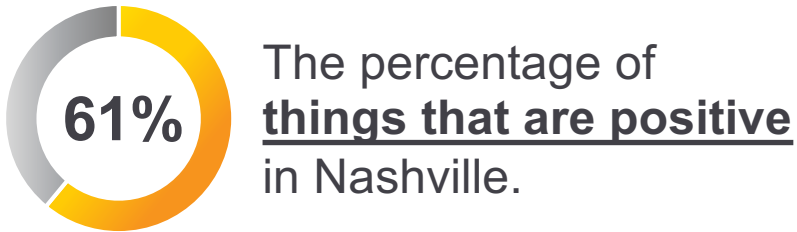


Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 48% High quality healthcare and hospitals
- 37% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 32% Rich diversity of people and cultures
- 27% High quality colleges and universities
- 26% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

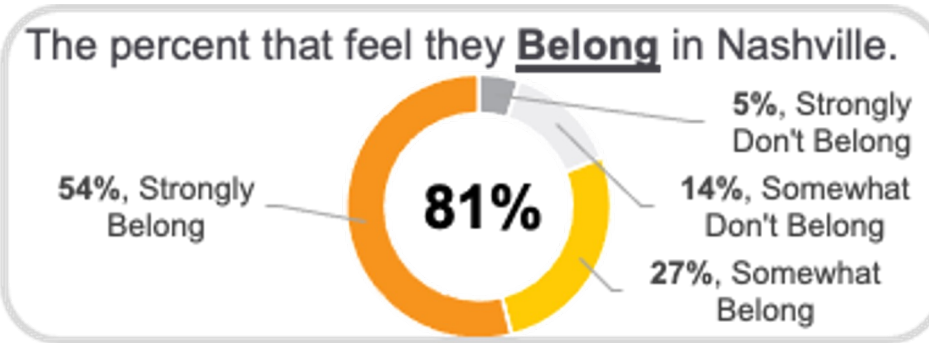
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 55% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 47% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 35% Increased crime/neighborhoods are less safe
- 33% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 29% Increased tension/fighting between state and the City

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

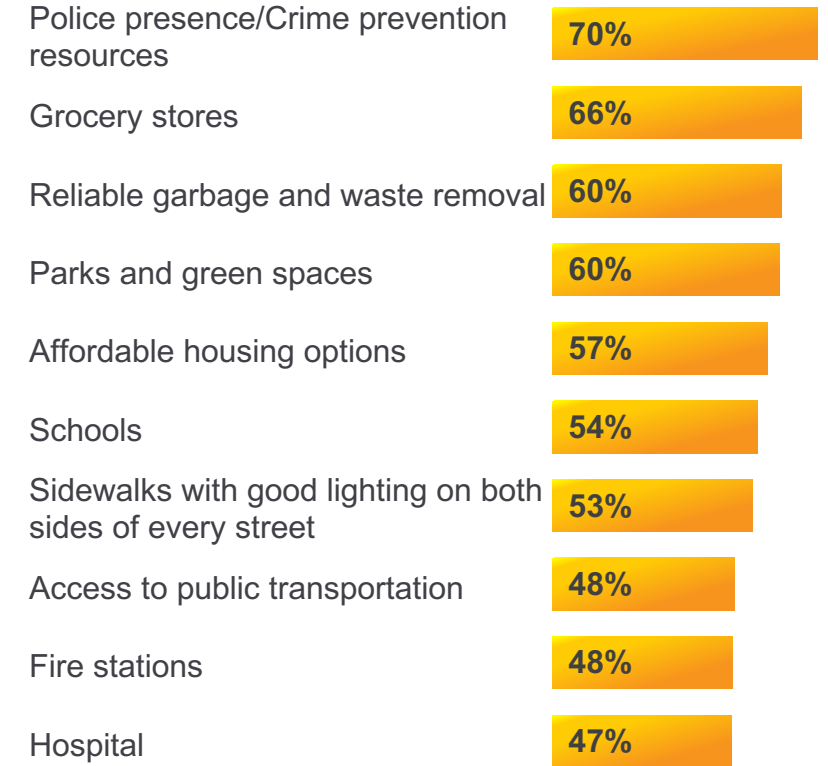
Selection rate for the most and second most favorite vision among 5 visions

- 55% The Connected City
- 54% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 44% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 28% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 19% Music and Arts Epicenter

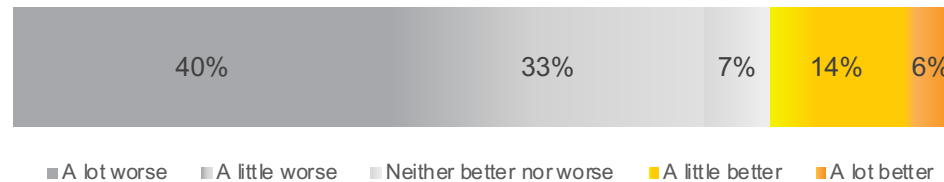


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

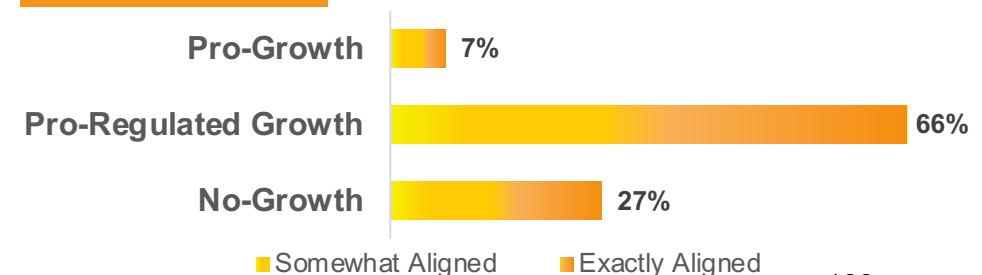
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features



Growth Impact on Nashville



Growth Orientation



Housing

Top-2 Goals For Affordability

Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 48%** Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 46%** Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 42% Make sure there is plenty of affordable housing in the communities of Nashville for people who keep the city going (musicians, artists, teachers, firefighters, police officers, etc.)
- 40% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 22% Eliminate homelessness

Affordability Priorities Importance

Mean score on a scale of 1-Not at all important to 10- Extremely Important

- 8.5** Increase affordable housing requirements and incentives for developers to make sure they generate more affordable housing options
- 8.3** Create more community partnerships and programs making more housing more affordable for more people
- 8.0** Build more compact and less expensive housing closer to where people live, work, and play
- 7.8** Provide more buyer/renter assistance and support to get people into housing and help them stay there
- 6.9** Build more homes to increase the housing supply which will bring down housing prices and help meet demand

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

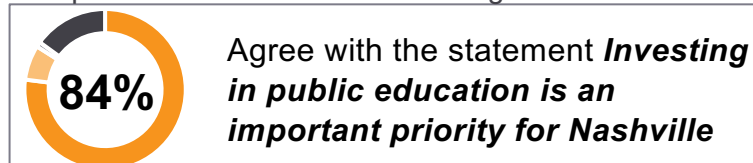
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 60%** Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 53%** Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 45% Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 31% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 9% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities Importance

Mean score on a scale of 1-Not at all important to 10- Extremely Important

- 9.1** Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
- 9.0** Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare and early childhood education
- 9.0** Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 8.9** Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
- 8.8** Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
- 8.5** Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
- 8.4** Increase school safety
- 8.4** Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
- 6.9** Increase the schooling choice and options available to parents to make sure their child gets the best education



Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

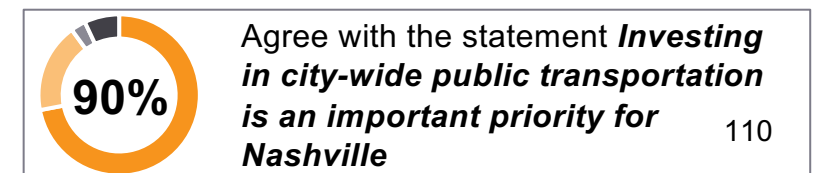
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 77%** Make it easier to get around Nashville—to and from downtown and from one place to another in the region (connecting different parts of the City and Downtown better)
- 61%** Ensure everyone has good access to downtown and the important parts of the region—make transportation options equally accessible to all across Nashville/Davidson Co.
- 35% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries
- 27% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live

Mobility Priorities Importance

Mean score on a scale of 1-Not at all important to 10- Extremely Important

- 8.9** Reduce traffic congestion
- 8.9** Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
- 8.5** Improve road maintenance and operations on existing roads
- 7.5** Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and infrastructure across the city and in the surrounding communities (bikeable streets, sidewalks, greenway and trail networks, etc.)
- 7.2** Construct new street and highway improvements to better connect parts of the city
- 7.1** Promote flexible and remote work schedules to reduce the need and impact of commuting



Housing

Comments

- *Get rid of AirBnB. Make short term rentals ADA compliant. De-incentivize short term rentals. Build more modest homes. Death to the tall and skinny!*
- *Tiny home communities*
- *Affordable housing for seniors that are not ready for assisted living or nursing homes. Specifically seniors that are still able to work.*
- *Having more COMPACT housing should not be considered. Crowding people together causes big problems. You should have space between you and neighbors. However, lower cost housing should be available.*
- *Help with property taxes for seniors that isn't impossible to meet*
- *Utilizing local government-owned land to foster affordable and economically diverse housing development. Consider multi-family development options where all families pay 30% of income for rent regardless of income.*
- *Expand accessory dwelling opportunities in our older and denser neighborhoods. Increased density promotes diversity in neighborhoods and also helps support more viable public transit.*
- *More participatory planning process for development and stricter controls on preserving existing housing and neighborhoods*
- *Decriminalize homelessness. Focus on subsidized restoration of older homes to preserve housing stock, not just development of new housing. Intensive focus on more affordable rental units.*
- *Private & public developers working together.*

Education

Comments

- *Impossible dream: to have ONLY public schools, which would immediately improve every school with more money, excellent faculty, curricula choices, and parent involvement.*
- *Focus on funding public schools, not charter schools or voucher programs*
- *Good leadership is most important. Make sure each school has a principal who can create a welcoming, successful school climate.*
- *Stop the rhetoric that everyone needs to go to college to get a 4 year degree. There should be more emphasis on trade and vocational schools. The concentration should be on being able to support yourself with meaningful work.*
- *Double compensation for public school teachers; ensure school safety; eliminate standardized tests which creates "teaching to tests;" return teaching to the teachers and not to the legislature which knows little about teaching learning.*
- *Increase teacher pay, reduce number of students per class*
- *Teach the full history of our nation and world. Do not ban books. Help children to be critical thinkers and lifelong learners regardless to whether they go to college or enter the workforce. Provide black and brown children equal opportunities [...]*
- *Vouchers for all students to go to school their parents choose.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Commuter trains and going back to the trolley system where people in all areas of Nashville and suburbs would not consider it to be demeaning. Less traffic and free up parking space.*
- *Create more cross city routes, not requiring a trip to the central bus terminal.*
- *Nashville needs dedicated bus lanes on West End Avenue, Broadway, Rosa Parks, Gallatin, Dickerson, Nolensville, Murfreesboro, Charlotte*
- *There are too many cars on the road, but people will not change to public transport unless it is safe, comfortable and convenient.*
- *I don't like to go downtown because of the so called "party" vehicles. They are dangerous and a major annoyance!*
- *Make downtown a walkable pedestrian zone. Do anything to get more cars off the road in the entire area.*
- *Light rail or trams to connect neighborhoods, and greenways so that people can safely get to schools and grocery stores without owning a car.*
- *Sidewalk equitably*
- *Address the traffic light timing.*
- *Safer crosswalks. More multi-mobile streets.*
- *Require all new developments to include sidewalks with no exceptions*
- *To include handicapped accessible transportation*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Community centers are important, as are green spaces for people to be on. Having easy access to groceries, and drugstores. Having things for senior citizens is very important as well. I still feel that we need a rail system [...]*
- *A person needs to feel safe at home and to feel like they belong there. there should be a sense of community.*
- *Residents have to be able to afford to live here*
- *Management of tree canopy and stormwater, significant problems caused by overgrowth of construction/decrease in green space. Negatively impacts physical environment and wellbeing of people*
- *I feel an essential ingredient would be a community that children and seniors could be safe and trust that they could go in and out and walk on their own streets without fear of violence.*
- *Front porches create a sense of community by providing a place from which to greet neighbors, share a cup of coffee, adult beverage, stories...*
- *Safety, good lighting, sidewalks, and safe community parks for exercise and recreation. Less tourism and better relations with state government.*
- *A sense of community*

One Change

Comments

- *Focus on Nashvillians rather than visitors*
- *More affordable housing for low income and middle income people*
- *More affordable housing for seniors*
- *A safe, modern citywide and regional train system.*
- *Address/solve systemic issues causing poverty, including affordable housing, a living wage, transportation, racism.*
- *Before a project is planned for any neighborhood, the zoning and city council should take the opinions of the neighborhood much more as a deciding factor than they do right now*
- *Exceptional public education for all*
- *Fix the damn potholes!*
- *Homelessness: I would identify some government surplus properties that would be suitable for transforming into shelters for extended housing to provide wrap-around services to get people back on their feet and moving toward becoming productive citizens*
- *Easier to get around in a healthy way - Sidewalks, more bike lanes, greenways.*
- *Stronger focus on infrastructure and retention/maintenance/repurposing of existing structures rather than tearing down! We have lost the "feel" of Nashville and I'm a lifelong resident of 65 years.*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *Get away from the ideology of growth, and focus on the quality of life here as a mature city of moderate size.*
- *Neighborhoods in which there are all ages of people, a variety of people with different financial and educational backgrounds, neighborhoods where there is affordable downsizing housing available [...]*
- *People in a way adopting other people, assisting with their personal roadblocks, giving their time, calling [...]* Advocates, like family. Nobody should have to be or feel alone.
- *Evidence-based strategies such as planting trees in urban areas to reduce heat and crime; multi-generational neighborhood cooperatives to support childcare and combat loneliness; a pedestrian downtown*
- *Create a better working relationship between our Metro Government and the State of Tennessee. There is such bitterness, anger and hatred being expressed along with and a lack of listening/hearing/openness [...]*
- *Nashville needs to be an example of The Beloved Community. We have the resources to do it. We just need to prioritize people over politics, greed, and a quest for notoriety. We don't have to be a slick city - we need to be a loving city.*

Youth

Comments

- *Leadership opportunities at the civic level. Even more libraries.*
- *Childcare/preschool for every child and after school sports/work/arts opportunities for every youth. Summer work opportunities for youth that provide pocket money along with money management skills.*
- *County-wide FREE after-school programs that focus on learning (helping with homework, individual tutoring, etc. to eliminate childcare costs and increase student knowledge and understanding.*
- *There should be positive experiences with local leaders and police. Youth centers where they can congregate are important.*
- *Activities and gathering places (with knowledgeable, skilled, caring adults) to give young people more grounding, a sense of purpose, and community.*
- *Educate the kids who are not going to college. Increase technology offerings in ALL public schools. Look at more vocational education that lines up with jobs available in Middle Tennessee.*
- *Create family resource centers in key marginalized areas of the city to offer 24/7 services that tend to be missing [...].*