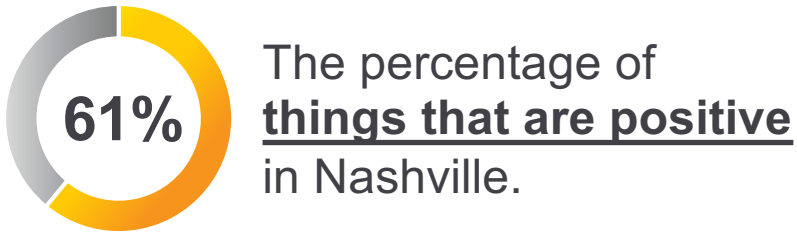


Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 43% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 35% Rich diversity of people and cultures
- 32% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 31% High quality healthcare and hospitals
- 30% Good outdoor rec., parks, and green spaces

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

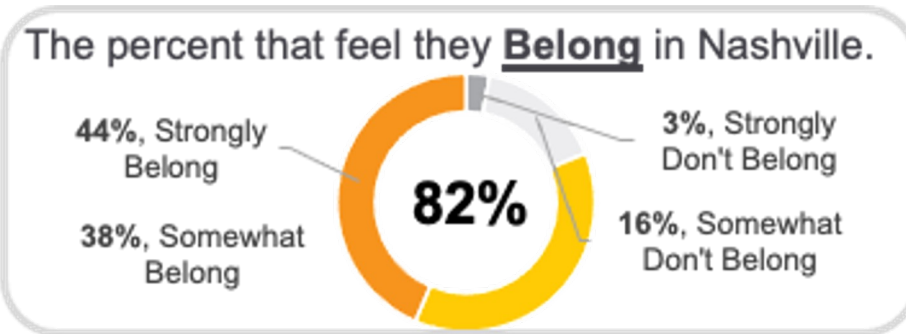
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 54% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 37% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 37% Lack of public transportation
- 36% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 27% Increased crime/neighborhoods are less safe

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 61% The Connected City
- 51% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 51% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 20% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 17% Music and Arts Epicenter

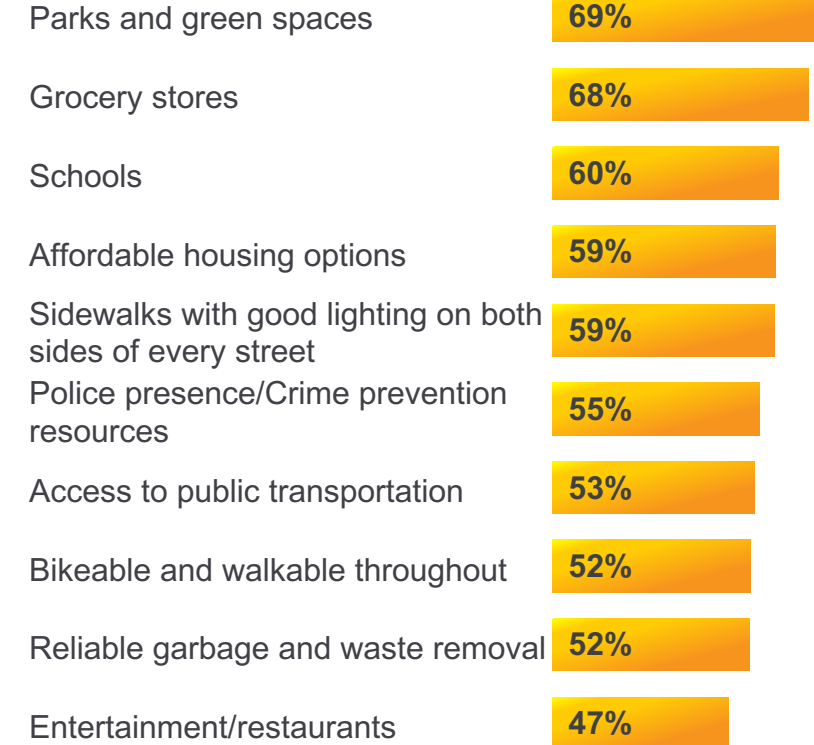


Growth Impact on Nashville

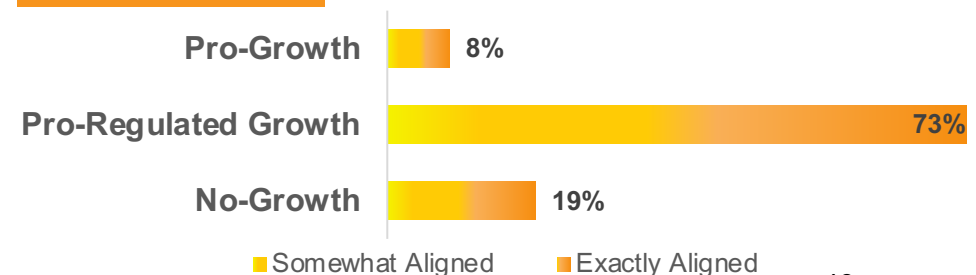


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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



Growth Orientation



Housing

Top-2 Goals For Housing

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

- 54% Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 45% Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 42% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 39% 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.)
- 20% 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
- 8.1 Create more community partnerships and programs making more housing more affordable for more people
- 7.7 Build more compact and less expensive housing closer to where people live, work, and play
- 7.6 Provide more buyer/renter assistance and support to get people into housing and help them stay there
- 7.0 Build more homes to increase the housing supply which will bring down housing prices and help meet demand

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

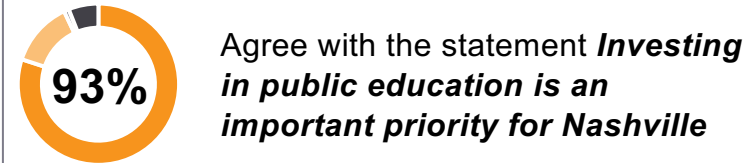
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 61% Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 48% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 47% Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 32% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 13% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities Importance

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

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

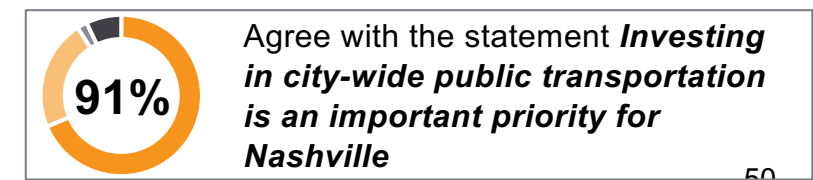
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 78% 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)
- 50% 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.
- 42% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live
- 30% 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

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



Housing

Comments

- *Address leftover issues unresolved from redlining, balance educational systems to keep the best schools from only being in high income areas, build high density housing options.*
- *Implement rent caps. Penalize landlords who price gouge and force people out of their homes. Create laws to protect tenants. Support renter's unions. No more than 5% rent increases per year.*
- *Regulate Airbnb ownership across the city, make it harder for people to rent out multiple properties.*
- *There are already a lot of places to live, but people are priced out of them. There should be steep taxes on units that are left to sit empty.*
- *Rent control and more programs to help the elderly/poorer folk with mortgages & property taxes.*
- *I'd like to see more housing developments like the one with mixed use/mixed income.*
- *It's important to build affordable units and address homelessness, but the city needs to put more emphasis on the keeping the housed in their homes.*
- *Look at the number of Metro owned properties that could be converted to affordable housing.*
- *While I recognize our housing shortage requires new development, I also feel strongly about preserving the old homes and buildings of Nashville.*
- *Stop demolishing older single-family residences and replacing them with multi unit buildings.*
- *Implement programs that incentivize long-time residents to buy at a cheaper price and lower interest rate. Even if it's based on a waiting list. Cut out the Airbnb homes and turn them into homes for long time residents.*

Education

Comments

- *Increasing after school programs and community centers throughout the city for low-income families*
- *I would like to see every school have the tools for success so that neighborhood schools can meet children's needs. I think neighborhood schools are the backbone for a sense of belonging and community for students.*
- *Focus on strengthening community schools. All schools need city bus stops. The city should fund attendance clerks for ALL schools, Youth Service Centers for ALL schools and at least one full time therapist and one full time social worker (at least)*
- *Improving education is about more than funding MNPS. Students often don't come to school ready to learn--they need safe, stable homes with financial and food security, parents who aren't stretched too thin to be active participants*
- *Work to counteract redlining by redrawing more economically and racially diverse districts. Choice for all or choice for none (i.e. we won't see equitable education until the rich kids share the classroom with the poor kids instead of going to private)*
- *Continue investing in making all school trauma-informed and trauma-responsive*
- *Partnerships with Nashville universities and MT. Student teachers. Opportunities to complete a trade school degree, such as being an electrician, plumber, aesthetician, practical nurse, or welder, during high school.*
- *Move away from the one-size-fits-all approach and implement an equity driven model. Decrease tensions around school choice and focus on outcomes for kids and not the politics.*
- *There are so many great schools in Nashville. I think a task force should study the top MNPS, public charter, magnet, and private schools. Find consistent best practices that can then be taken to ALL schools, and have a team of people own that implementation*

Mobility

Comments

- *Build a transportation carrier like a railway service to provide transportation from outlying areas such as Smyrna, Goodlettsville, Donelson to downtown for Predator and Titan games and people working downtown.*
- *Invest in light rails in the city and trains that connect major hubs to downtown (i.e. Cool Springs/Franklin to Nashville, Mount Juliet to Nashville). Increase walkability and improve bike paths and channeled bike lanes.*
- *It should not be up to Davidson county to solely invest in the transportation issues of the entire Middle Tennessee region. The surrounding counties must participate both in design and in funding.*
- *Commuter trains. Better interstates. Widen main roads. Think ahead about the impact new development will have on road infrastructure.*
- *Connect the airport to downtown*
- *I believe that more buses, more bus routes and better bus stops would go a long way.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Building a knowledge of who lives around you and developing positive relationships. My street is wonderful this way all different ages and we hang out together finding common bonds and being available for each other.*
- *Transportation for ALL that would cross county lines into other surrounding counties.*
- *Community gatherings, free events where neighbors can meet neighbors*
- *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.*
- *Cutting crime. I've lived here my whole life and the crime scares me. I'm afraid to walk in the neighborhood.*
- *Walkability is at the top for me! Would love to walk to my grocery store on a sidewalk with lights*
- *When there are local businesses such as cafes and small markets open in my neighborhood, it's a sign that your neighborhood is safe and encourages a walkability and local business support.*
- *Safe from crime - police presence*
- *Mental health services, community services, neighborhood watch and planning.*
- *Sense of community and high level of civic engagement*

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.*
- *Residents of 30+ years would be eligible for affordable home ownership programs.*
- *Create conscious growth that stays at a manageable pace to stabilize the local economy.*
- *I would love to see more light being shined on the Kurdish community. Kurdish people make up a large part of Nashville's civilians, students, educators, doctors, business owners, etc.*
- *A regional public transportation plan that includes cooperative efforts with surrounding counties.*
- *Better balance between positive aspects of city growth and opportunities and it's negative impact on the community, infrastructure, traffic, and crime.*
- *I would invest in affordable housing so that people who work here could live here!*
- *Metro would focus more commitment on environmental and sustainability concerns.*
- *Stop growing so fast. City cannot manage it.*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *[...] I think climate change cannot be overlooked as you imagine Nashville's future. I'd like to see a lot more action-oriented discussion on this at the local level.*
- *As a senior citizen living in Nashville I feel invisible and under appreciated. Hopefully some initiatives will come about that would put more focus and finances towards our well being instead of making us feel like we are disposable.*
- *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*
- *Consider making bus fares free or much cheaper to increase demand/usage.*
- *I am born and raised in Nashville. New Nashville seems fun— but so many of us don't have access to this new/fun/consumer based town that's been created without our input.*
- *I'd like to see Nashville be a model for accessibility and acceptance.*
- *Long range plan for trash & recycling. Nashville lags behind other major cities.*
- *Don't neglect arts, music and entertainment investments. The downtown riverfront and local outdoors areas and lakes are unique resources that could contribute more value to the community.*

Youth

Comments

- *More after school activities through the library and community centers would help.*
- *Public transportation that is safe, parks that are accessible, programs where kids can safely socialize without steep costs.*
- *Creating more recreational activities for low to middle income people who cannot afford the fees associated with league sports.*
- *Expand library hours, lending opportunities that bridge the electronic divide. Subsidies for Internet access to low income households. Affordable healthcare, ability for parents to take sick days. Greater funding for arts programs.*
- *Invest in safe "third spaces" young people can gather outside of their homes and schools (I.e., community centers, libraries, parks, local cafes).*
- *They need to have voice- we loved Mayor Dean's Youth Council.*
- *More parks with playgrounds in safe areas. More daycare options for working parents. Accessibility/affordability of extracurricular activities (e.g., sports, clubs, etc.)*
- *Vocational and technical programming, internship and apprenticeship opportunities within and outside of school Parenting courses for persons with children Arenas for children to be involved in volunteering, community engagement, and civics*