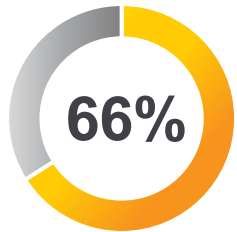


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Positives and Negatives in Nashville



The percentage of **things that are positive** in Nashville.

Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 48% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 42% Lots of jobs/economic opportunity
- 36% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 30% Vibrant downtown, Music City venues, events, and activities
- 23% Having a strong sense of community

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

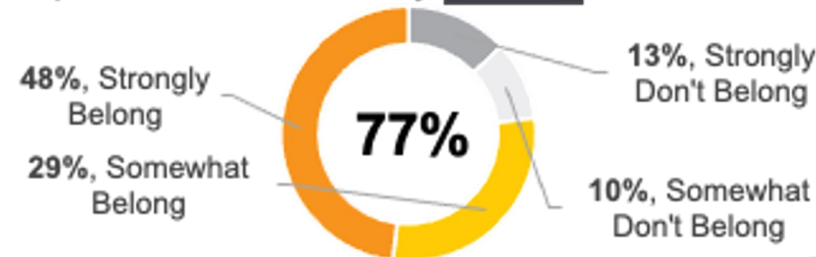
- 48% Lack of public transportation
- 42% High cost of living
- 39% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 33% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 32% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 52% The Connected City
- 52% Music and Arts Epicenter
- 43% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 40% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 13% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter

The percent that feel they **Belong** in Nashville.



10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

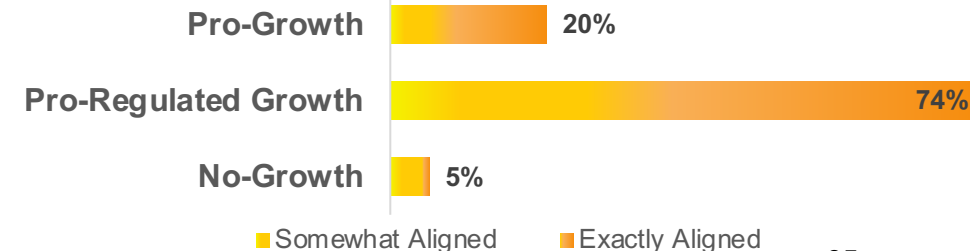
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features

- Entertainment/restaurants: 76%
- Parks and green spaces: 72%
- Grocery stores: 64%
- Police presence/Crime prevention resources: 59%
- Affordable housing options: 56%
- A unique personality, culture or character that makes it special and different: 56%
- Bikeable and walkable throughout: 52%
- Sidewalks with good lighting on both sides of every street: 49%
- Access to public transportation: 47%
- Reliable garbage and waste removal: 46%

Growth Impact on Nashville



Growth Orientation



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Housing

Top-2 Goals For Housing

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

- 55% **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.)**
- 52% **Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs**
- 51% Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 33% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 9% Eliminate homelessness

Affordability Priorities Importance

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

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

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

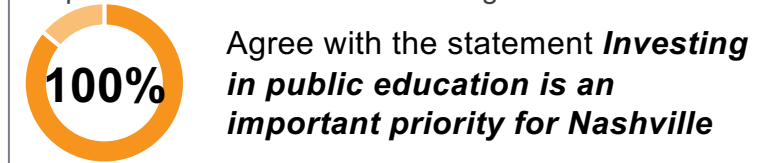
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 100% **Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace**
- 77% **Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future**
- 15% Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 8% Ensure they are prepared for college
- Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community

Education Priorities Importance

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

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



Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

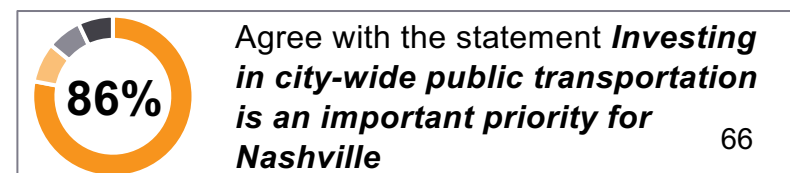
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)**
- 76% **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.**
- 34% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries
- 12% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live

Mobility Priorities Importance

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

- 9.5 **Reduce traffic congestion**
- 9.3 **Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)**
- 9.2 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.)
- 7.1 Construct new street and highway improvements to better connect parts of the city
- 6.4 Promote flexible and remote work schedules to reduce the need and impact of commuting



Housing

Comments

- *Building single family homes should not be permitted any further within a certain radius of downtown (and this includes many of the neighborhoods that are currently full of single family homes). These are increasing the cities reliance on cars*
- *Rent control; co-owned living spaces.*
- *Bring mortgage rates down to below 5%*
- *Increase collaboration among providers to identify how support is given to ensure people can stay in their homes and do not become homeless.*
- *There are only two things that will work in our free market economy. You either have to provide money to renters to afford what can be built or you have to provide funding to developers to offset costs so that they can charge a lower rent or sale price*

Education

Comments

- *Focus needs to shift away from a reliance on charter schools and alternative forms of education to increase the quality of public schools for all residents in the city regardless of social status. They need more funding.*
- *Get rid of the academies and focus on academic rigor.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Add some sort of train system similar to Boston*
- *The city needs to pay the bill now to effectively build the framework for proper public transportation even where there is not yet a demand or it will only make it more costly in the future as the city grows.*
- *Coming from living for 40+ years in a northern suburb of Chicago, but using Chicago transportation often, I think N'ville bus svcs are excellent. Expand commuter train svc and lines in N'ville.*
- *Light rail to airport, Vanderbilt, other key areas from downtown*
- *Repair the streets throughout downtown and midtown!! The poorly paved, poorly repaired and pothole ridden streets are inexcusable! Newly paved streets are uneven and have evidence of future potholes as small holes already exists*

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Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Having small businesses serve life needs (schools, grocery stores, parks, pharmacies, etc.) within a walkable and close proximity to the homes within the neighborhood.*
- *Police presence and involvement.*
- *Transportation!! Going down as far as the global mall and as far up as Goodlettsville. And spots in front of every high school.*
- *Walkability, affordability, and community events.*
- *Historic preservation and knowing the deep history.*
- *Affordable housing and low crime*
- *A diverse and inclusive community where all are welcome.*
- *A sense of sharing and feeling responsible for maintaining the neighborhood's safety and wellbeing*

One Change

Comments

- *Free public parking and affordable housing.*
- *Improve green spaces, parks, sidewalks and walking/biking access to all parts of the city/county.*
- *A city-wide cap on rent, and/or more affordable housing options*
- *Better public education*
- *Find a balance between tourist Nashville and live/work Nashville. Not just the visitors but the concentration of ownership/money that is forcing [tourism] to the detriment of those that live here*
- *Manage the noise downtown!*
- *Local transportation such as trams or trains would be swell*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *Teaching more about the history of Nashville and how we got here. Honoring our past.*
- *Keep Nashville a creative culture of music which was largely the biggest contributor to who we are today*
- *The Riverfront is crucial. Please check out other cities that have an amazing, beautiful and vibrant riverfront scenes (like Chicago). It should be a place where people want to spend time.*

Youth

Comments

- *Affordable housing, transportation, and after school buses so kids can participate in activities*
- *If the city prioritizes walkability, bikeability, public transportation, schools, and affordability it will be making it a place where young people thrive and have more freedom to live.*
- *It doesn't go beyond schools. Vastly improving our failing public school system is the only way to improve Nashville for our youth. Break the bond between the school system and the teachers' Union would be a great place to start.*