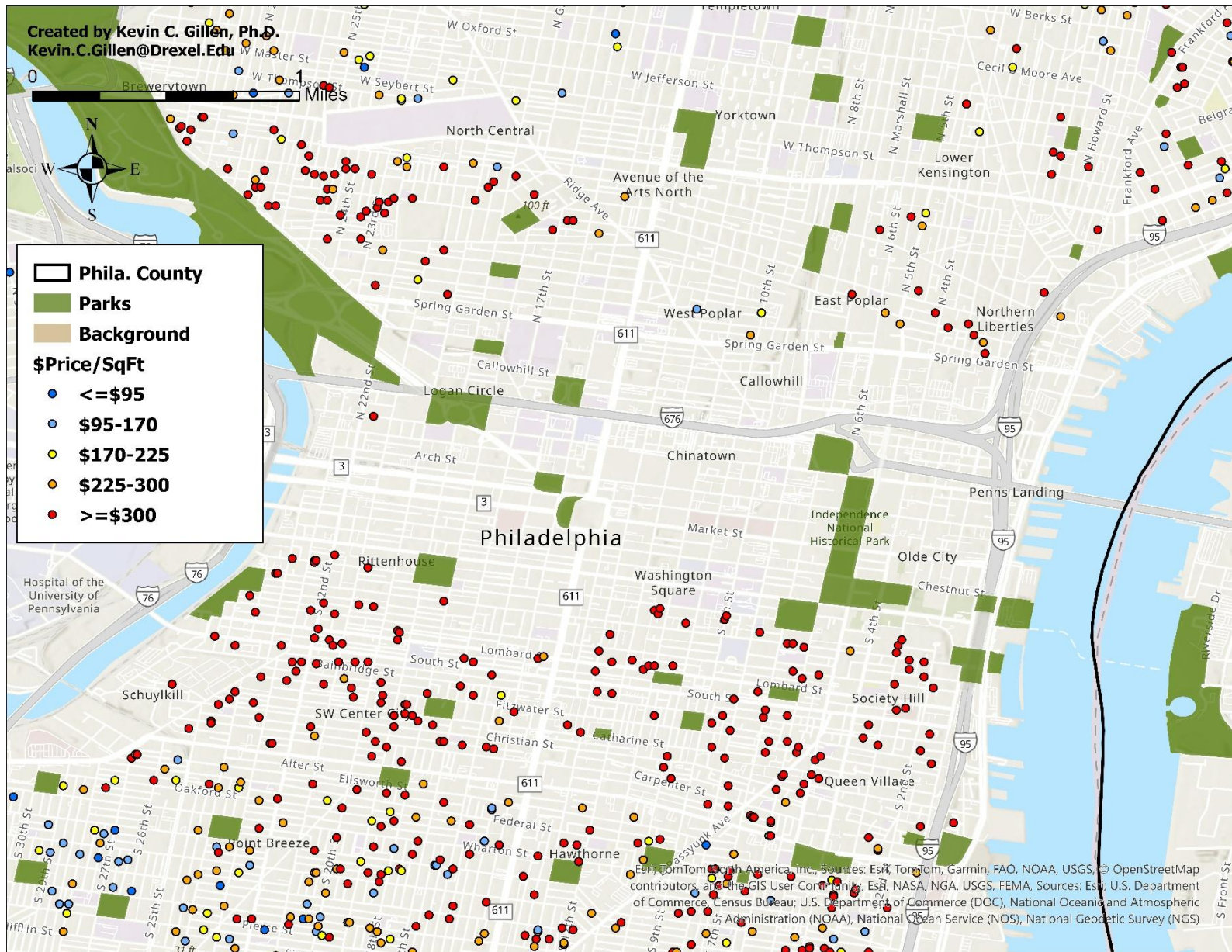
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Philadelphia House Sales in 2026 Q2

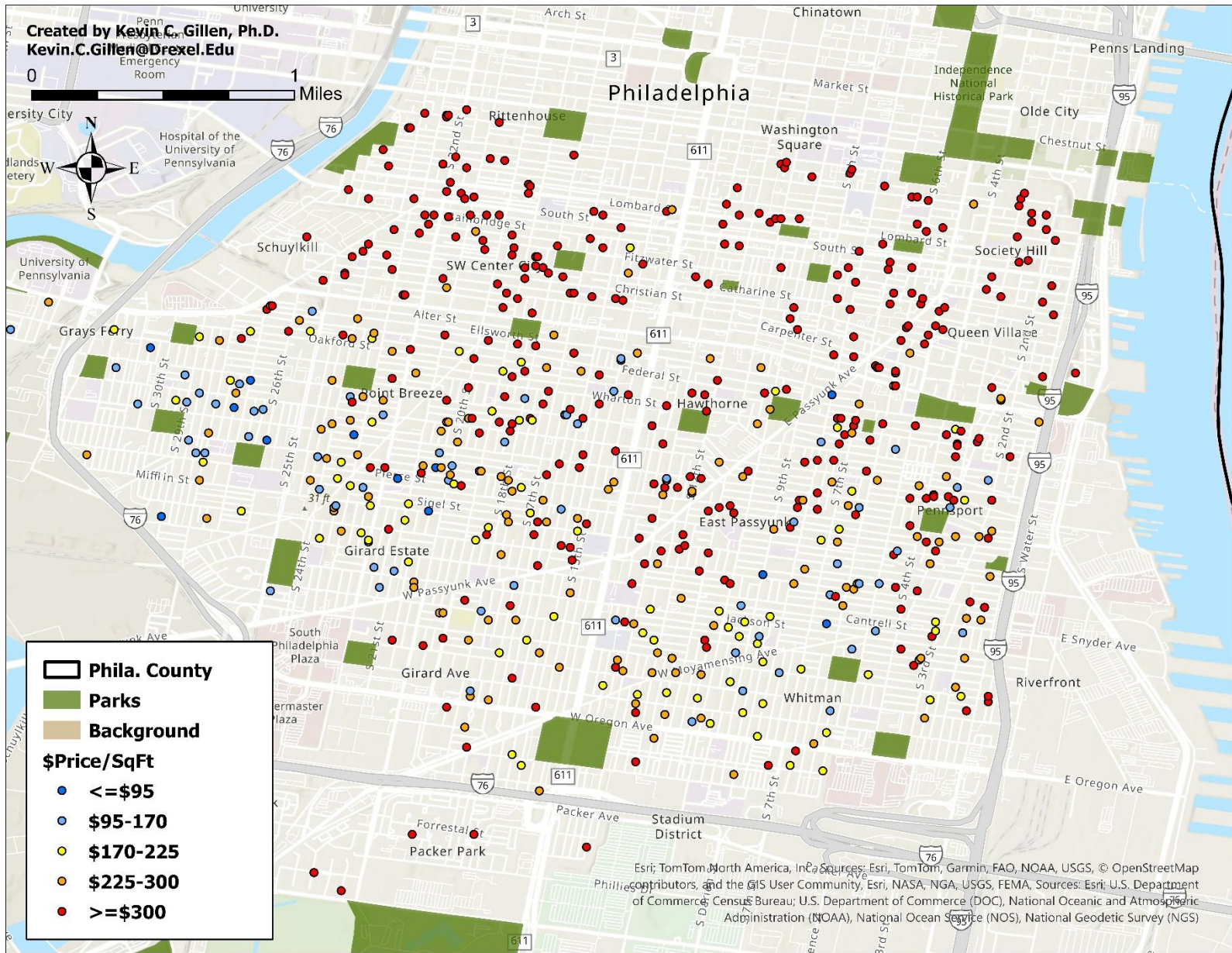


Note: Sales are color-coded by the quintiles of the distribution of \$Price/SqFt.
Hence, each of the five categories covers exactly 20% of all sales.

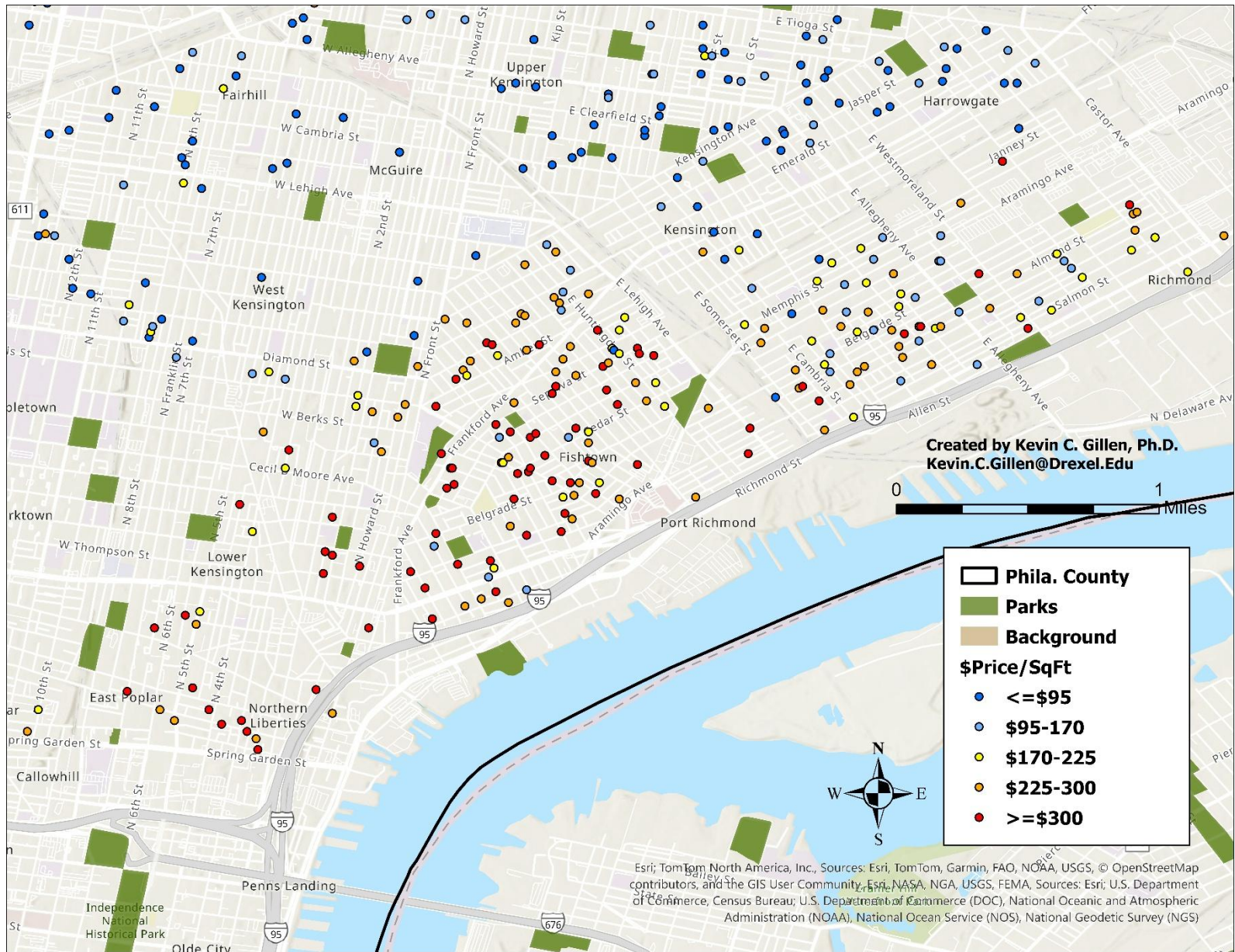
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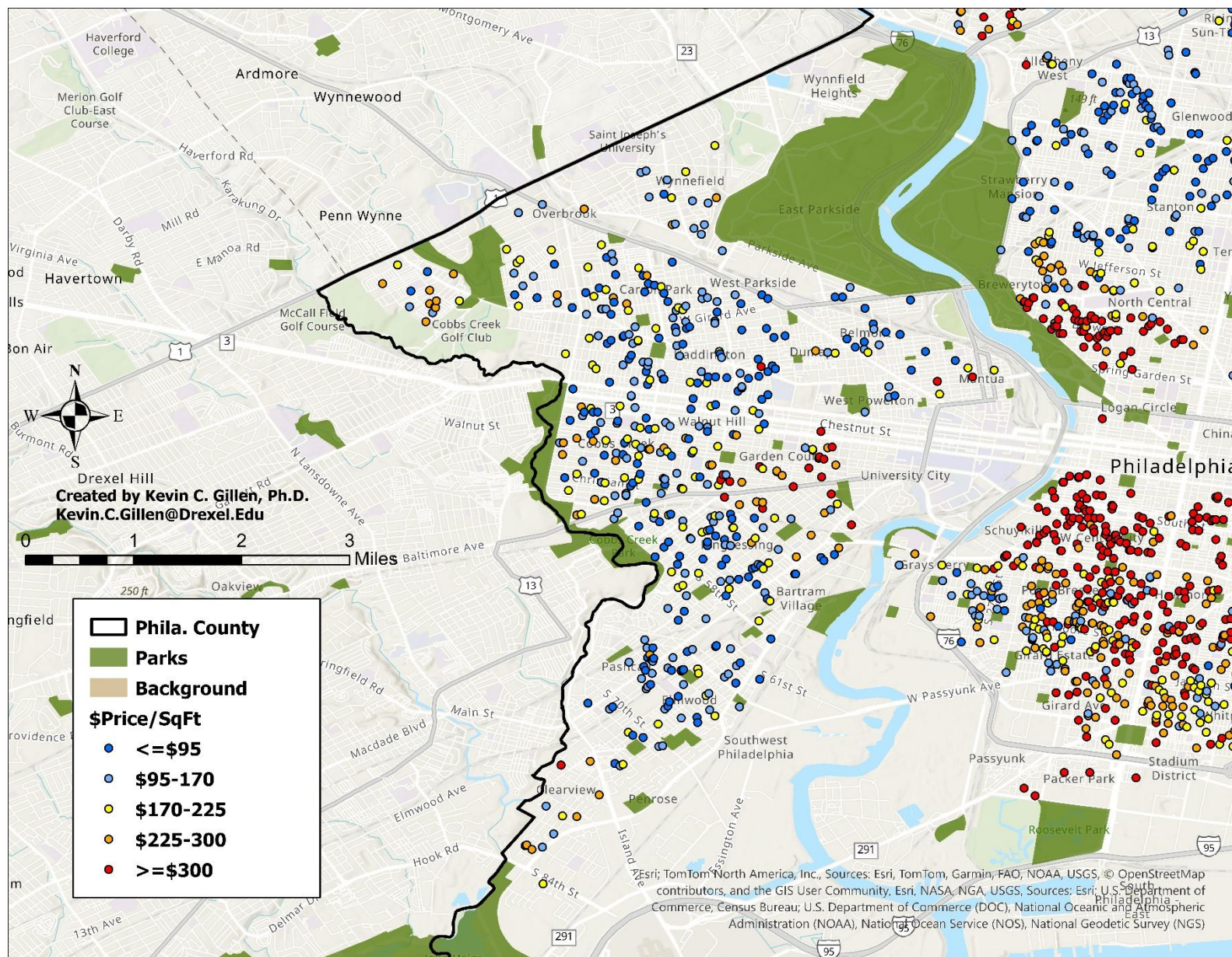
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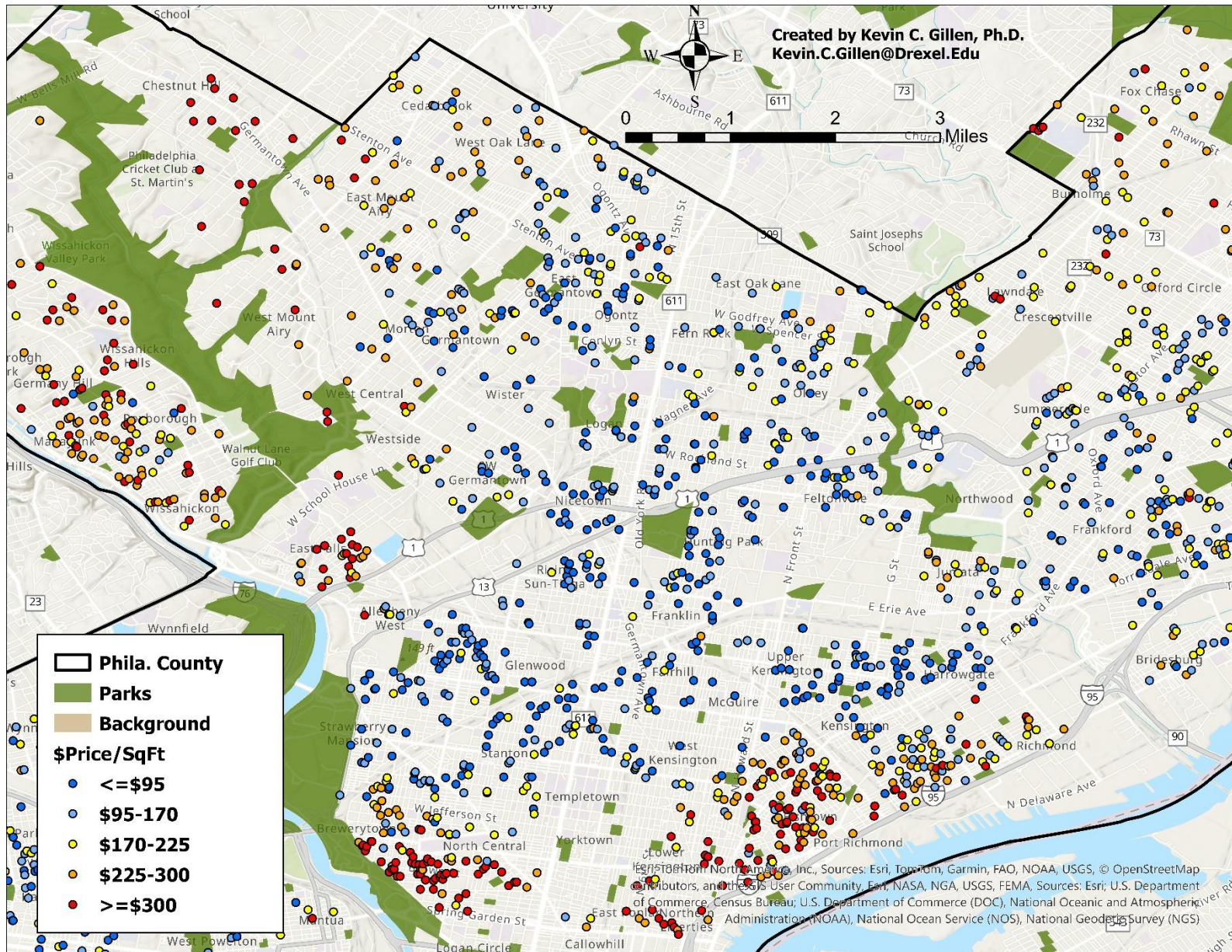
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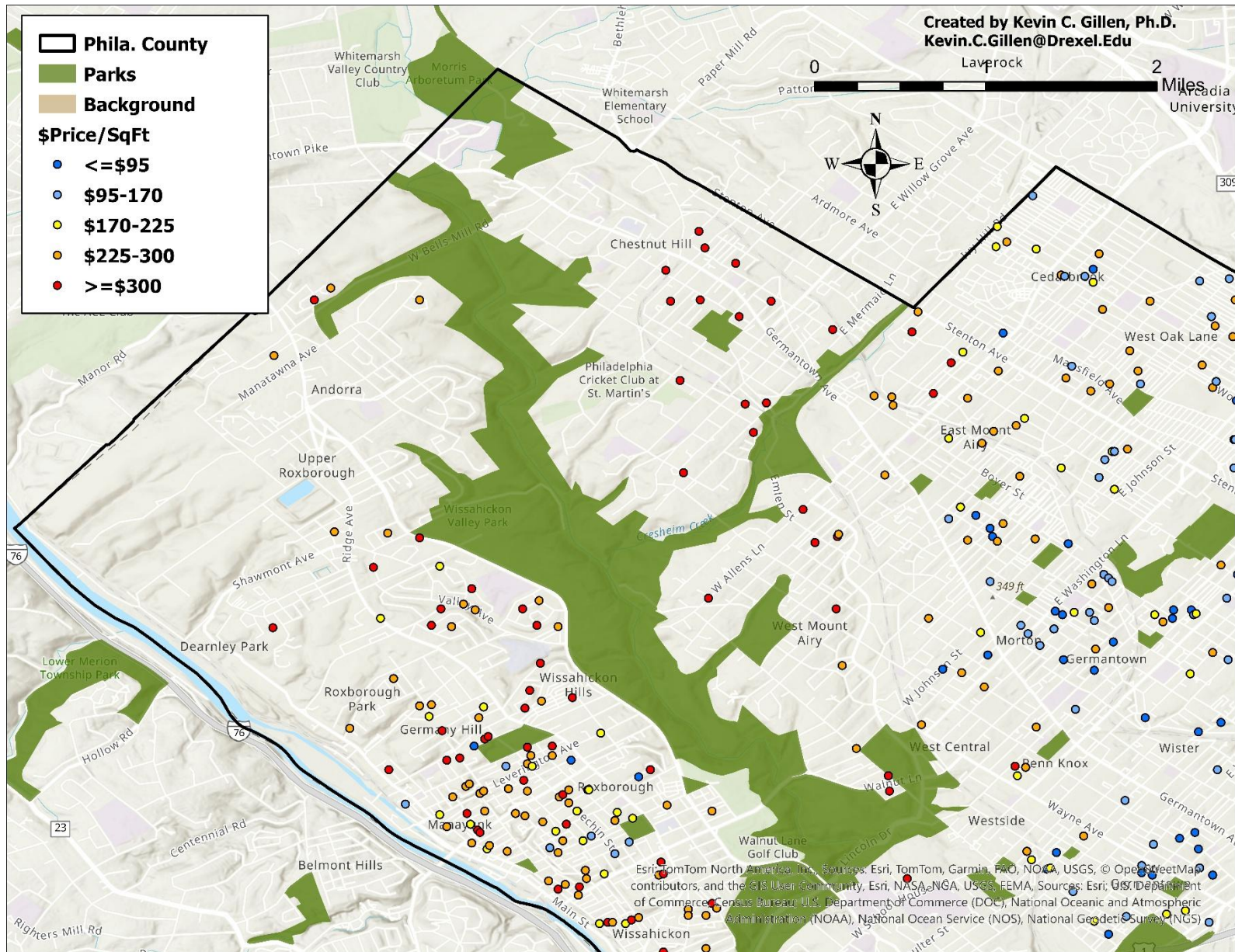
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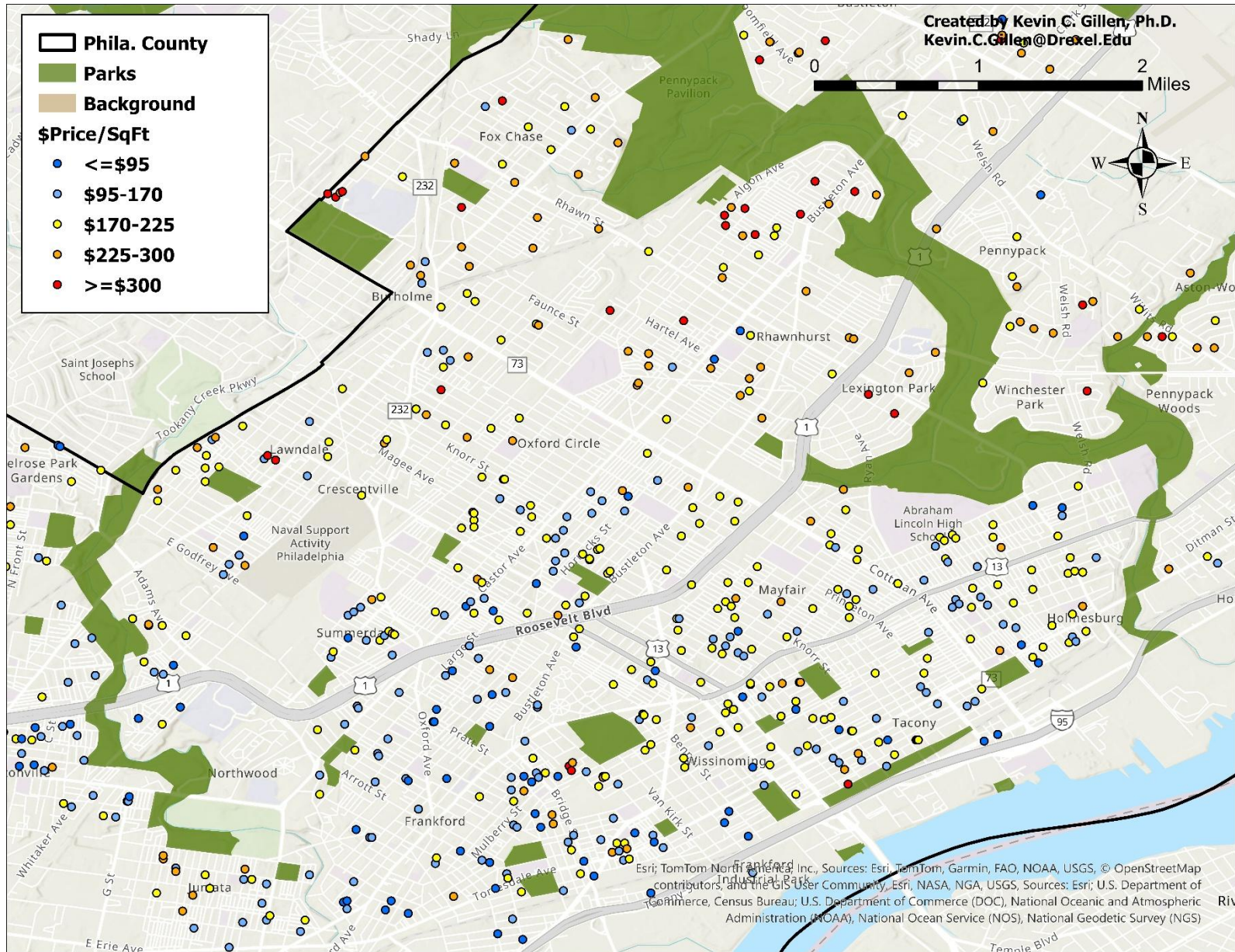
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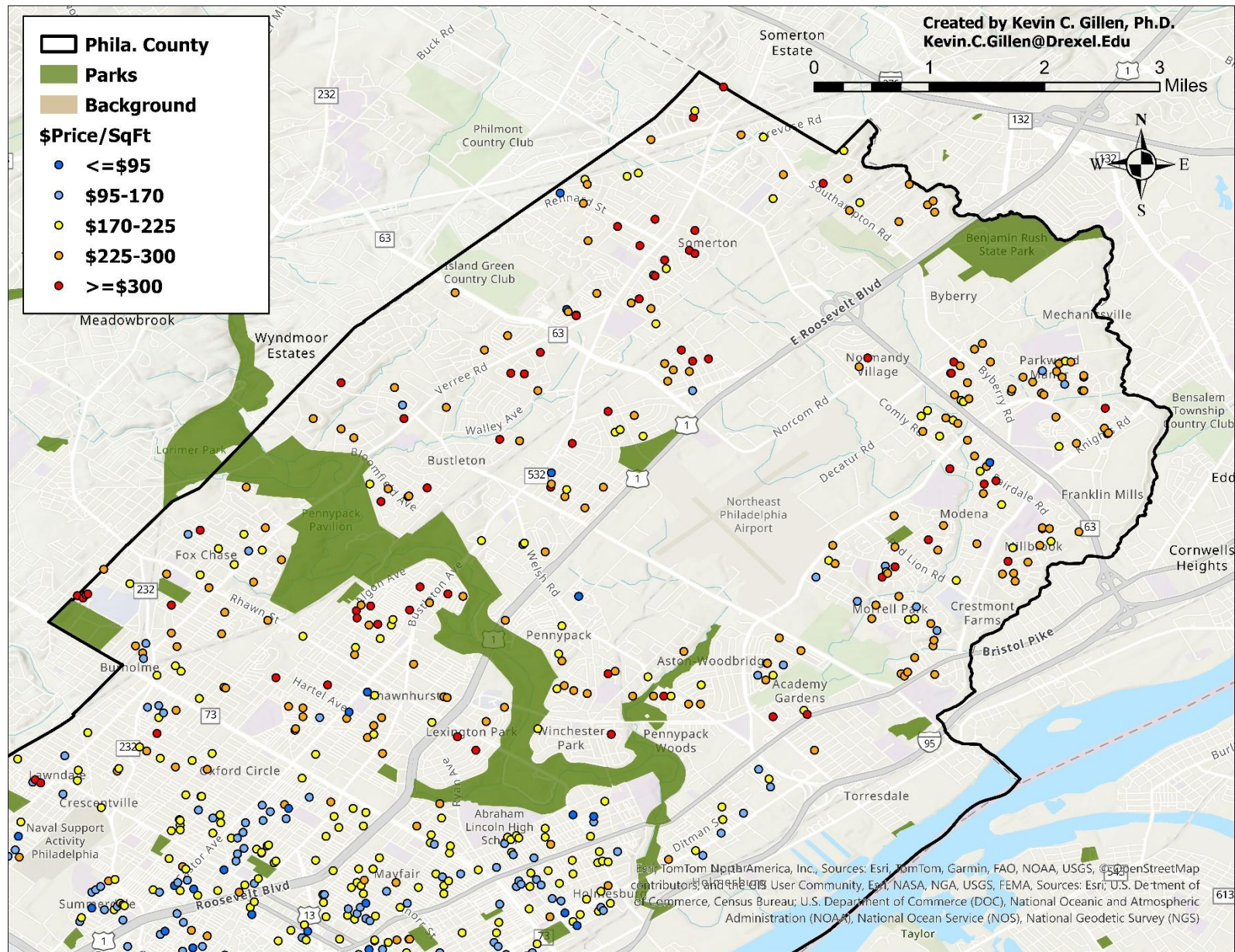
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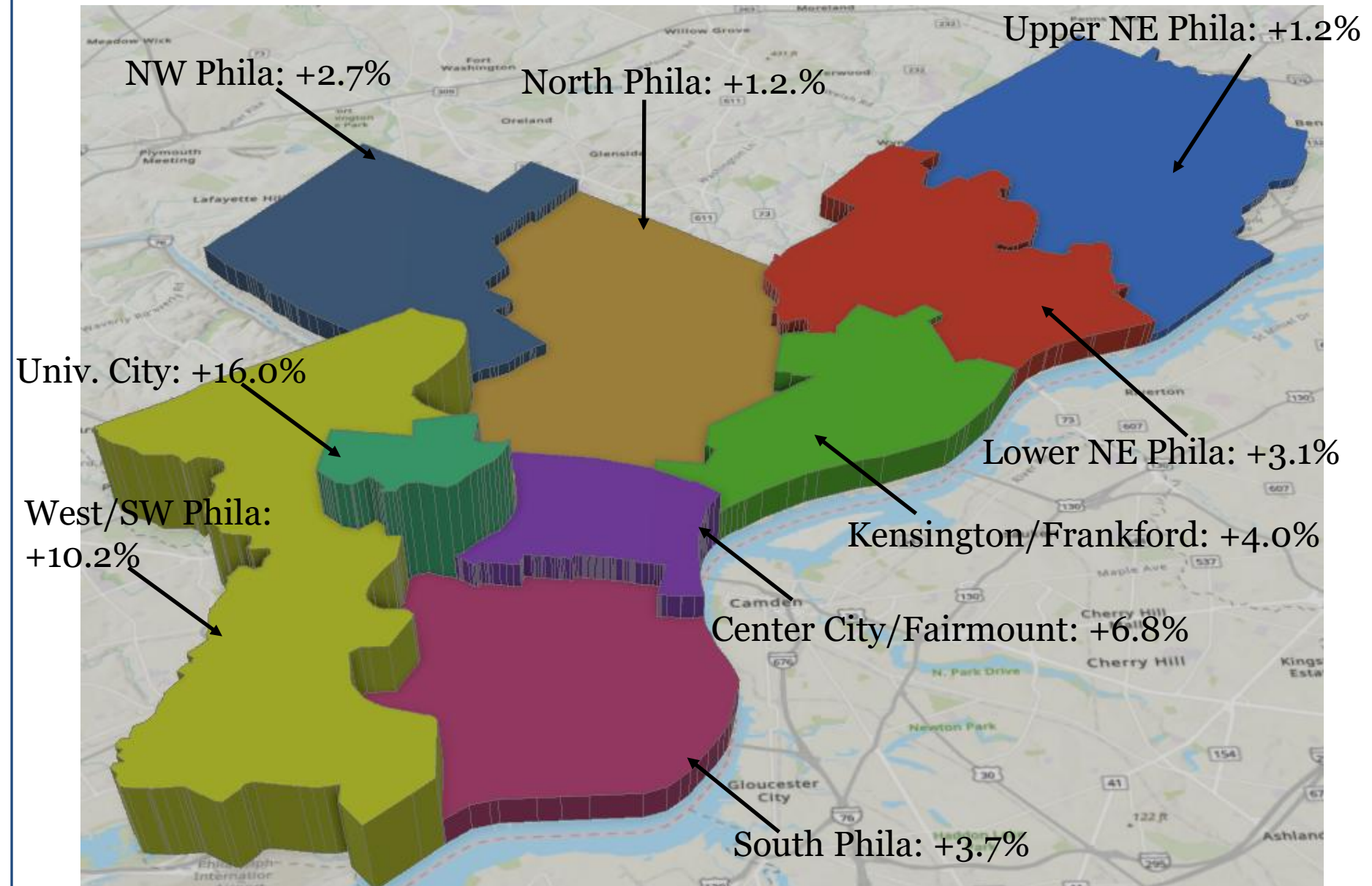
Lower Northeast Philadelphia House Sales in 2026 Q2



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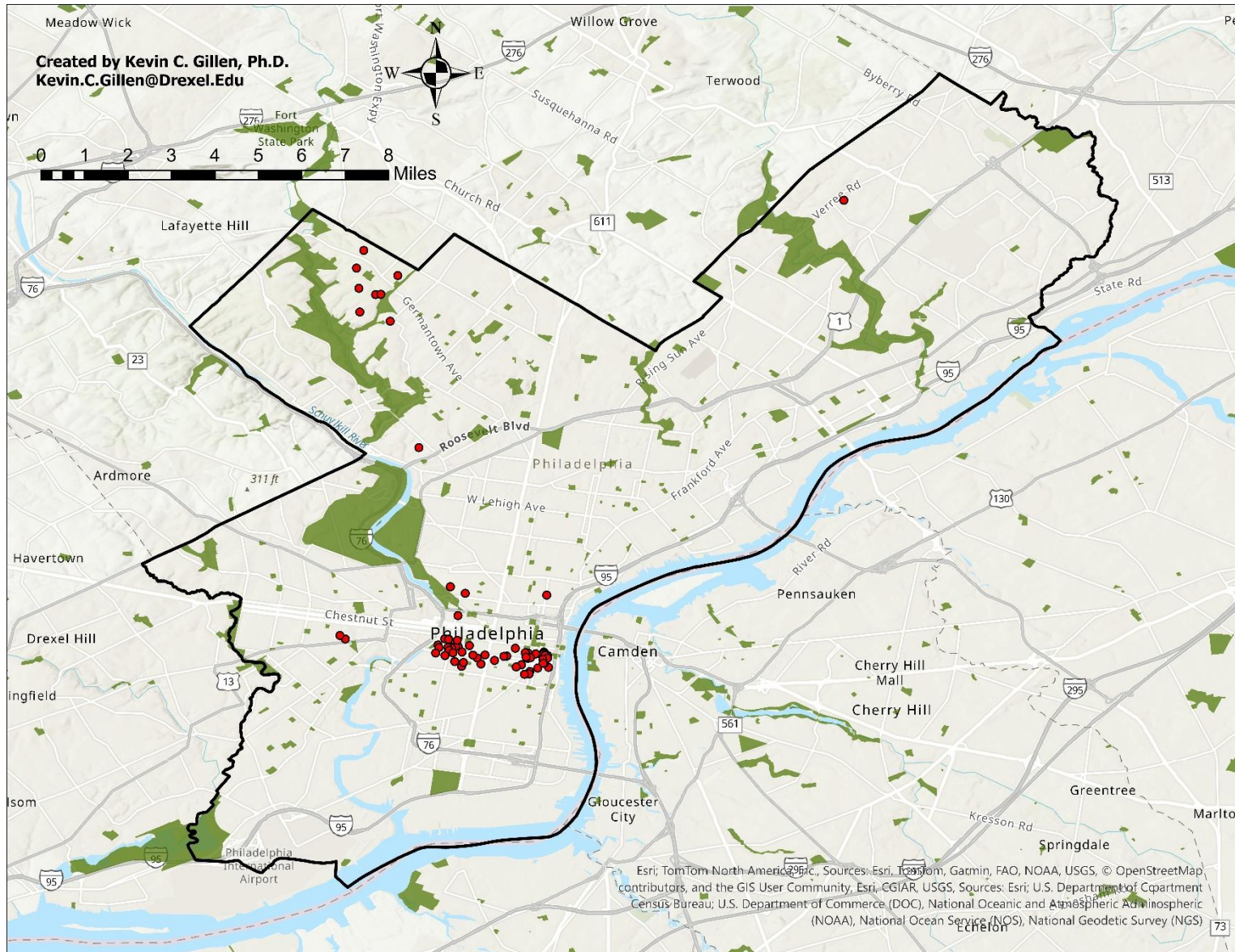


Annual House Price Rate of Change by Submarket



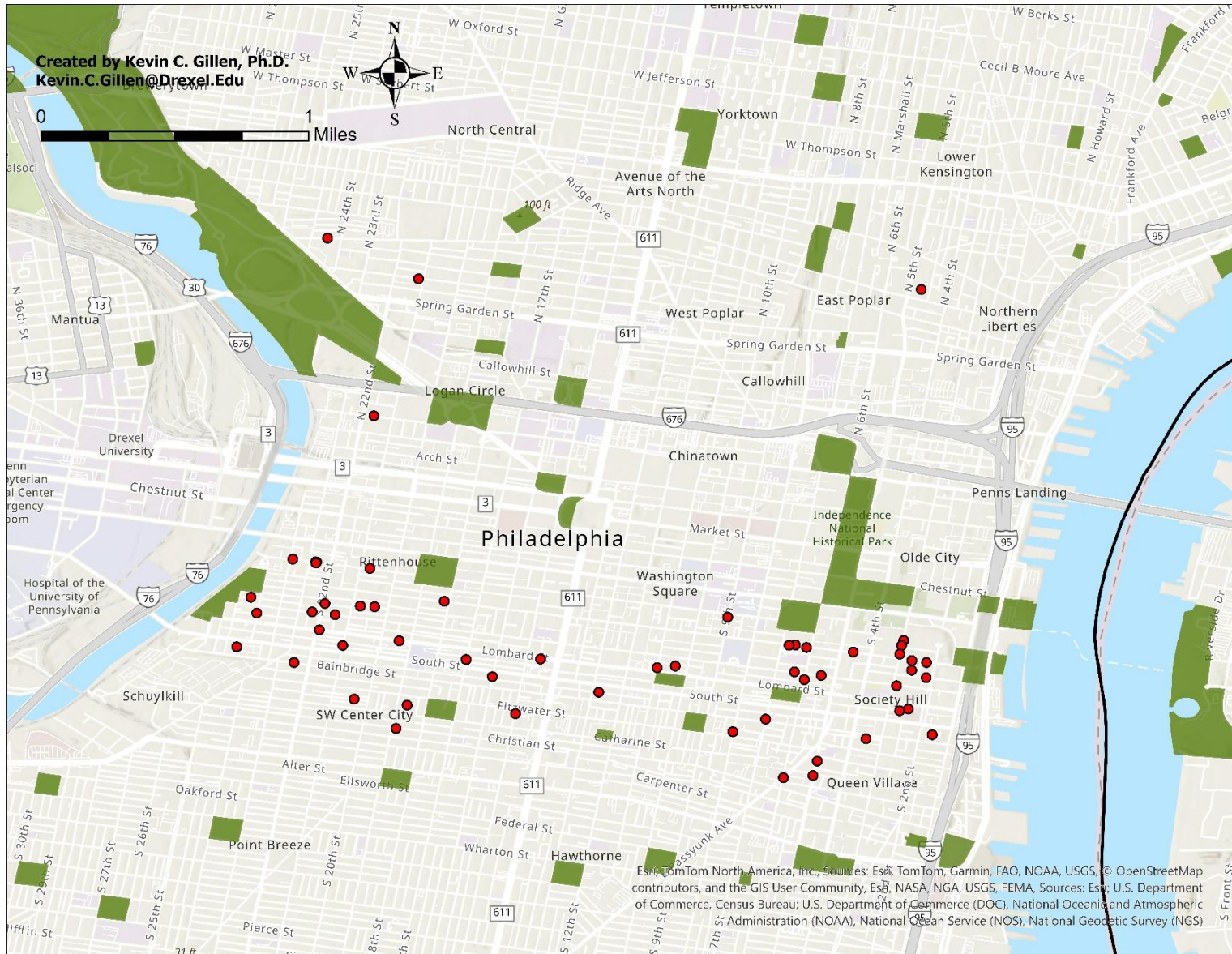
Note: Each submarket is extruded by its average change in house values over the course of the past year (from 2025 Q2 to 2026 Q2) in order to reflect its growth (or depreciation) rate relative to other neighborhoods.

+ \$1 Million Dollar House Sales in 2026 Q2



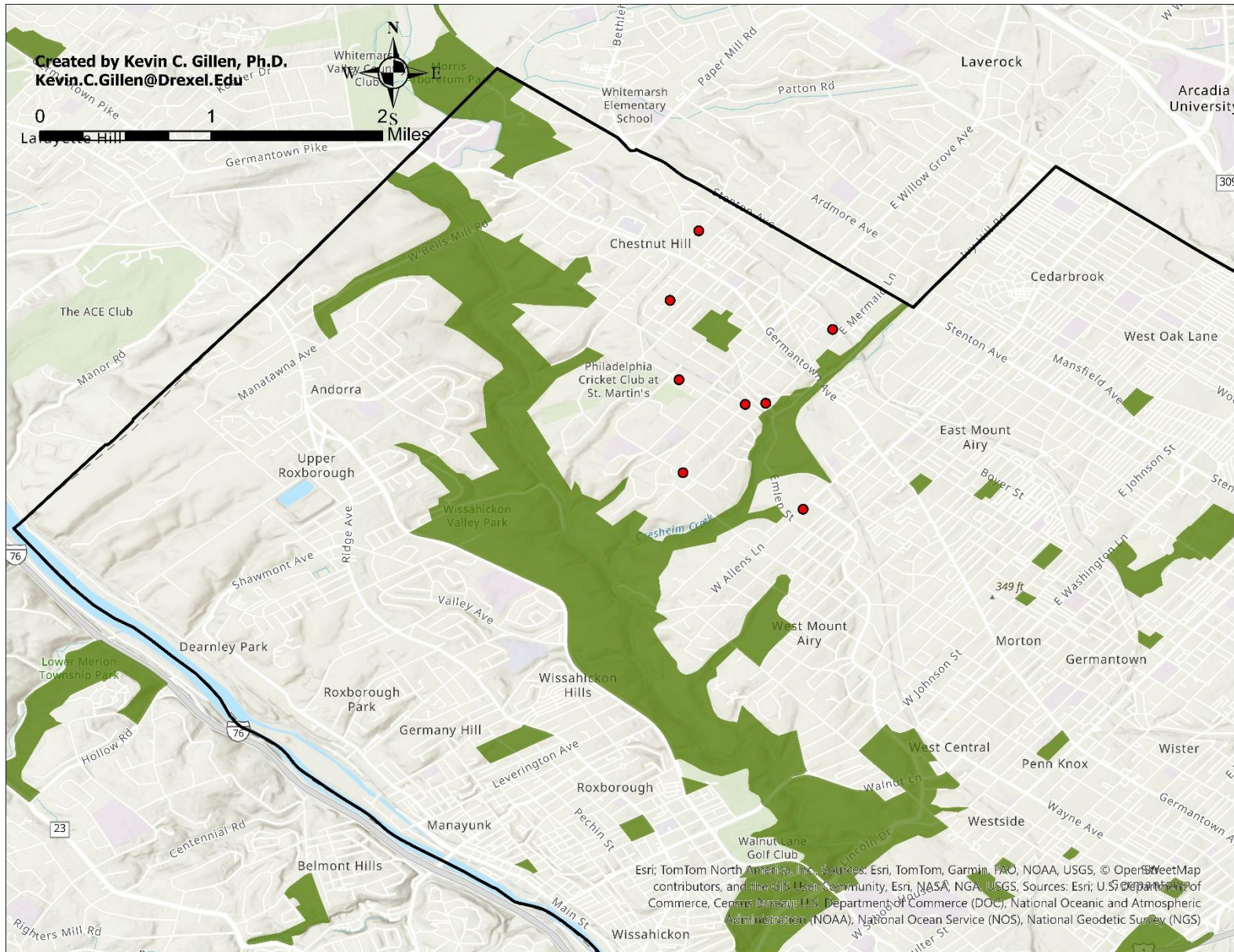
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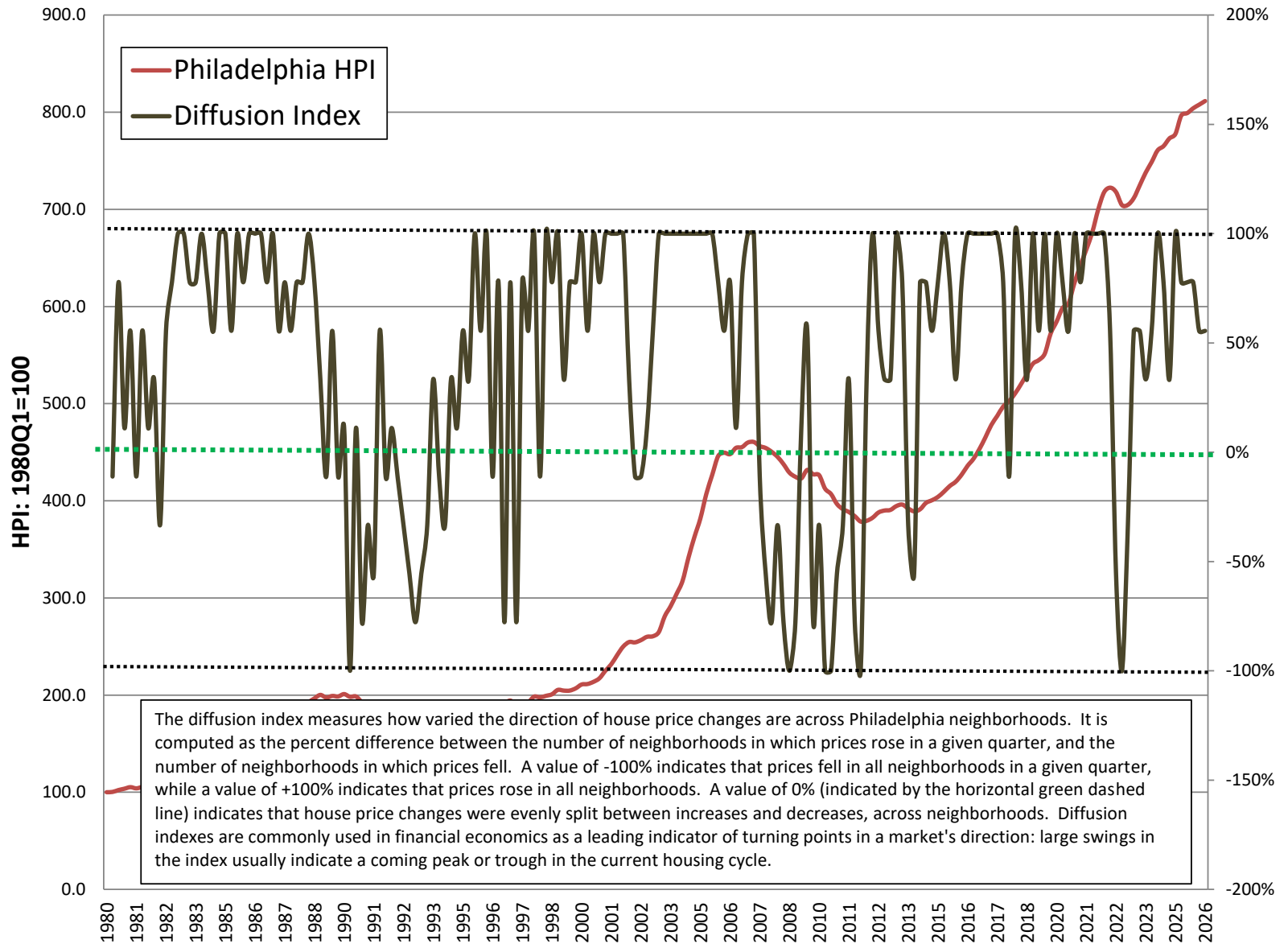
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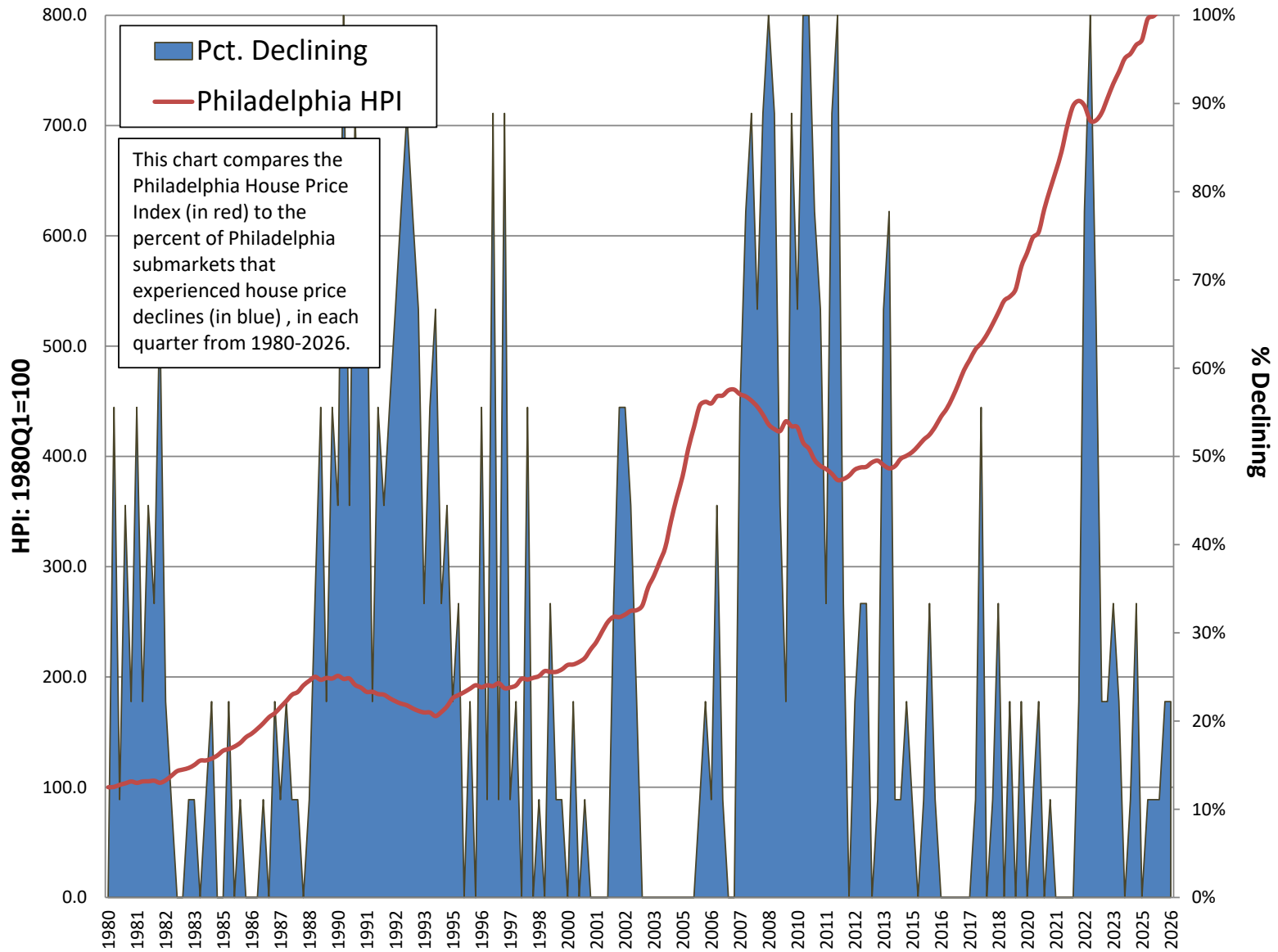


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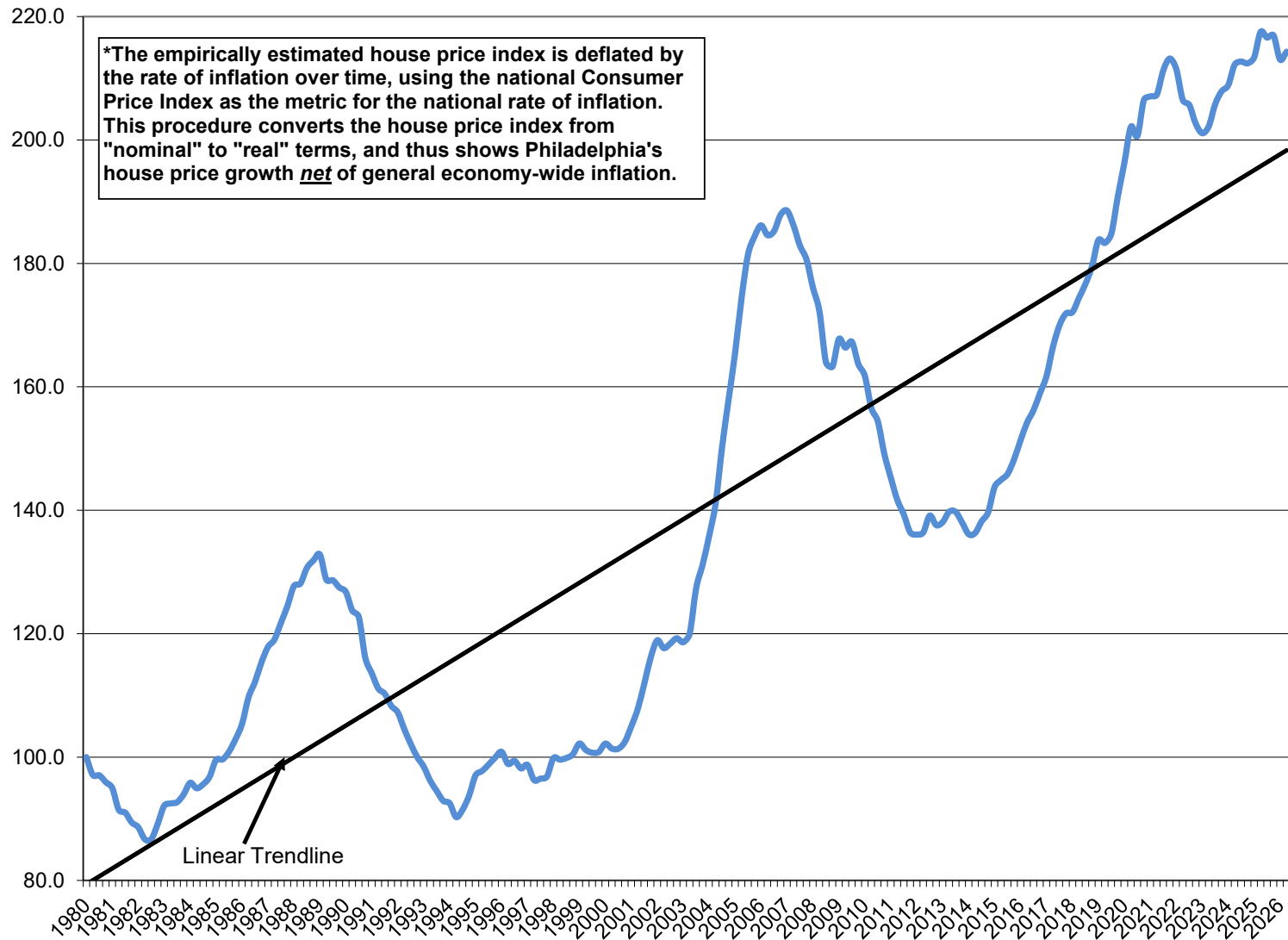
Philadelphia House Price Diffusion Index 1980-2026



Philadelphia House Prices 1980-2026: Declines v. House Price Index

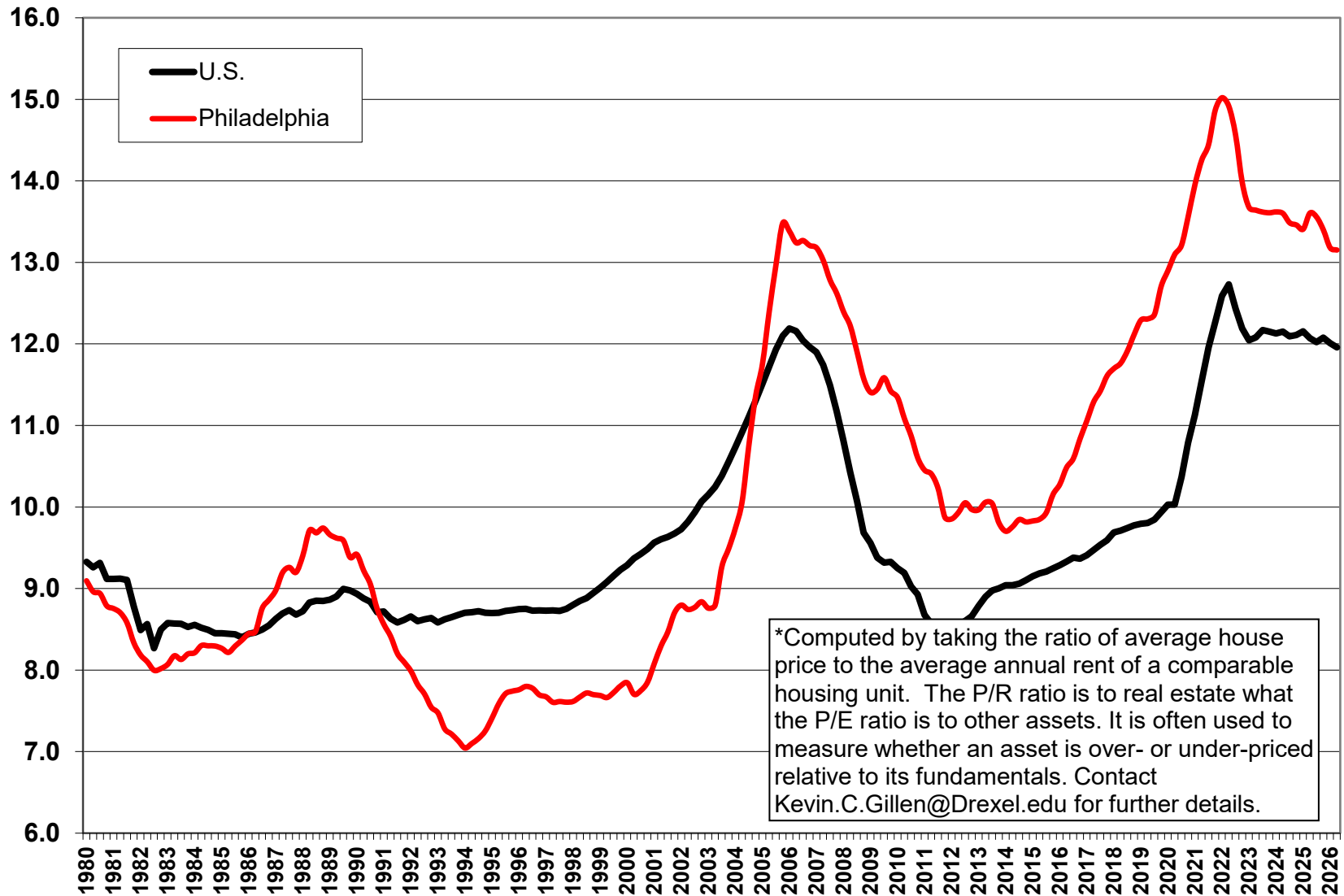


Inflation-Adjusted* Philadelphia House Price Index 1980-2026 1980Q1=100



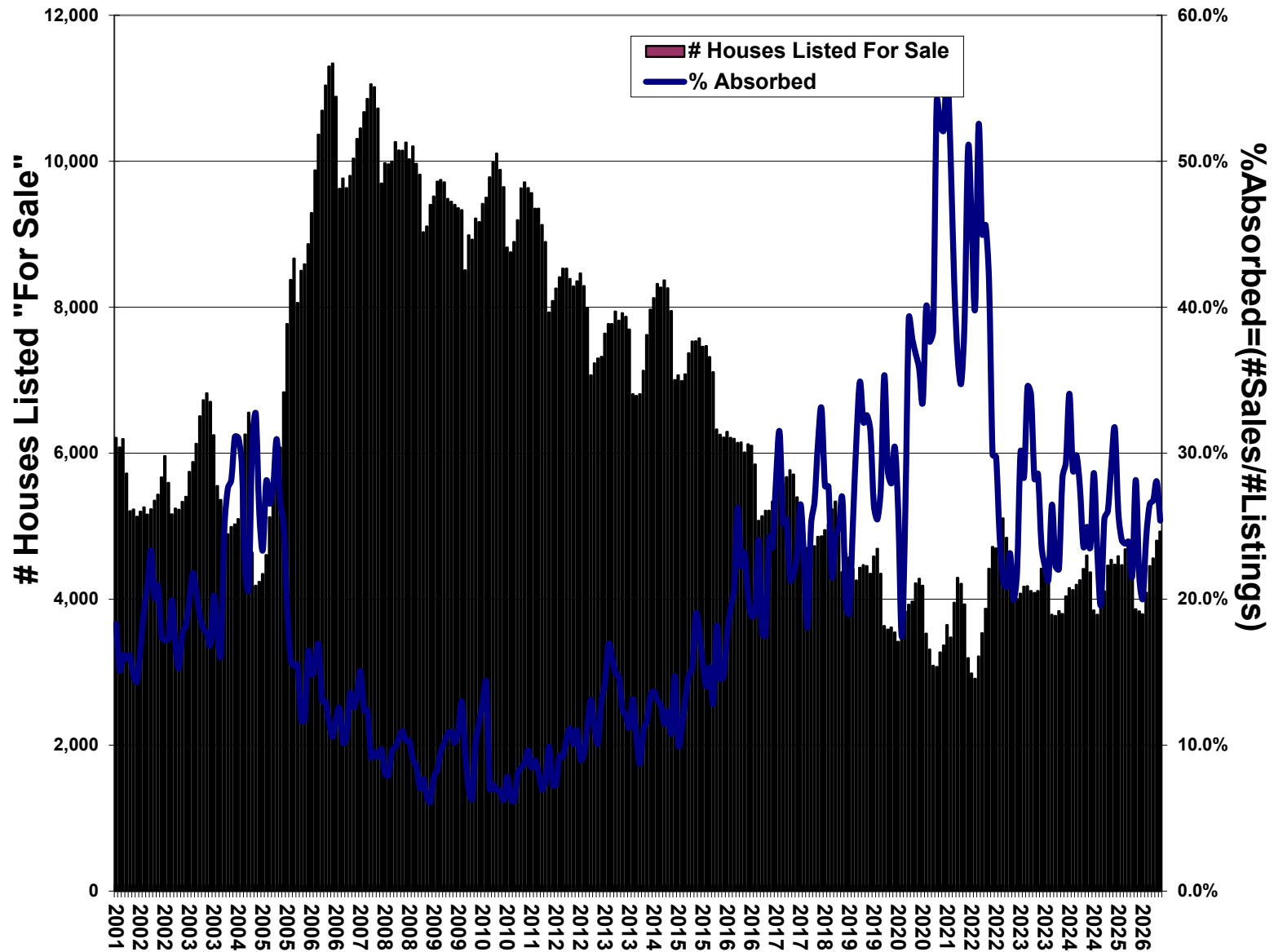
Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Average House Price-to-Rent Ratios*: 1980-2026 Philadelphia v. U.S.



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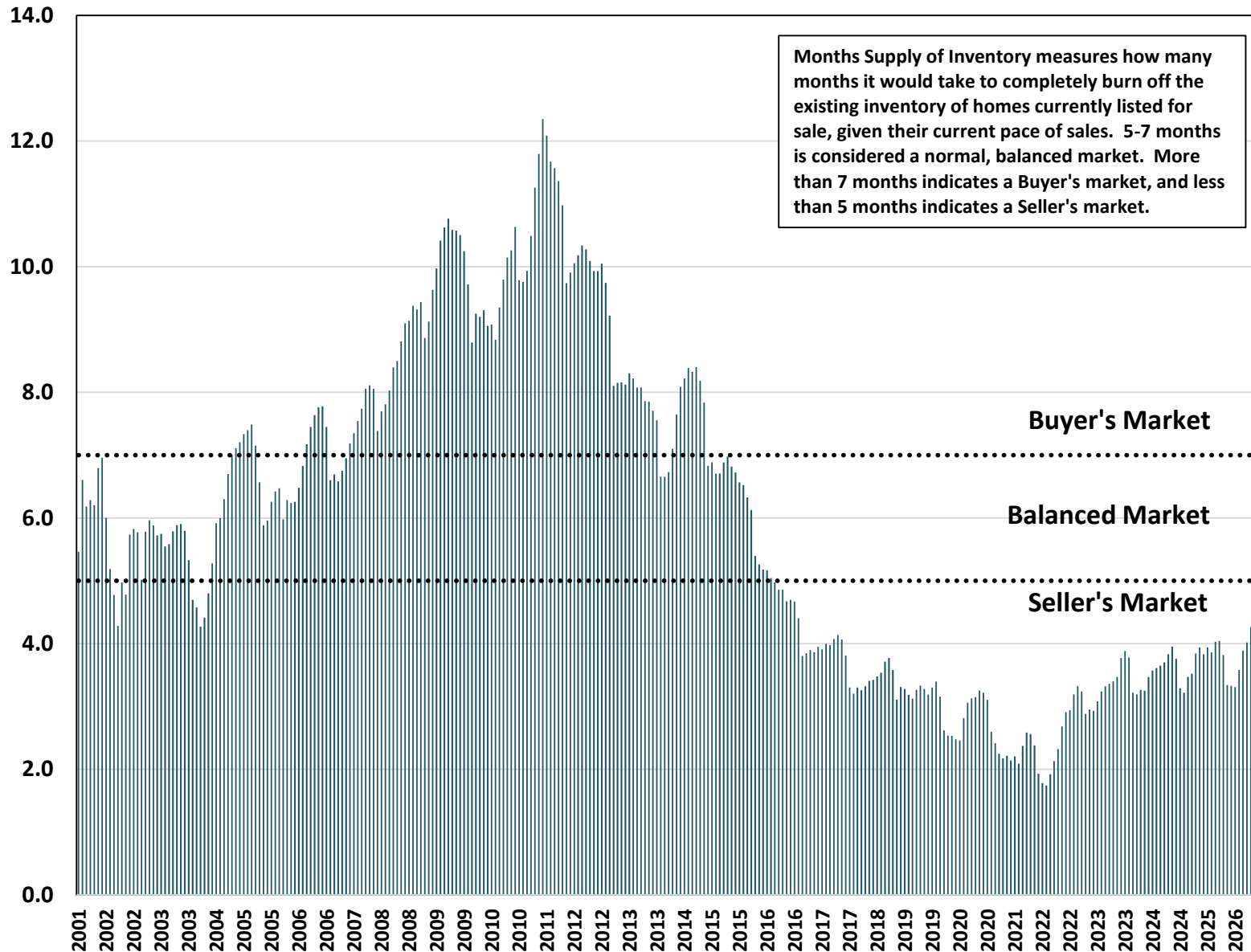
Philadelphia Houses Listed For Sale: Inventory v. Sales Rate



“%Absorbed” is defined as the percent of homes listed for sale in a given month that also sold in that same month.

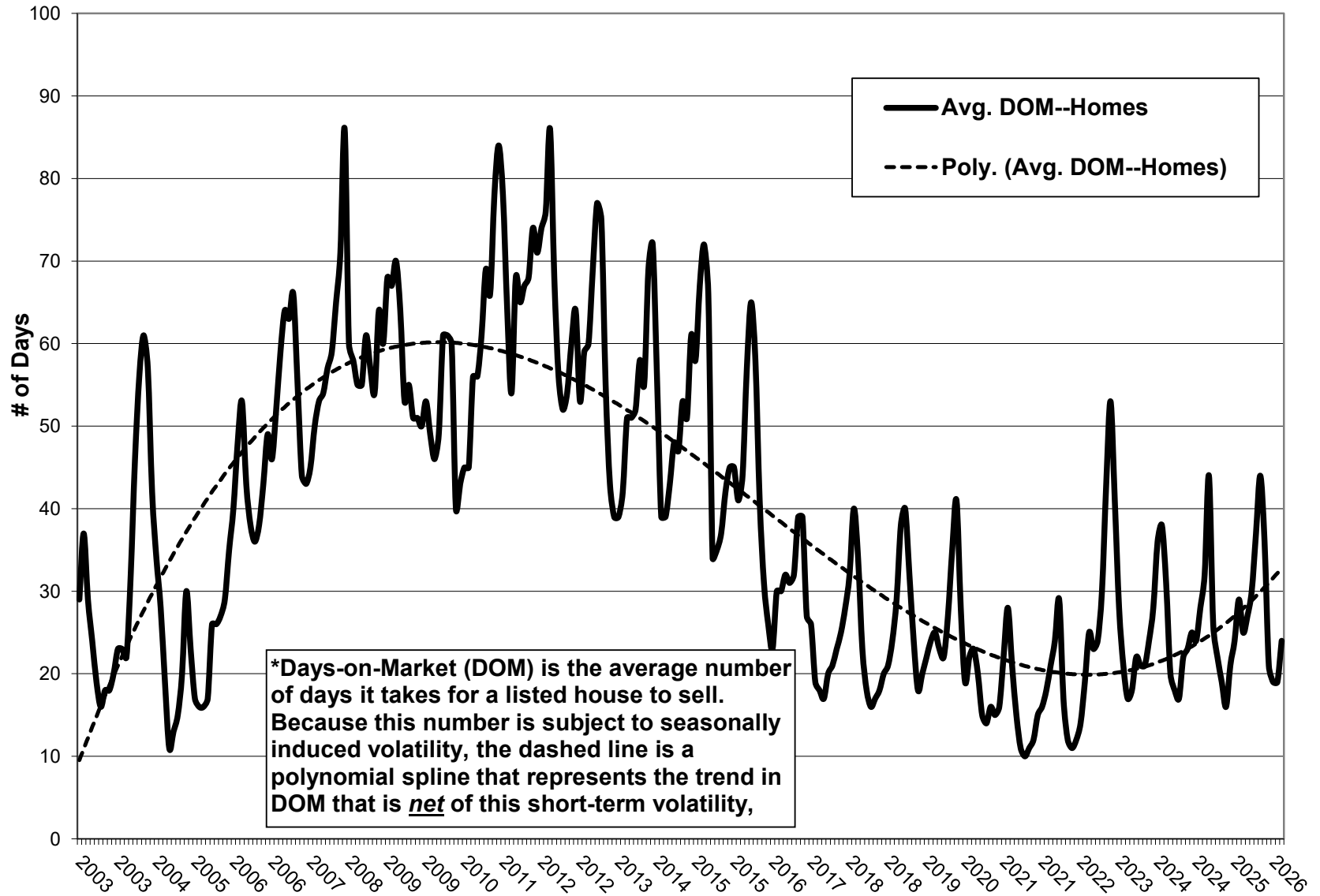
Source: Bright MLS

Months Supply of Inventory in Philadelphia: 2001-2026

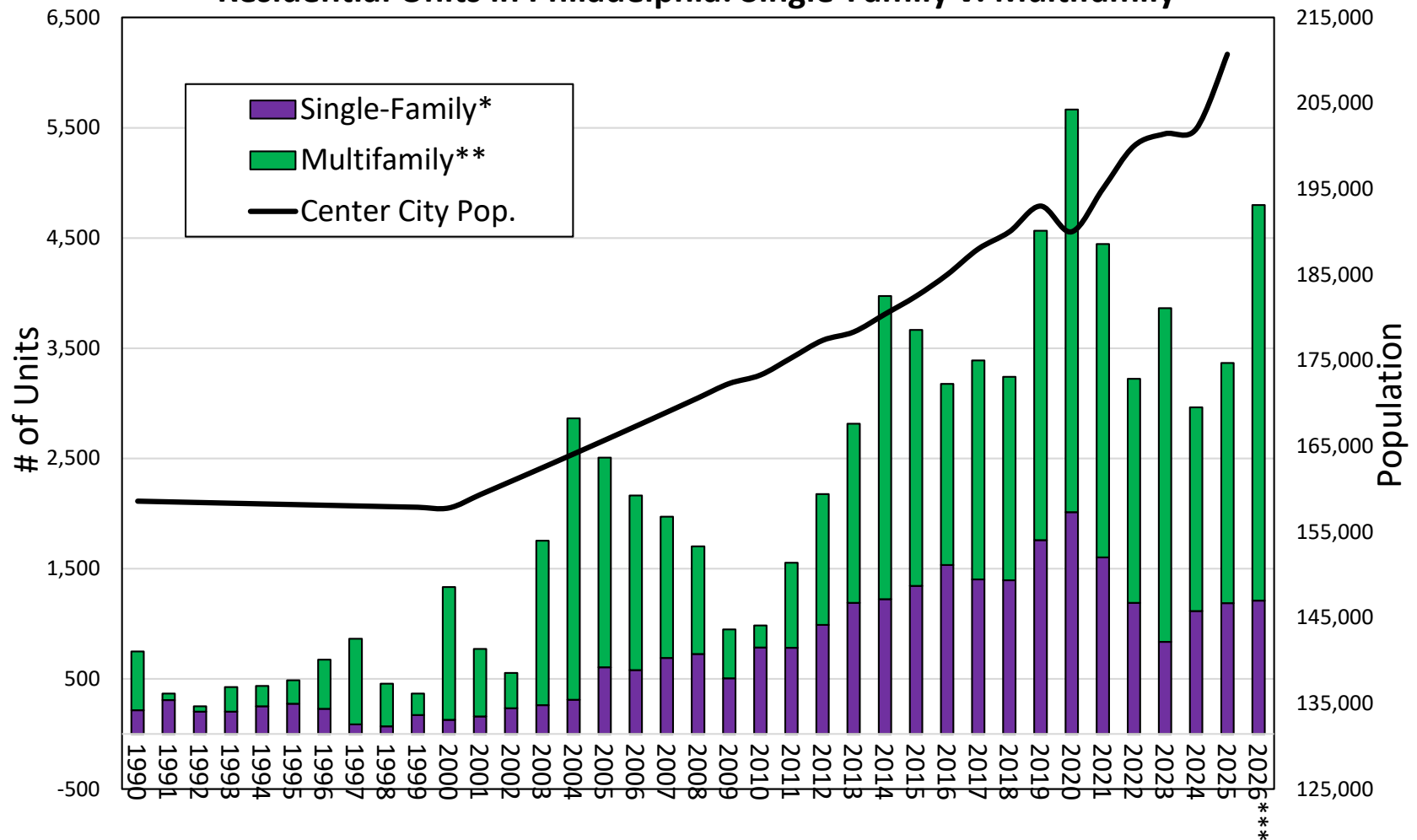


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Average Days-on-Market* for Philadelphia Homes: 2003-2026



Adjusted Building Permits Issued for Construction of Residential Units in Philadelphia: Single-Family v. Multifamily***



*Structures with 1-4 dwelling units

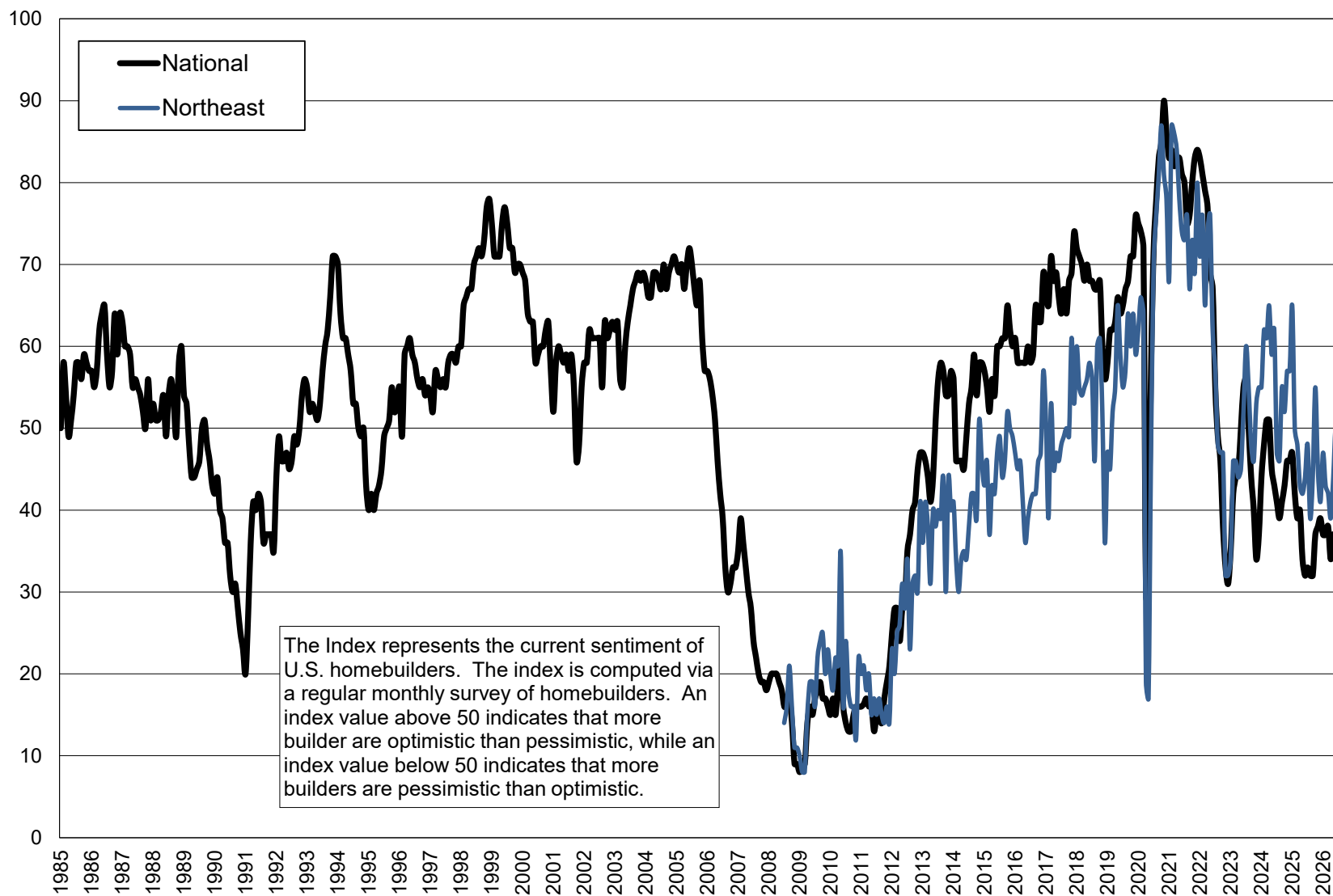
**Structures with ≥ 5 dwelling units

***Note: this chart adjusts for the huge spike in 2021 permits by normalizing this number to be in line with the longer-term trend.

Sources: U.S. Dept. HUD and the Center City District

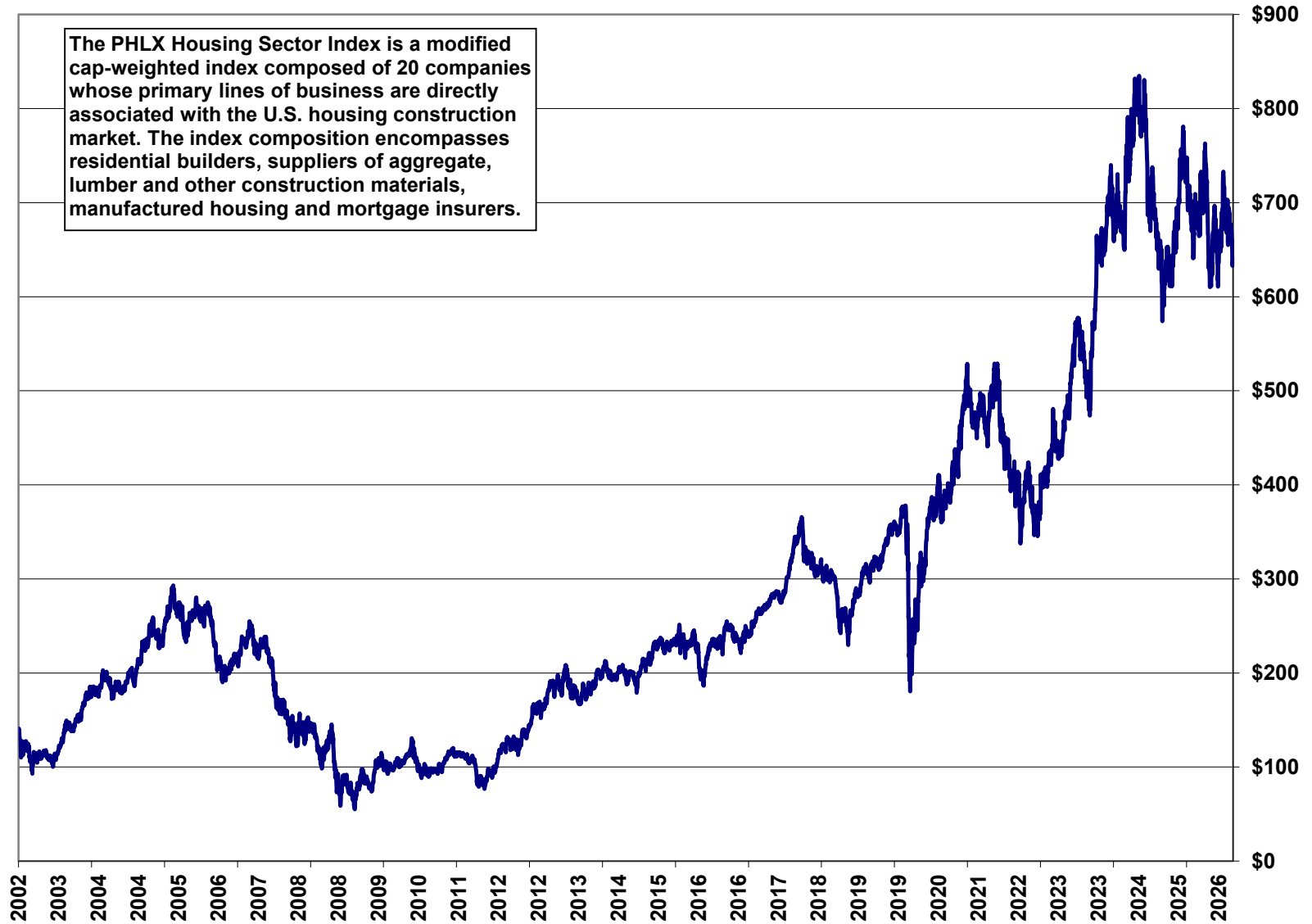
Note: A very large spike in building permits in 2021 was smoothed out because it severely skewed the visual appearance of the chart. The spike was due a huge surge in permits due to developers seeking approval for highly speculative projects before legislated changes to the city's 10-year tax abatement took effect when the calendar year rolled over.

Index of Homebuilder Sentiment: 1985-2026 (Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: National Assoc. of Homebuilders (NAHB)/Wells Fargo

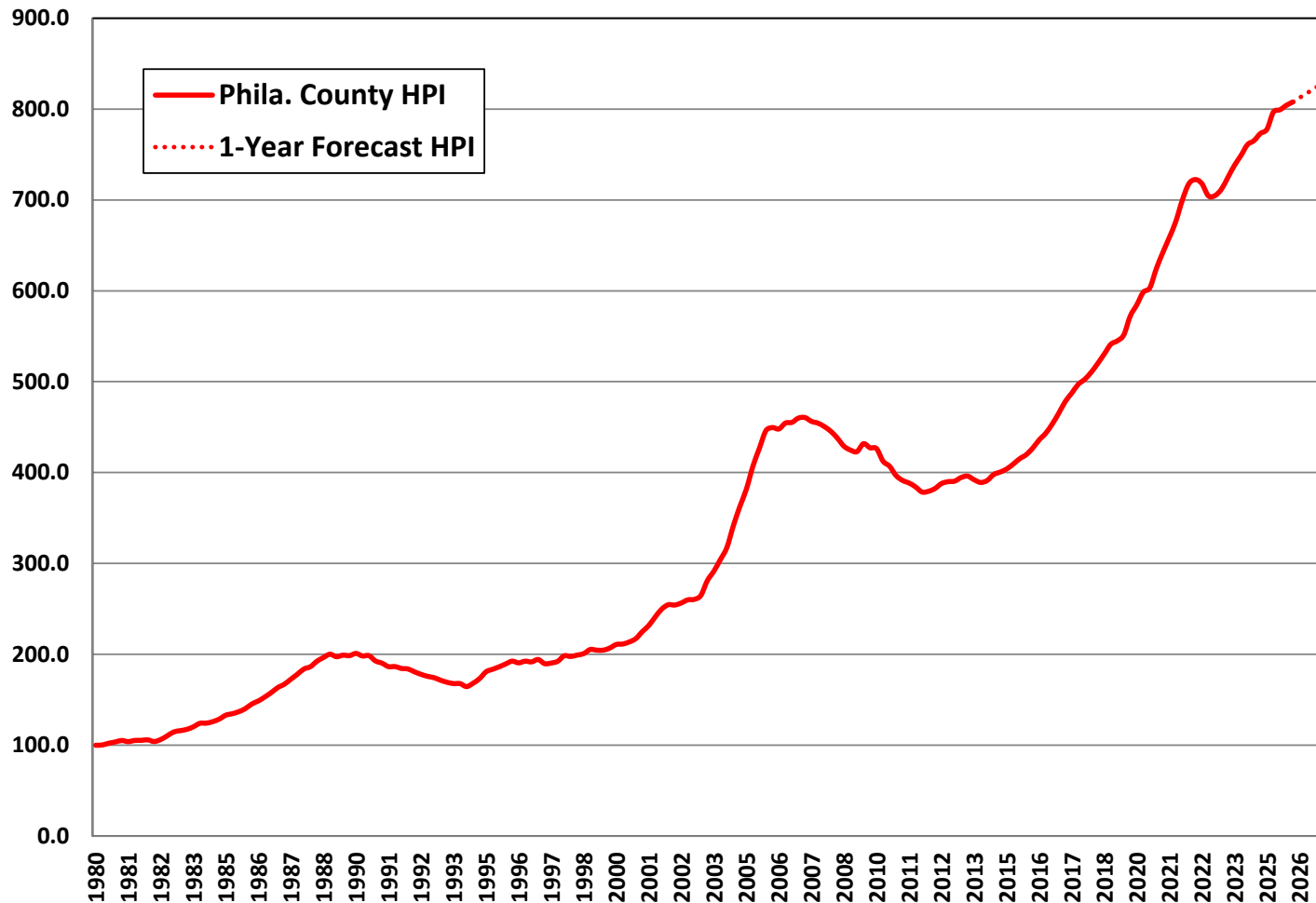
Philadelphia Stock Exchange Housing Sector Index: 2002-2026



Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/quote/%5EHGX/history>

Philadelphia House Price Index and 1-Year Forecast

Philadelphia House Price Index 1980-2027: Actual v. Forecast



Zillow's most recent forecast predicts an increase of 2.2% in Philadelphia's general level of house prices over the next 12 months. This is an upgrade from Zillow's previous forecast of 1.1% this past winter, but is also well below Philadelphia's historic average historic annual 4.5% rate of house price appreciation. In general, Zillow's forecast for Philadelphia has been for subpar—but still positive—price appreciation since late 2022.

Source: <https://www.zillow.com/research/data/>