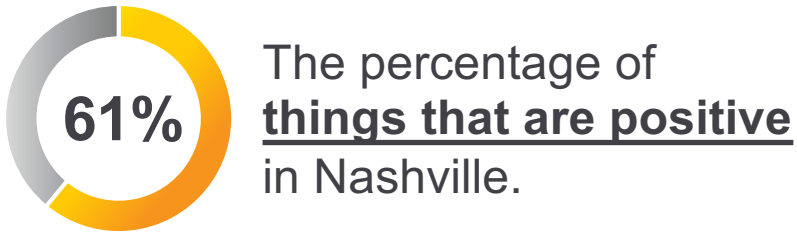


Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 41% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 39% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 33% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 32% Rich diversity of people and cultures
- 25% High quality healthcare and hospitals

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

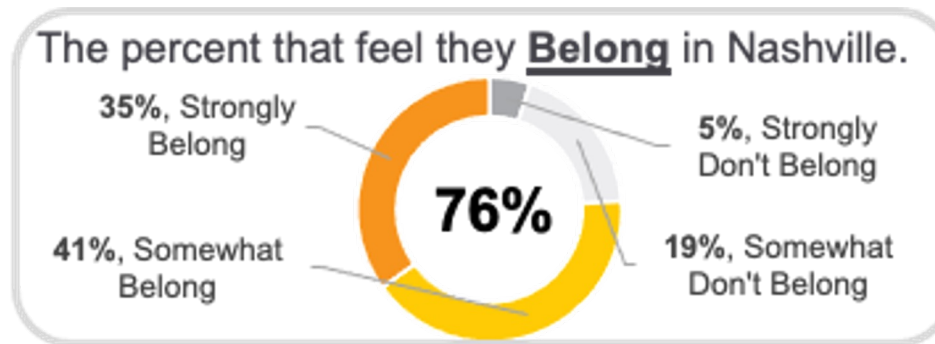
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 56% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 38% High cost of living
- 36% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 32% Lack of public transportation
- 31% Too much growth/not being managed well

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 66% The Connected City
- 51% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 47% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 23% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 11% Music and Arts Epicenter

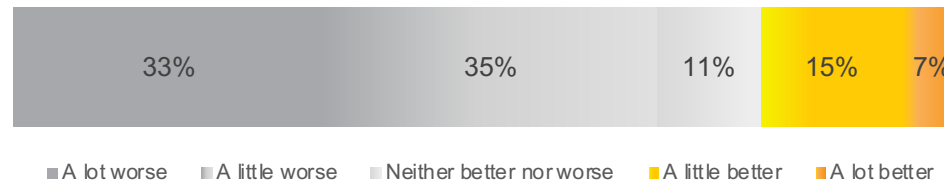


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

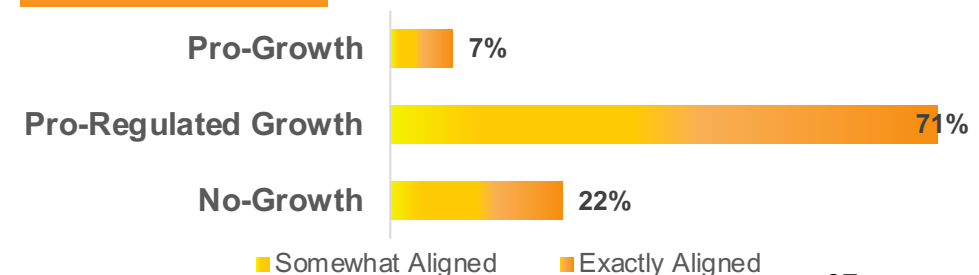
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features

Grocery stores	73%
Affordable housing options	64%
Parks and green spaces	63%
Sidewalks with good lighting on both sides of every street	61%
Access to public transportation	52%
Schools	52%
Police presence/Crime prevention resources	49%
Reliable garbage and waste removal	48%
Entertainment/restaurants	47%
Bikeable and walkable throughout	46%

Growth Impact on Nashville



Growth Orientation



Housing

Top-2 Goals For Housing

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

- 56%** Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 44%** Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 38% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 34% 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.)
- 28% Eliminate homelessness

Housing Priorities

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 Provide more buyer/renter assistance and support to get people into housing and help them stay there
- 7.7 Build more compact and less expensive housing closer to where people live, work, and play
- 7.3 Build more homes to increase the housing supply which will bring down housing prices and help meet demand

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

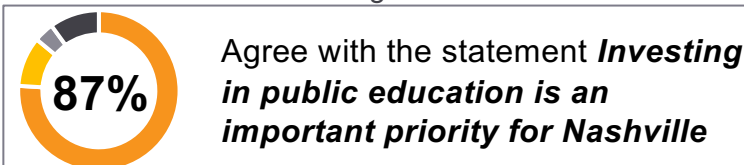
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 59%** Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 49%** Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 39% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 38% 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 Importance

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

- 9.4** Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
- 9.2** 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
- 8.9 Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 8.9 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
- 8.7 Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
- 8.7 Increase school safety
- 8.6 Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
- 6.8 Increase the schooling choice and options available to parents to make sure their child gets the best education



Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

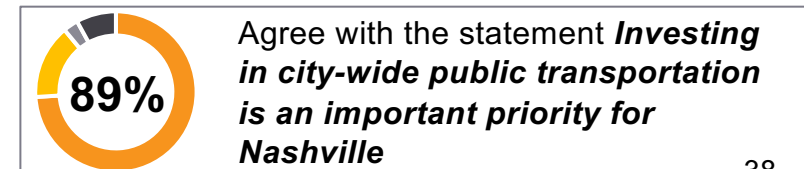
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)
- 56%** 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% 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

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



Housing

Comments

- *Cooperative housing using sweat equity to invest in properties that have declined in use of their once intended purpose. This could eliminate abandoned buildings and space that deter growth and breed crime.*
- *Have some type of oversight on rental rates, especially with these out of state owners/property management companies.*
- *Things like tiny home communities. Let's turn our old hotels and motels into housing communities for the homeless, complete with all kinds of services. Let's don't "incentivize" developers to build low-cost housing, let's only approve permits for those who do. How about if our city and state provide low interest loans? Let's build with recycled materials to save costs.*
- *If people are willing to work, and demonstrate a solid work history, give them housing incentives. The single parent working two jobs, give them a break on rent and childcare. NOT a handout but help.*
- *I think we're at a point where we have to look at every Metro owned property and the viability of building housing on it when possible. We shouldn't be building any public facilities (schools, police stations, etc) without the consideration of how much land we're using and if housing can also be a part of the project.*
- *Open restrictive neighborhood construction. Allow for additional homes to be built on properties over an acre.*
- *Loan forgiveness over time for city essential workers (first responders, teachers, city employees)*

Education

Comments

- *Just teach them useful skills so they may be able to succeed in the real world instead of the imaginary world they teach them to live in now*
- *No vouchers for religious and or private schools. Teach actual history. Increase DEI initiatives and supports. Increase funding for public schools, raise teacher salaries, support housing within Davidson so teachers can afford to live where they work. More staffing and lower student - teacher ratios. More supports for learning differences and kids who need help at home. Each student truly known. Increase safety and mental health in schools with restorative practices, not SROs.*
- *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 at affordable or free rates.*
- *Stop with the charter schools and school vouchers. Put the money in to our public schools.*
- *Stop sending middle and high schoolers home at 3pm!!!! Have Tutors from 3pm to 5pm to help them with their homework IN THE SCHOOLS!!!*
- *Public transportation to access those educational opportunities Summer school opportunities starting in Pre-K.*
- *School bus services for those children attending magnet schools and other school options.*
- *Teach more trades; have young people graduate job ready or ready to take a 1 or 2 year class to go to work; emphasize certifications, not just expensive college options.*
- *If you look at suburban schools around the big cities that keep to "neighborhood" schools, the overall performance is better.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Affordable fares for all modes of public transit. Direct routes to cross-town destinations especially medical destinations.*
- *Ensure students/staff have access to bus routes that drop off at their school campuses. Ensuring there are sidewalks to closest WeGo bus stop, so students/staff can safely walk to/from. Lack of WeGo routes to/from schools also limits some students ability to participate in after school activities, as well as parents ability to attend after school events.*
- *Dedicated bus lanes would be the only reason I'd ever say please bro one more lane bro. We could see a benefit from BRT priority lanes though by a road diet with a median solely for bus travel like Eugene, Oregon has--adds greenspace & serves as stormwater infrastructure.*
- *Create a rail system from downtown to all outlying Light rail from neighboring counties. Light rail to downtown evenings and weekends.*
- *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.*
- *All pikes should have at least one sidewalk on one side (ex: Lebanon Pk 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.*
- *Use smaller buses and run them more frequently; our buses are too big and too empty, eating up street space, and slowing traffic flow, especially downtown.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *A mixed income, mixed race environment that welcomes all.*
- *Free access to county-wide WiFi and internet*
- *Greenspaces, libraries, ensuring its a safe, all-inclusive space, having a deep sense of community, so that all feel they can belong and engage one another [...]*
- *I would say a farmer's market and multiple types of food and local produce grocery stores, rather than just one or two chain grocery stores [...]*
- *Keeping integrity of the place and its cultures and traditions, no over-gentrification of neighborhoods that have served as a rich cultural hub in Nashville for decades. Improvement without destruction of history, and heavily including Nashville natives.*
- *A monthly neighborhood talk!*
- *Community involvement and opportunities to get together*
- *Weekly curbside recycling and composting included in all waste management practices*
- *A community center or a library that offers free events/activities like how the Hermitage and Donelson library's host a weekly Tai Chi and Yoga class.*
- *Accessibility to all. We often exclude the elderly and those with disabilities when we don't plan with a Universal design in place.*

One Change

Comments

- *Add mass-transit, light rail system*
- *Center the voices of people who've lived in Nashville for generations. Growth is welcome, but the people from here are being pushed out.*
- *Relieve traffic, congestion with affordable Public transportation that people actually use.*
- *I would like to see each suburb/commuter neighborhood develop to be its own community with things to do, good grocery stores, workplaces, etc. so that we all aren't funneling inward for everything we need.*
- *Bring back free parking downtown at night and weekends, too expensive to go downtown anymore forcing me to surrounding cities for evening entertainment.*
- *Improve the school system*
- *Increase in community engagement*
- *Push more mental health support in the underserved communities. Better engagement with individuals with disabilities*
- *When we say affordable housing we often mean low-income individuals/families, which is great. However, there needs to be more affordable options in the city for middle class individuals/families*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *I'd love to see Nashville become a zero-waste city. Known for its innovative composting, recycling, and waste reduction practices.*
- *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 that keeps creativity positive going.*
- *Nashville as a Kind-Hearted City that Takes Care of Its Own, including neighbors experiencing homelessness and poverty. Nashville as a city known for its parks and recreation.*
- *I'd like to see the city become more family friendly. I'd also say find a way to focus more on the citizens and less on the tourists. Bring businesses back downtown. Get the bars and the peddle taverns out of downtown.*
- *There should be a special focus on retaining some of Nashville's cherished past in its future. Before its recent growth, Nashville was a unique city offering its own brand of culture and arts that most cities could not duplicate.*
- *All neighborhoods matter*

Youth

Comments

- *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*
- *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.*
- *More space for kids to gather and engage in activities together and socialize outside of school. More art and athletic opportunities that are not cost prohibited.*
- *Promote and support free kid-friendly events like Musician's corner, continue the AMAZING public library programming.*
- *Including young people in decision making in their lives at school and in the government*
- *There are not a lot of things for younger children- increasing our cultural opportunities through like a children's museum of a natural history museum would be good.*
- *After school programs that emphasize STEAM support with mentors, volunteers, collaborative internships or field shadow opportunities; provide school incentives for doing those extra-curricular activities; connect students with volunteer opportunities*
- *Corporate sponsored job opportunities for teens for small after-school jobs.*