



Ethnicity

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



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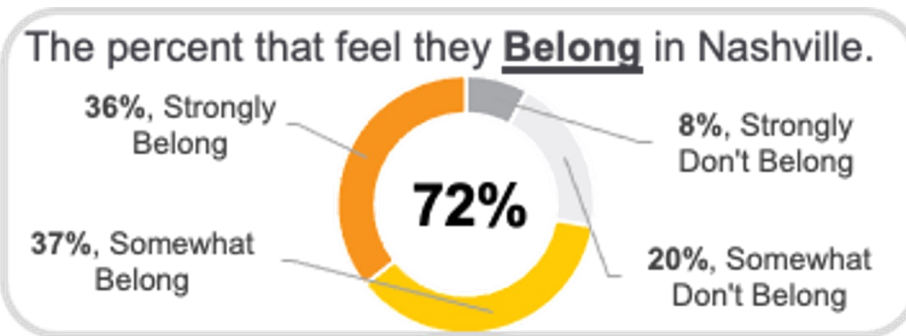
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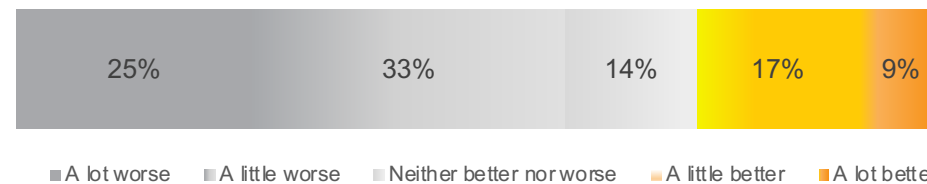
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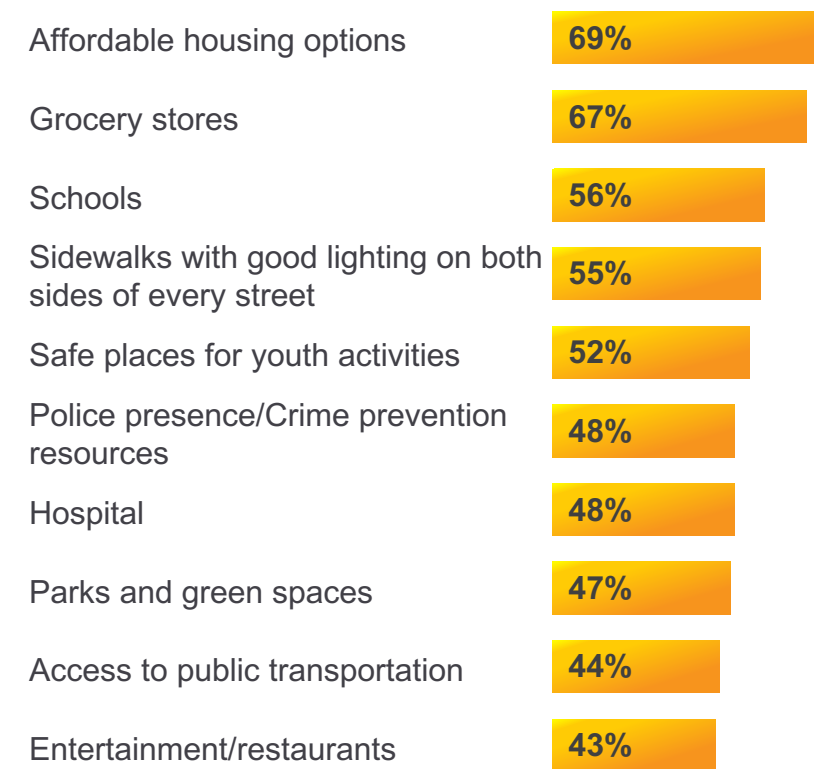


Growth Impact on Nashville

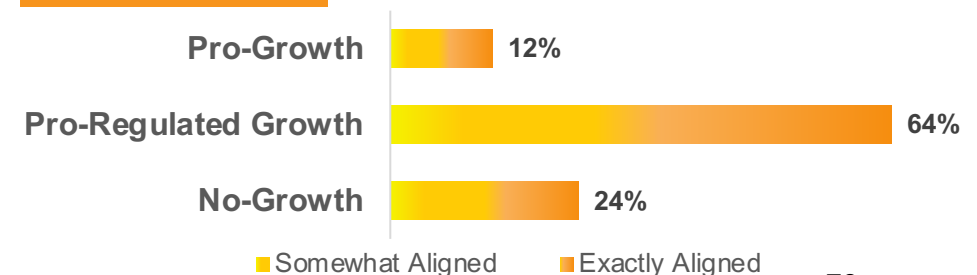


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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Growth Orientation



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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

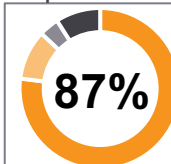
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Education Priorities Importance

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- 9.4 Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
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Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

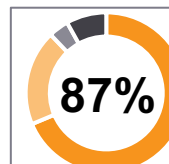
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- 39% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries
- 28% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live

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- 9.4 Reduce traffic congestion
- 9.2 Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
- 8.9 Improve road maintenance and operations on existing roads
- 8.2 Construct new street and highway improvements to better connect parts of the city
- 8.1 Promote flexible and remote work schedules to reduce the need and impact of commuting
- 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.)



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Housing

Comments

- *Have housing be income based. The jobs from income offered in Nashville do not at all equal the money it costs to live in Nashville.*
- *Create more ways to afford a single family home and/or apartments. Get resources to the citizens; most people don't know where to go for help.*
- *Provide safe homeless camps with showers and sanitation and social services to connect people with organizations and employers who can help them get back on their feet*
- *Restrictions on out of state developers buying up our houses and land, especially in historically Black communities*
- *Utilizing local government-owned land to foster affordable and economically diverse housing development.*
- *A significant pay increase for Metro workers or housing incentives so we can afford to live in the city we serve. We can cut our commute time significantly which would help the environment and reduce costs.*
- *Limit airbnbs and other short-term rentals that lower supply and increase cost*
- *Lower costs of housing, more programs to help transition people into housing and employment opportunities*
- *Build denser neighborhoods with mixed use developments.*

Education

Comments

- *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*
- *Teachers need to be paid more, provided resources and support that is needed*
- *Every family, every child should have access to quality public education. Families should feel good about attending their neighborhood schools. Families should want to send their children to local public schools*
- *Create individual plan for students and partner with parents. Focus on strengthening all students not just low performing schools though then need support. Allow parents in schools.*
- *Address the factors that impact teachers and students that prohibit both from performing their best. Mental health/affordable housing etc.*
- *Provide the option for vocational education. College is not for everyone, but everyone will need a way to support themselves.*
- *Funding; better align high school curriculum with career exploration, certification, and college funding.*
- *To offer a wide array of experiences inside and outside the classroom. Exposure to arts music and a wide variety of career opportunities.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Create bus route that connect to each other so you don't have to go downtown*
- *More benches for the elderly and disabled to use when waiting for the bus*
- *The conditions are the roads are in need of repair. Slow down drivers using all the new technology available.*
- *Include community input for more efficient and creative planning*
- *Rail system, more bus routes into neighborhoods running every 15 mins. More sidewalks in neighborhoods.*
- *A good, reliable bus system with dedicated lanes. Better, less expensive parking options until the city has "real" public transportation. A rail system is a critical need. Stop the growth and building and focus on tourism until transit issues are fixed.*
- *Recruit and engage business investors to fund public transportation projects during the purchase/planning phase, with incentives that follow*
- *Sidewalks. sidewalks. sidewalks.*
- *Mass rapid system that supports all of Davidson county not just downtown residents and businesses*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- A design that encourages community development e.g. walkable neighborhoods that encourage people to interact [...]
- A sense of community, security, and protection, and equal opportunities
- SIDEWALKS AND LIGHTING FOR STREETS
- Making Nashville affordable for the locals is very important so we can encourage others that Nashville is a great city to live and thrive in.
- Respectful, diverse and engaged neighbors. No air BNB Do not cut down grown trees for development and have more yard space for housing.
- Safety safety safety! We want safe and secure neighborhoods. Sidewalks and ADEQUATE lighting on both sides are key
- Sense of community within the neighborhood : opportunities for gatherings/block parties/etc
- We have got to do something about the growth we are experiencing, and our infrastructure. Native Nashvillians are being pushed out
- Having access to public transportation and parks/green spaces, and retail options that residents can walk to.
- Neighborhood events. Street festivals. Community meetings. Activities that bring people together.
- Public servants/elected officials who understand and advocate for their communities

One Change

Comments

- There should be more focus on the individuals who live here and not on just the tourists.
- Better metropolitan transportation systems: roads, buses, trains.
- To eliminate systemic and ongoing racism in all aspects of life including, but not limited to, education, housing, economic development, government and private enterprise.
- More affordable housing, better paying jobs, equal access to amenities on all sides of town [...]
- Create a city that is inclusive of ALL it's residents with activities for all. Affordable quality education and housing, job opportunities, and a low crime rate and cost of living. Cater to those that make this city run not to those that are passing through
- Better roads and infrastructure
- A clear vision for the city's growth. Growth for growth's sake isn't strategic nor ideal for long term growth
- Stop selling out to developers and preserve more of the city's history, particularly the history of Black people and other voices who are underrepresented.
- Better mass transit! Train service from the airport to downtown would be a great start.

Big Ideas

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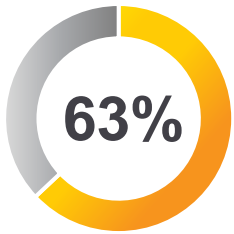
- Having more community based programs that bring our youth and seniors together so that everyone better understands each other
- A Nashville focused on its people - not AirBnB. Not the Titans. Not Lower Broad tourists. The people who moved to Nashville because it was a welcoming, educated, fun, inviting city full of opportunity and innovation
- I would also like for Nashville to seriously improve walkability, bicycle lanes, etc, in all neighborhoods.
- FOR THE LOVE OF EVERYTHING THAT IS HOLY GET THIS CITY A LIGHT RAIL
- Teaching more about the history of Nashville and how we got here. Honoring our past.
- Save the hills - preserving green space and the beautiful tree covered hills around the city, making some accessible for walking but recognizing their importance in keeping things cool and clean. Also an emphasis on preserving trees and green space
- Safety low crime high quality education that foster skills for the future of work and ensure equitable opportunities and access

Youth

Comments

- Better mentoring programs, better community centers, more community activities for urban areas.
- Free before/after school care and/or tutoring.
- Have third and safe spaces for young people to be able to hang and feel secure and welcomed.
- Technical training programs within high schools. Music and arts in every school. Pay our teachers a liveable wage!!
- More free activities and support after school and on weekends at locations close to student's home and school.
- Affordable child care, Community Center program, and funding, with transportation options that support our communities. Provide more programming that gives our public school students access to our college campus with camps, programs, and enrichment options
- Create a "Skills Market" where young people can display their talents before peers and other professionals to provide opportunities to hone skills and make positive professional connections
- Non-college job opportunities. Internships. Apprenticeships. Community centers in every community

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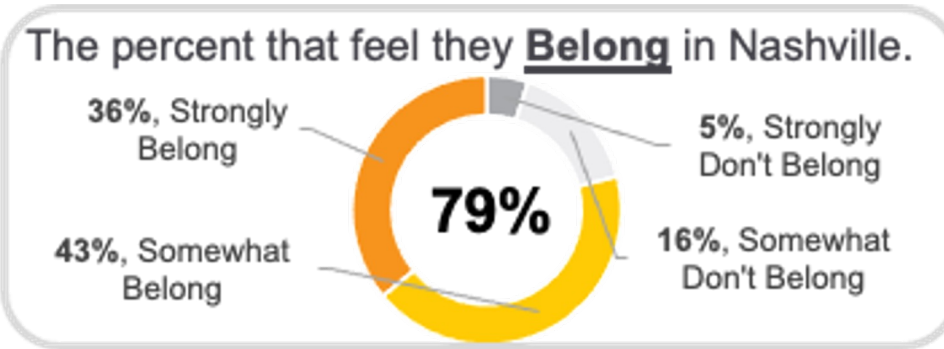
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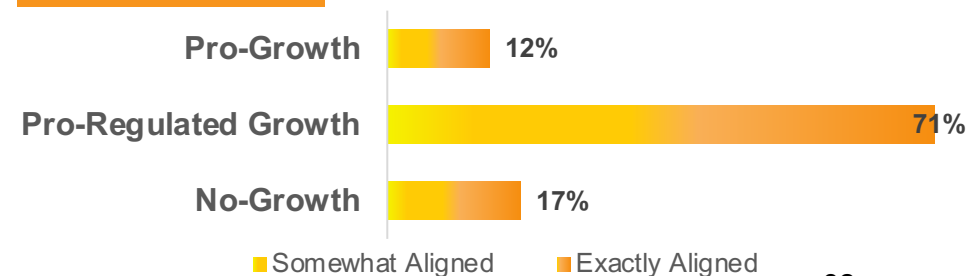


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- Parks and green spaces: 68%
- Affordable housing options: 65%
- Sidewalks with good lighting on both sides of every street: 61%
- Grocery stores: 57%
- Access to public transportation: 57%
- Bikeable and walkable throughout: 56%
- Schools: 51%
- Reliable garbage and waste removal: 50%
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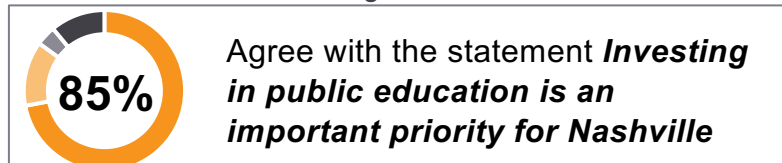
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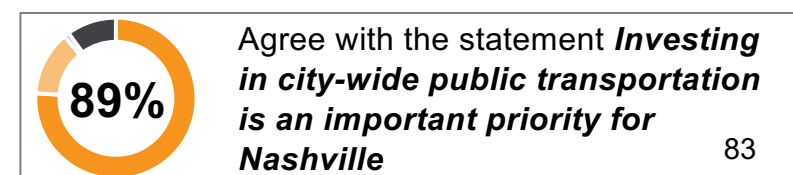
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Housing

Comments

- *Programas más eficaces para persona con ingreso limitado.*
- *Regulate apartment complexes. The safety, cleanliness, and livability in a complex are extremely important needs and very often are not met.*
- *Venta de terreros accesibles; viviendas minimalistas para familias pequeñas o parajas*
- *Ensure affordable housing is available in conjunction with schools and community resources.*
- *Downtown, the Gulch, and other areas of Nashville shouldn't be for just the super wealthy. Nashville should start incentivizing developers in allowing Section 8 and affordable housing right in the downtown area.*
- *More transitional housing for individuals/families in crisis. People can become trapped in their support because there is not a soft transition from one level to the next. You have to be able to save to get to the next level.*
- *Improved public transportation and walkability will extend housing options for a variety of people.*
- *Down payment assistance/ funding for first time homebuyers. Subsidized home lending programs.*
- *I believe it will require more than one solution that will include government and private resources to assist with rent subsidies, down payment assistance for buying and creative financing that is not exploiting for the sake of profit.*

Education

Comments

- *Más capacitación de maestros Mejor la Paga de Maestros*
- *We desperately need more pre-school options in this city. Offer more, free or inexpensive vocational training for those adults who didn't get it in school.*
- *Bilingual/multilingual education needs to be available at all schools. Nashville needs to treat bilingualism/multilingualism as an asset rather than a deficit and should seek to increase the number of bilingual/multilingual students.*
- *Educar e informar a los padres.*
- *Optional School applications is a good thing, but not providing bus transportation is a major barrier for not only my household, but many others.*
- *Decrease the presence of police and resource officers to reduce the school to prison pipeline. Criminalizing children's daily lives is trauma.*
- *Programas para educar a los padres para entender el sistema educativo y de esta manera apoyar a nuestros hijos en su crecimiento educativo.*
- *Refocus on public schools. Return to basic instruction in early years of phonics, writing, reading, basic math, and social studies. More hands on learning and vocational opportunities at younger ages including middle school. Pre-K and daycare options.*
- *Education is key to a better future for all of us , Nashville also needs to support homeschool families. Every child deserves a good education.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Offer transit discounts to permanent residents, elderly, and students. Impose an annual wheel tax to anyone who commutes to Nashville for work from out of Davidson County.*
- *Incentivar uso de bicicletas eléctricas o compartir carro.*
- *Integrate bus and shuttle services with train service, increasing train services. Or widely expand bus and shuttle services.*
- *By making all schools better, a lottery system wide needed, then children can use school buses versus parents having to travel across the county to get their kid into a better school. This is NOT equitable.*
- *I think making more accessible and safe sidewalks will be useful for pedestrians.*
- *I believe light rail is necessary to reduce traffic congestion. And long term, I believe that the interstate bottlenecks need to be addressed.*
- *Streetcars that connect the east, west, south, and north sides into downtown and service each of those neighborhoods.*
- *Start with creating more walkable and bikeable neighborhoods - get people out of personal vehicles and even transit. Transit should not just focus on getting people to and from downtown as not everyone has a destination there.*
- *100% support a rail system in Nashville, it's a big investment but will be totally worth it! Also encouraging biking through bikeshare services (such as Citibike in NYC, Divvy bike in Chicago) and pedestrian infrastructure needs vast improvement too.*
- *Stop looking at downtown only, you need regular commuters daily to support the cost. Focus on providing rail to your interstate commuters; that relieves road congestion.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *La iluminación es esencial, junto con el fácil acceso de la compra de Vivienda*
- *Greenspaces, libraries, ensuring its a safe, all inclusive space, having a deep sense of community, so that all feel they can belong & engage one another, fostering people to want to be involved & make their area better, keep it good for all.*
- *bueno para peatones y bicicletas -- caminable arte público.*
- *Community events really help to create a sense of belonging - would love to see that in EVERY neighborhood.*
- *Más vigilancia de la policía.*
- *A mixed income, mixed race environment that welcomes all. We deserve to live in whatever part of Nashville we desire to, because it is our city.*
- *Neighborhood schools and community centers.*
- *Resources within the neighborhood.*
- *PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION! Walkable sidewalks with lighting and street trees where possible. Protected bike lanes.*
- *Visible Arts and culture. Public status, sculptures etc.*
- *High speed internet*

One Change

Comments

- *El alto costo de viviendas, y mejorar el transporte público.*
- *Make the city more accessible. Everything feels so far away from one another.*
- *Más seguridad , cámaras de seguridad y alumbrado una ciudad muy oscura por eso ha incrementado la delincuencia, más reglas a sus habitantes, para que sean mejores ciudadanos amemos la ciudad con respecto .*
- *More affordable housing.*
- *Diversidad en Movilidad (transporte público,vías seguras para ciclistas y peatones etc.). Acceso gratuito o bajo costo a programas culturales para los ciudadanos de la región (Museos, teatros, festivales).*
- *Have more things for our youth to do!! So much is geared towards people with higher income or tourists. Our youth who don't have the financial means to be in school sports/groups, or don't family support, are left to find things to do on their own.*
- *Mejorar el servicio de transporte público. Más rutas. Que sea más eficaz.*
- *Job opportunities and increased wages/salaries, which affects housing affordability.*
- *Que dieran un mejor salario y oportunidades para tener una vivienda y sobretodo que sea un lugar seguro sin delincuencia*

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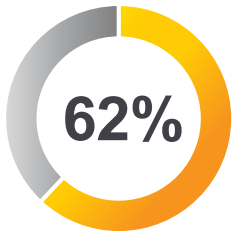
- *Más ayuda a personas mayores y más opciones a Jovenes.*
- *Educación, educar, educar*
- *Stop making Nashville all about music and sports. Start supporting Arts (multiple aspects) , science and medicine.*
- *Una ciudad que vira hacia la sustentabilidad y resiliente para afrontar cambios climáticos y flujos migratorios(del país e internacionales).*
- *PUBLIC TRANSIT, PLEASE!!!*
- *Programas para las personas con visa H-4 que no tienen oportunidades de trabajar pero quieren aportar su tiempo y conocimiento al progreso de la ciudad.*
- *An education hub, improving education and cultural diversity with the support of international student programs in the city.*
- *Homelessness, cost of living*
- *Focus more on the natural resources and how to protect them and the earth. Focus on bringing the environmental sciences to Nashville, and the jobs it creates. Retail/Tourism is not going to save us.*
- *Community owned and operated coop grocery stores*
- *Dedicated funding for transit and bike/ pedestrian infrastructure*
- *Increased community gardens*
- *Ebike rebate*

Youth

Comments

- *Más seguridad.*
- *Safer neighborhoods, more community outreach, keeping the city family oriented and accepting of all walks of life, culture and ethnicities. Support for LGBTQ+ youth, and youth with disabilities, and those affected by poverty/low income.*
- *Programas de educación extraordinarias enfocadas en nuevas tecnologías y desarrollo de habilidades sociales y artísticas.*
- *Providing resources to help young people thrive since most are just starting to get on their feet in the world.*
- *Hacer comunidades y promover más las actividades al aire libre.*
- *Better education, getting youth involved in community forums - hear their voice and make them feel heard.*
- *Buenos Empleos.*
- *Affordable housing, transportation, and after school buses so kids can participate in activities.*
- *More low cost things for them to do in each area of the county.*
- *Making sure there are quality programs for children to be engaged in during school breaks. Making all extracurricular activities available for all children no matter their economic ability.*
- *Students can learn more when they are fed and are safe.*

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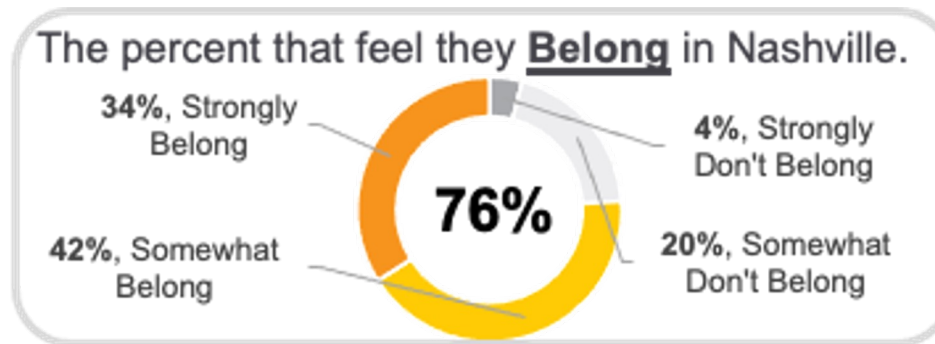
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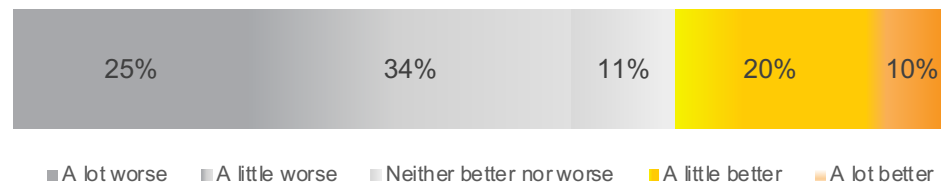
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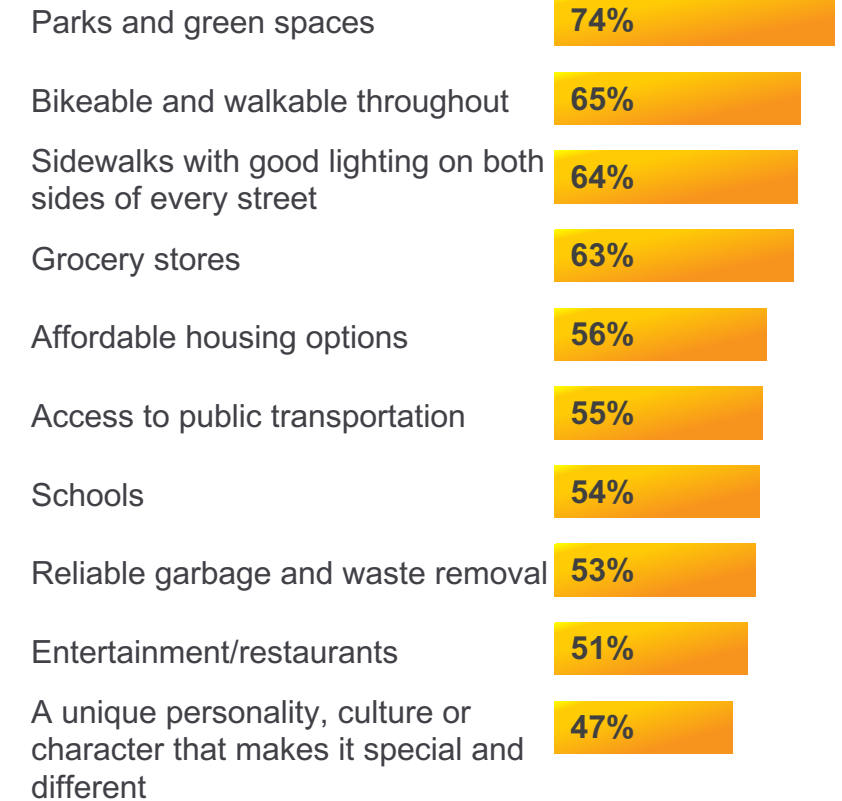


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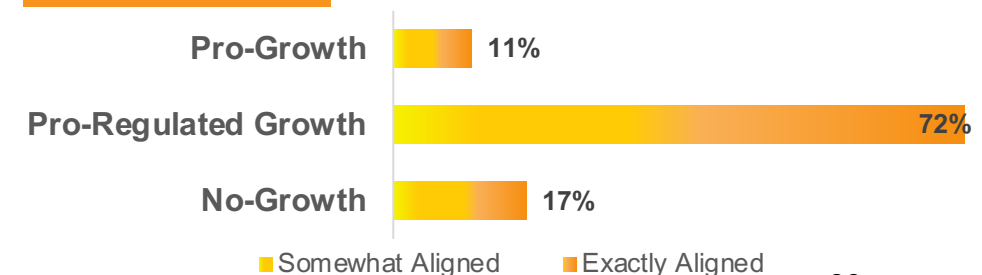


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- 58% **Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs**
- 48% **Make sure there is plenty of affordable housing in the communities of Nashville for people who keep the city going (musicians, artists, teachers, firefighters, police officers, etc.)**
- 36% **Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out**
- 34% **Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life**
- 24% **Eliminate homelessness**

Affordability Priorities Importance

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

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

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

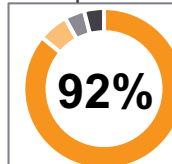
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 54% **Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world**
- 44% **Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community**
- 39% **Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future**
- 34% **Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace**
- 29% **Ensure they are prepared for college**

Education Priorities Importance

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

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



Agree with the statement **Investing in public education is an important priority for Nashville**

Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

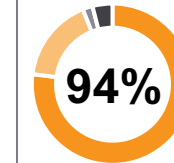
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 79% **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)**
- 53% **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.**
- 37% **Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live**
- 32% **Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries**

Mobility Priorities Importance

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

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



Agree with the statement **Investing in city-wide public transportation is an important priority for Nashville**

Housing

Comments

- *More regulations for increased local-level accountability on large, out-of-state property management companies who operate rental units in Nashville*
- *Rent control; co-owned living spaces.*
- *Reward developers who choose to build affordable homes without compromising Nashville heritage or neighborhood*
- *I like the idea of having all types of housing options in each neighborhood*
- *Use Metro owned land to build affordable housing. Prioritize every public housing project and development. Reimagine what public housing looks like and give people opportunities to live in different areas.*
- *Require developers to build a certain number of affordable housing units for each project planned for the metro area with number of housing units dependent on the scale (size, cost) of the project. Implement a tax or fee for developers and short term rentals*
- *Stricter regulations for developers. In my neighborhood, modest more affordable homes are being torn down and replaced by huge and extremely expensive/non-affordable homes. We should do everything we can to renovate/repair existing homes*

Education

Comments

- *Reducing environmental barriers to schooling re: transportation. Investing in EL, students w disabilities, foster youth, youth impacted by justice system, homeless youth, and other populations. Redefining school safety to be student centered*
- *Find ways to stand our ground as a city toward state threats of funding cuts. Identify external funding and resources that could be utilized. Commit to fully funding MNPS on a regular basis and work to identify and compile metrics [...]*
- *Increasing school choice within the existing public school system would quickly identify the schools that need assistance.*
- *Prioritize having a good public school/school system in every neighborhood that everyone in the neighborhood would send their kids if they have them, and for the school to be the anchor of the neighborhood*
- *Guarantee transportation for non zoned school options.*
- *Raise teacher salaries. Recruit students to B.Ed. and M.Ed. programs from across Tennessee through public awareness campaigns. Build more public middle and high schools, and tax private schools and charters at higher rates.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Creating parking hubs outside with more rail or bus options to shuttle commuters to downtown areas*
- *Sidewalks, pedestrian friendly, better tragic violation enforcement there are too many accidents! Especially with injuries and fatalities.*
- *Include a focus on increasing accessibility to colleges/universities/trade schools to improve educational attainment for students (many struggle or drop out due to transportation issues). Consider accessibility for people w disabilities in improvements.*
- *Creating parking hubs outside with more rail or bus options to shuttle commuters to downtown areas*
- *Building a trustworthy brand and incentivize people to use public transport. Public transport on a large scale for local citizens to use often is a goal but even ideas of how to get tourists to use it as an affordable and safe option can boost its popularity*
- *We need transportation options that are not just for downtown, but connect downtown to itself and other areas of the Greater Nashville area. This includes connecting to the airport, and connecting to the immediate suburbs like Bellevue, Brentwood, Antioch*
- *Creative public private partnership to entice public to take public transportation.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *It may fall under "green spaces" but community gardens are AWESOME!*
- *Public artworks*
- *A sense of community where you have good relationships with your neighbors and support one another.*
- *Community and third spaces that don't require spending money*
- *A true sense of inclusion and community for all.*
- *I've loved having local restaurants and shops within walking distance. It's nice to have regular places to go to and see familiar faces.*
- *Sidewalks, well-lit (with manageable light pollution).*
- *Walkability, affordable housing, affordable and accessible childcare options*
- *Water, better waste management systems that offer composting, recycling, and ways to generate energy from waste.*
- *Having diversity of all kinds and that diversity being valued: economic, racial, religious, political, age, families with kids, non-traditional families*
- *Neighborhood activities for the community to get to know each other.*

One Change

Comments

- *Growth managed better so that it centers around the people who actually live in Nashville rather than tourists*
- *More walkable. More green spaces.*
- *Better greenway biking system. Would be nice to be able to bike to get groceries or to restaurants safely. Please no more bike lanes that have no protection against cars!!*
- *Build a light rail that connects the suburbs to the city center and common workplaces and event venues.*
- *We need to embrace density. Density if housing, shops, stores, services etc. I saw the increase in "tall and skinnies" and at first was taken aback but now realize a lot of our core issues could be solved by mixed use development.*
- *Better public education and resources dedicated to public education*
- *Legislation that disallows real estate investors from purchasing multiple homes to flip or rent/Airbnb.*
- *Inclusiveness, open mindedness*

Big Ideas

Comments

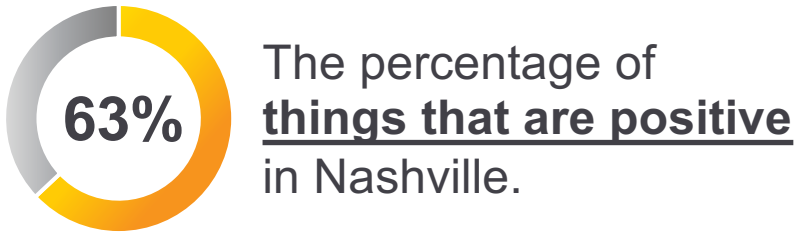
- *Be sure to include additional services for the elderly, 60+ population, as the percentage of this population increases, not just here, but throughout the U.S. This includes resources for healthy living, accessibility to basic needs & other needs*
- *I think that big business has profited off of my city for far too long and that frankly must stop. If we keep catering to companies who serve tourists and corporate hotshots from out of town who want to come in and open a large corporate campus*
- *Like to see more culturally diverse areas similar to Chinatown or Mariachi Plaza but more open to ethnic business niches and festivals.*
- *Nashville NetZero? Be on the map for sustainability?*
- *Something Nashville needs to start focus on is improving and upgrading its infrastructure - e.g. storm water drainage, safe and adequate water supply, etc.*
- *The city needs to increase fees on development so that city services can keep up with growth. MASS TRANSIT, especially to downtown and between downtown and airport. High quality public school system.*

Youth

Comments

- *We want young people to stay and call Nashville home long term and not short term. Affordable housing would keep young professionals here.*
- *Affordable housing. Increase in the minimum wage. Incentives to businesses to increase wages to better match cost of living. Public funding/grants to decrease unpaid internships which make certain jobs and fields inaccessible to low-income youth.*
- *Strengthen the bond between business community and public schools. Provide incentives to businesses who invest in schools - not just financially but those that sit on school boards or actively participate in supporting schools*
- *After school activities, giving all kids the opportunity to participate in athletics teams, arts/performance, clubs.*
- *Investment in early childhood programs like transitional kindergarten*
- *Gun control*
- *Encouraging arts, increasing for the park system, sports, afterschool, daycare and parents day out programs will keep kids occupied and more engaged with their community.*

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 41% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 37% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 34% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 24% High quality healthcare and hospitals
- 24% Lots of jobs/economic opportunity

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

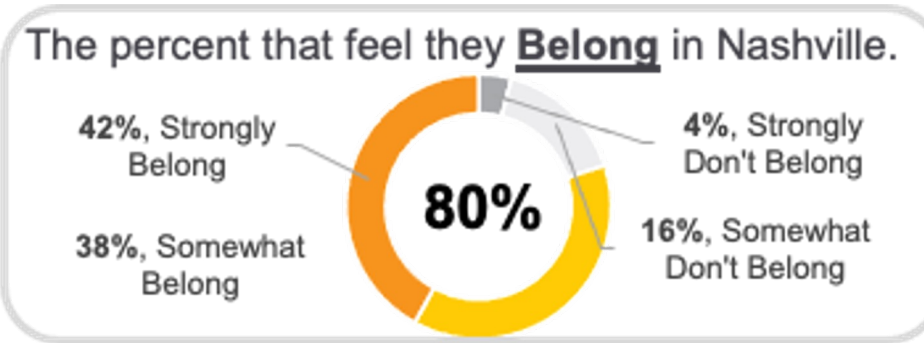
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 51% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 39% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 37% Lack of public transportation
- 35% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 29% High cost of living

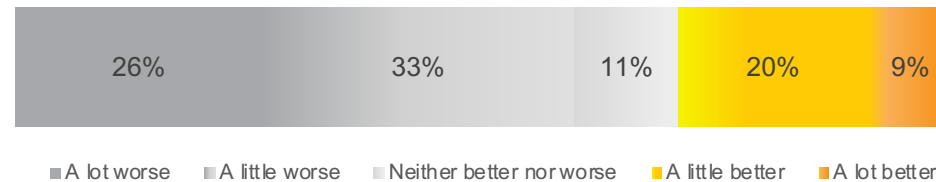
Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 65% The Connected City
- 54% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 42% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 21% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 17% Music and Arts Epicenter

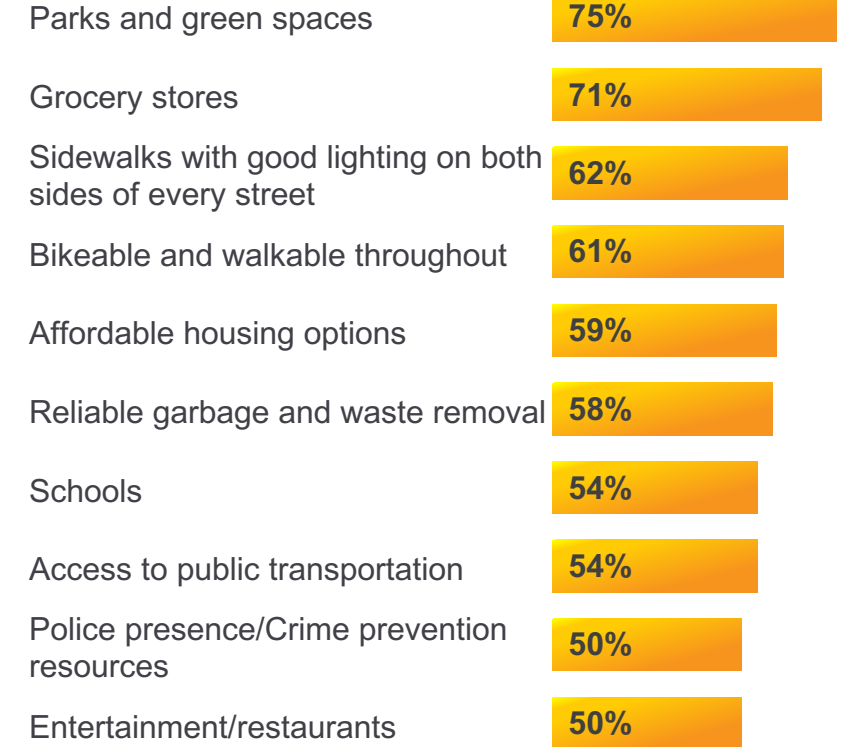


Growth Impact on Nashville

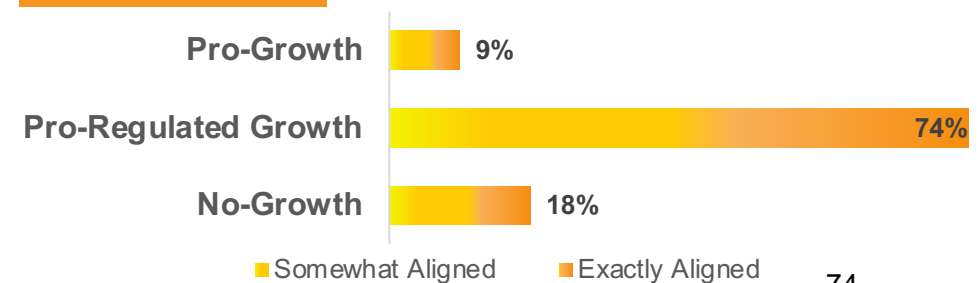


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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



Growth Orientation



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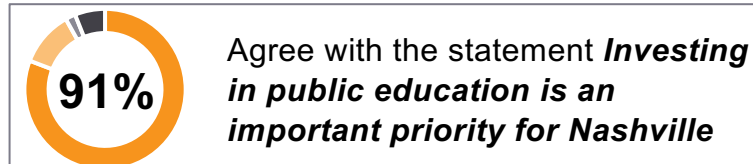
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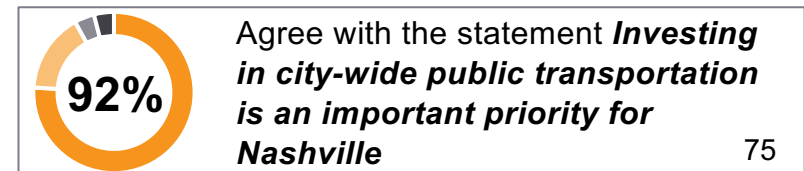
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Housing

Comments

- *Create housing for homeless people where they can get the help and resources they need along with a pathway to employment.*
- *Establish limited zoned areas [...] where Airbnb & short-term rentals are allowed so that more housing is available for locals*
- *Income levels should be mixed in every neighborhood*
- *Higher-density housing options in areas near where people work would be amazing!*
- *More thoughtful zoning allowing a range of housing from single family to multi-family in the same neighborhood*
- *Offer incentives for landlords and property management [...] to offer reasonable rents.*
- *Believe strongly we must work with private developers more intentionally to incorporate more mixed housing affordability in every major development.*
- *Get rid of single-family zone and allow duplexes to fourplexes to be built. Also, allow smaller lots and ADUs everywhere.*
- *Write into law limits on percentages of corporate ownership of housing to reduce residents from being priced out of owning and renting homes [...]*
- *Build tiny home communities on city land that is vacant*

Education

Comments

- *Increasing after school programs and community centers throughout the city for low-income families.*
- *Provide mental health care in schools, pay restorative practice assistants, counselors, and teachers more. Increase community support. Fund schools.*
- *Addressing the systemic racism that keeps many schools wildly underfunded*
- *Establish an office for volunteer services so that people can assist in ways that provide more time for teachers to focus on instruction.*
- *Continue investing in making all schools trauma-informed and trauma-responsive*
- *Empower parents to take a stronger role in their children's education.*
- *Involving parents in community projects at their students' schools - school clean-up/general maintenance/partnering with teachers.*
- *Do away with vouchers. Decrease class sizes. Hire more teachers and pay them well*
- *We need to focus on the basics in schools - Math, reading, science! We need to bring back vocational classes and better prepare our children for real-world opportunities.*
- *Bring back trade school education. College is not always the best choice for a student, and we need trade workers*
- *Better funding for pre-K centers and preschools [...]*

Mobility

Comments

- *There should be FREE, robust, and accessible public transportation of all types, nothing less.*
- *I wish so badly Nashville had light rails! It's so much easier to travel that way and can lower traffic congestion. And safer walking/biking paths*
- *Light rail connecting Nashville to Lebanon, Murfreesboro, Clarksville, Franklin, Dickson, Gallatin.*
- *Make more direct routes to popular destinations instead of sending most through downtown terminal!*
- *More parking hubs, e.g., as in Bellevue, to increase bus, light rail use to city areas and downtown. This would help cut congestion.*
- *Connect the greenways. Finish the 440 greenway loop. More crosstown bus routes connecting places like Donelson to Bellevue.*
- *Make Nashville safer for pedestrians and cyclists.*
- *Nashville needs dedicated bus lanes on West End Avenue, Broadway, Rosa Parks, Gallatin, Dickerson, Nolensville, Murfreesboro, Charlotte.*
- *Road maintenance should be consistent across all areas of the city*
- *Airport to downtown transportation. Sidewalks on all streets - make it more walkable to get from one neighborhood to another. Replicate 12 south project*
- *Pedestrian zones. No cars on Broadway, heck make all of downtown a pedestrian zone. Free buses. Fast and regular bus routes from downtown to the suburbs with park and rides. More people would bike if it was safe.*
- *Sidewalk equitably*

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 [...]*
- *Community based mindset when planning and growing the city.*
- *Free access to county-wide wifi and internet.*
- *Safety. [...] If we had well-lit sidewalks, we might venture out of our 'safe space' and get to know our neighbors.*
- *Saving the history and values of our city*
- *Traffic calming, public benches and trash cans, trees for shade*
- *A mix of people of various incomes/ages*
- *Community gatherings, free events where neighbors can meet neighbors.*
- *Council representatives who get involved and make people feel heard*
- *A 'third place' or somewhere people can gather and commune without being forced to spend money*
- *A diverse community (race, gender, sexuality etc...)*
- *Affordable housing and access to transportation.*
- *Character. Murals. History. Rich culture. Tell about and celebrate the people and region. Intertwine our city and state history! Greenery! All centered around a market or square, meaning it's easily walkable and bikeable—safely.*

One Change

Comments

- *Definitely better public transportation and making the city more walking-friendly. We need bigger sidewalks, more crossroads, and safer areas for people to walk.*
- *Housing that is affordable for people who rent, especially options for people who are currently unhoused, people who have past felonies, and working-class folks who aren't able to afford luxury or current market prices*
- *I would increase accessibility for those with disabilities, mainly through transportation, employment, housing, and healthcare access opportunities.*
- *If the city prioritized the people who already live here over tourists and developers*
- *More affordable housing for low-income and middle-income people*
- *A robust, safe, and affordable public transportation system*
- *A push for sidewalks and walkability!*
- *A more thoughtful, strategic plan for growth*
- *Action, rather than talk.*
- *I would ask employers to please pay their employees commensurate to the Cost of living! Rents are so high and most of us have two+ jobs to afford living here!*
- *Robust affordable housing options for both low-income & moderate-income Nashvillians, so that long-time residents don't get pushed out and so teachers, artists, musicians, and service workers can actually afford to live in Nashville.*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *Utilizing our waterways and forests more reverently. Becoming a city that focuses on the Cumberland River as a central vein of the city, and creates protected green space, greenways, [...]*
- *Radically transforming public education*
- *Historic preservation, interpretation, and celebration, especially our vanishing African American neighborhoods. Celebration and elevation of our visual arts community. Supporting our world-class, but underfunded HBCUs.*
- *I'd like to see Nashville be a model for a city that is meeting the challenges of the climate crisis. This would involve every part of the city but would include the creation of a vibrant local food system---small farms, community gardens, local composting.*
- *Lifting people out of poverty, end gentrification. Providing opportunities for all. Leaning into the strength of our diversity. Prioritizing voices of those who have been here from the start. Ensuring everyone's needs are met. Not prioritizing corporations*

Youth

Comments

- *Options for employment after school and during the summer for older young people, opportunities within Metro and Metro-partners should be prioritized. Creating things to do for young people across the city (music and arts programming, sports programming)*
- *A school system that partners with productive after school programs that enrich the lives of our children.*
- *More library funding and programs for early literacy.*
- *Investing in green spaces, safety, entertainment options for young children.*
- *Access to mentor type figures, access to safe & supportive communities, ability to get to and from a job/school by public transportation*
- *Creative Youth Zones. Apprenticeships. Bigger Investment in the Arts.*
- *More free accessible community centers with multiple activities. More free events, celebrate diversity more*