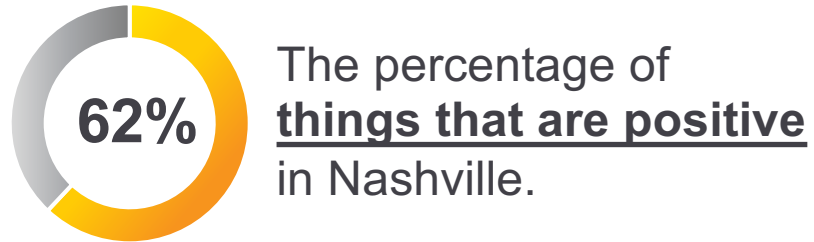


Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 41% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 35% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 31% Creative gathering place for music, artists, etc.
- 25% Rich diversity of people and cultures
- 24% High quality healthcare and hospitals

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

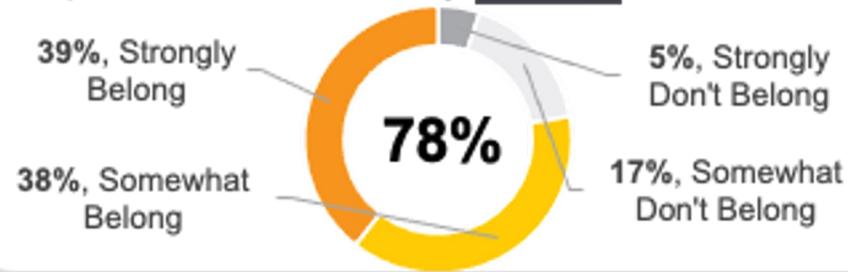
- 49% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 38% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 35% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 33% Lack of my public transportation
- 32% High cost of living

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

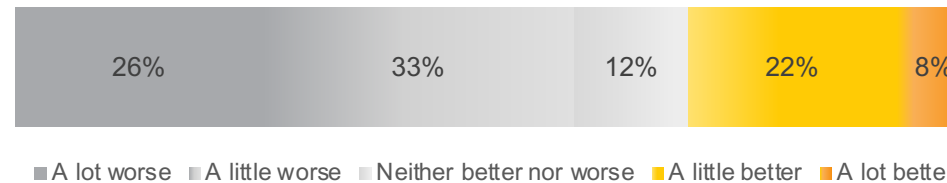
Selection rate for the most and second most favorite vision among 5 visions

- 60% The Connected City
- 53% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 46% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 23% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 17% Music and Arts Epicenter

The percent that feel they Belong in Nashville.

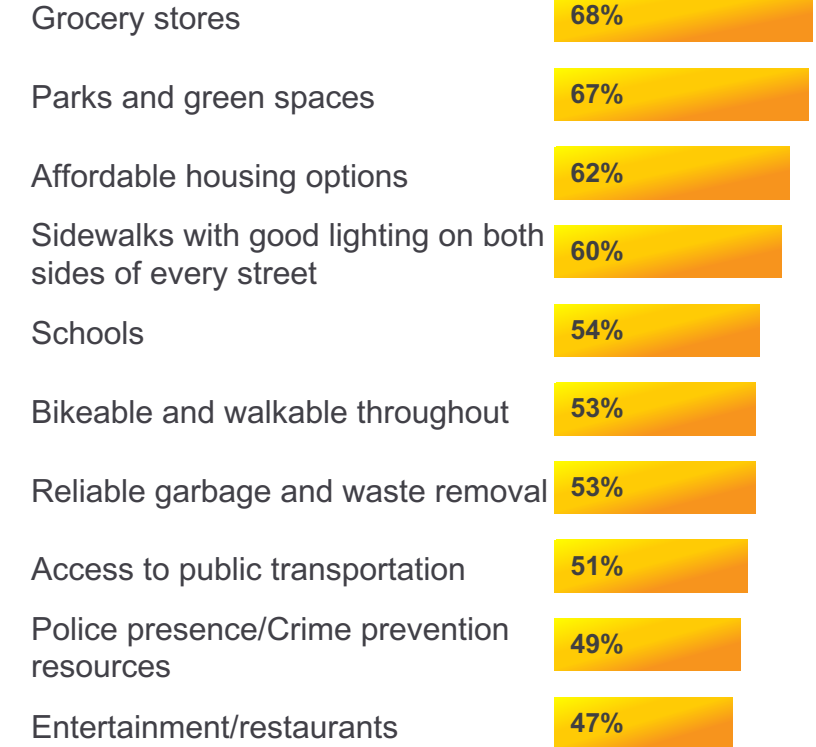


Growth Impact on Nashville

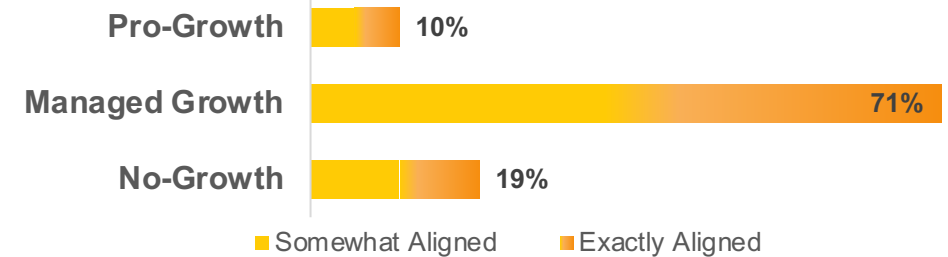


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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

- 52%** 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% 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.)
 - 38% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
 - 24% Eliminate homelessness

Housing Priorities

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

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

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

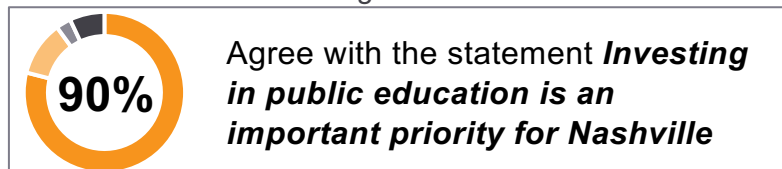
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 59%** Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 55%** Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
 - 42% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
 - 32% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
 - 15% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities

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 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
 - 8.7 Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
 - 8.3 Increase school safety
 - 8.3 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
 - 8.3 Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
 - 8.2 Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
 - 6.7 Increase the schooling choice and options available to parents to make sure their child gets the best education



Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

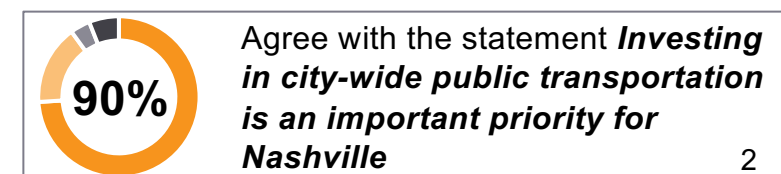
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)
- 55%** 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
 - 31% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries

Mobility Priorities

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

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



Housing

Comments

- *I think we need stronger tenant protections as well as more public education about tenant laws. I think there also needs to be some anonymous way to report when landlords have illegal lease conditions.*
- *Create a tax on AirBnB's and investment properties to use to help 1st time buyers become homeowners.*
- *I think it would benefit a lot of single mother's like myself to for the city to consider the entire cost of living when deciding who will qualify for low -income housing.*
- *Continue working with nonprofits to help unhoused get permanent supportive housing. Renovate existing buildings instead of building in green spaces and flood zones. Using existing land owned by metro.*
- *DADUs, affordable elder housing, housing on the transit corridors, let elders stay in their homes and rent a spare bedroom without having to become full-bore professional landlords.*
- *Ensure that trees are replaced when they are removed for development. Tree canopy cools city, reduces CO2, has many benefits.*
- *Make density more attractive by improving public transit, mixed use neighborhoods, better sidewalks, neighborhoods that are more self contained.*
- *Don't just dole out housing to homeless but enable them to work for a good wage, hire them to work in all areas of Nashville public and private sectors and then enable them to pay for the housing they get and that they own it not rented.*

Education

Comments

- *Each child needs to be taught in a way that they learn best, children need to be taught real life lessons such as cooking, sewing, how to fill out a w-9, etc. more technical skills need to be offered because college is not for everyone.*
- *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.*
- *Child school performance is directly related to household instability (poverty, crime, etc.) Focus on uplifting families materially to support children. Eliminate school lunch debts and make lunches free.*
- *Increase funding and focus on our public school system. Decrease focus on school choice.*
- *Make neighborhood schools a priority so that children can attend schools where they live which encourages parental involvement.*
- *We need to keep the magnet schools and specialty schools. We also need reliable public transportation to all middle and high schools for students who go to school outside their zone due to a career focus.*
- *Pay teachers more! Invest more in failing schools and don't skip art, music, humanities.*
- *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.*
- *Ensuring school safety (physical and psychological safety for students and staff) without increasing policing and surveillance in schools is one of the most critical priorities for our city.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Make public transport free or extremely inexpensive so those that need it most can use it.*
- *Partner with organizations that employ a large volume of people to help with transit commute to work.*
- *My family are frequent users of the WeGo system, both the Music City Star and public buses. Having light rail options to connect various neighborhoods across the city as well as outlying suburbs would be an amazing improvement for life in Nashville.*
- *We need public transport that goes ALL over the city - not just to/from downtown.*
- *Light rail from neighboring counties. Light rail to downtown evenings and weekends.*
- *All pikes should have at least one sidewalk on one side (ex: Lebanon Pk in Donelson). Bridges should accommodate pedestrians with walkway or sidewalk and signals (ex: bridge over Briley Pky in Donelson).*
- *Please prioritize individuals with disabilities. Things like Accessride are helpful but limited in their scope. Better public transit would improve that for everyone.*
- *Make sure all neighborhoods have basic stores and services so you don't have to drive.*
- *Light rail to the airport. Block off downtown to vehicles except some deliveries. Build overpass at White Bridge to reduce congestion*
- *Need light rail and better public transportation for lottery schools - congestion goes down dramatically in the summer when lottery schools are not in session*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *A place where you can walk to restaurants, small businesses, food services/grocery.*
- *A sense of community, which I believe nurtures safety, togetherness, accountability.*
- *Balance in access to resources, like jobs that pay above living wage, and housing that's quality.*
- *Free access to county wide wifi and internet.*
- *More street lights in general. at least double what we have now.*
- *Small parks within those neighborhoods that are maintained and do not become homeless encampments.*
- *If we had well lit sidewalks, we might venture out of our "safe space" and get to know our neighbors.*
- *We need a variety of cultures, ages, and abilities in neighborhoods. We need public transportation access for everyone, but especially older adults and low income folks.*
- *Removal of STRP's, or at the very least much stricter zoning so owners stop exploiting loopholes to own them in residential zones.*
- *Opportunities for the neighborhood to come together.*

One Change

Comments

- *Cost of living more affordable to the individuals born and raised in Nashville . The individuals who are born and raised if they cannot afford living with those basic full time living wages they are moving out*
- *A more thoughtful, strategic plan for growth.*
- *Address the immediate closing of all homeless camps. There should be no third world level slums in Nashville.*
- *Affordable housing for the working/middle class..*
- *Affordable housing for the people who are from here, not the people moving here.*
- *After all of the explosive growth, a "ground zero" 360 look at how we live, work, and play and invest for improvements to/for/with residents. Public and neighborhood-based input tools to do this that includes targeted outreach to youth and seniors.*
- *Better pay to keep up with inflation and the cost of living.*
- *Adopt CNU's principles - stop sprawl, excellent transit, human-scaled, walkable, mixed-use/mixed income development.*
- *An LGBT Center with multi-generational programming.*
- *Better connectivity between areas via better traffic options or mass transit. It would make living further away (aka more affordable) less undesirable.*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *Sidewalk pavers that create energy to power a city when walked upon have been invented and should be on Broadway.*
- *Create a place where children have access to everything they need to reach their highest potential. When we do that they will create the city that is all of the "big ideas" and they will want to stay here and nurture the next generation.*
- *Ensure that in everything done Nashville becomes far more friendly and accessible for its older adult population.*
- *Become a nation-wide leader in creative solutions to issues of transportation, connectivity, and housing.*
- *Bring major events here that support the existing diversity of the city. For example: the New Years Eve lineup is embarrassing every year and does not actually reflect the people that live here.*
- *Being a green city that prioritizes energy efficiency, green buildings, green spaces and reduces our impact on climate change.*
- *Build tiny homes for the homeless, and give them free living for a year (with regulations). If it works in 3rd world countries, it will work here.*
- *Nashville- the Educated City. Where the Athens of the South invests heavily in public education and after school programming to adequately educate and take care of kids from every socioeconomic status.*

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.*
- *Community centers that teach trades, political science, and financial literacy.*
- *Give them free mental health services. Please find a way for those out of the healthcare system to obtain medical and dental care.*
- *Public transportation that is safe, parks that are accessible, programs where kids can safely socialize without steep costs.*
- *Young people need to feel that they can navigate the world independently and safely. Sidewalks, bike lanes, and neighborhood parks ensure this is possible. School "bike buses" will help children as well.*
- *Better child care options and training for workers to make sure that all children have a safe and loving place to grow.*
- *Common sense gun laws so kids and parents don't have to worry about mass murders at school.*
- *Expanded focus on internship, job opportunities outside the traditional school space.*
- *Educate the kids who are not going to college. Increase technology offerings in ALL public schools.*