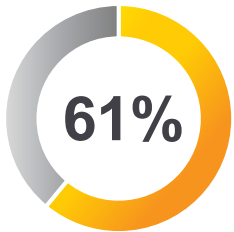


Positives and Negatives in Nashville



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

Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 51% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 38% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 37% Good outdoor rec., parks, and green spaces
- 22% Having a strong sense of community
- 21% Rich diversity of people and cultures

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

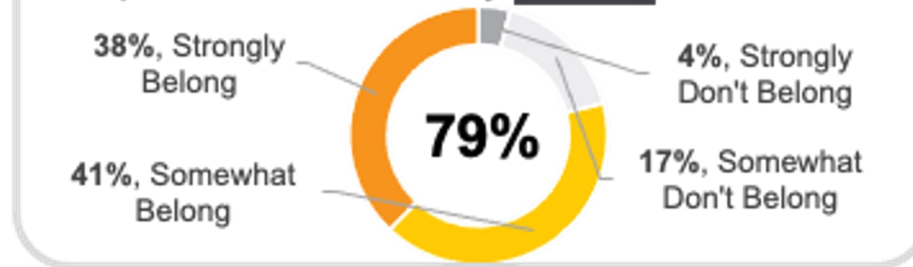
- 47% Lack of public transportation
- 44% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 37% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 34% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 33% Walkability (lack of/issues with sidewalks, crosswalks, trails)

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 60% The Connected City
- 59% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 41% 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.

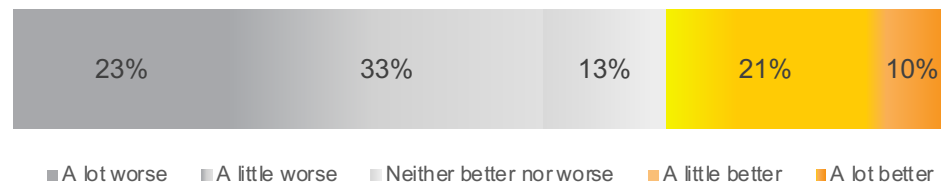


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

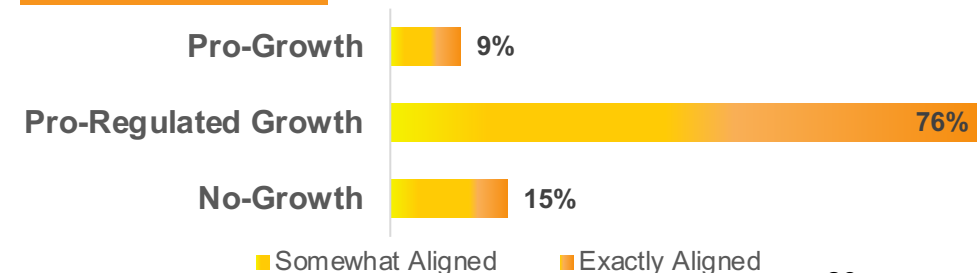
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features

- Parks and green spaces 79%
- Grocery stores 72%
- Bikeable and walkable throughout 69%
- Affordable housing options 66%
- Sidewalks with good lighting on both sides of every street 65%
- Access to public transportation 62%
- Reliable garbage and waste removal 60%
- Schools 56%
- Entertainment/restaurants 54%
- A unique personality, culture or character that makes it special and different 54%

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

- 53%** Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 46%** Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 41% 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.)
- 32% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 27% 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
- 8.1** Create more community partnerships and programs making more housing more affordable for more people
- 7.8 Build more compact and less expensive housing closer to where people live, work, and play
- 7.7 Provide more buyer/renter assistance and support to get people into housing and help them stay there
- 7.4 Build more homes to increase the housing supply which will bring down housing prices and help meet demand

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

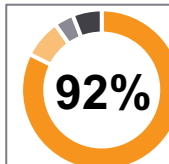
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 60%** Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 51%** Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 38% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 34% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 16% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities

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

- 9.3** Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
- 9.2** Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
- 9.0** 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
- 8.2 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
- 8.1 Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
- 7.9 Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
- 7.8 Increase school safety
- 5.6 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

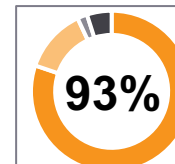
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 74%** 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.
- 42% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live
- 28% 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

- 9.2** Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
- 8.6** Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and infrastructure across the city and in the surrounding communities (bikeable streets, sidewalks, greenway and trail networks, etc.)
- 8.3 Reduce traffic congestion
- 7.7 Improve road maintenance and operations on existing roads
- 7.2 Promote flexible and remote work schedules to reduce the need and impact of commuting
- 6.7 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

- *Eliminate single family zoning near transit. Change building code to allow for more affordable small scale apartment projects (allow point access blocks up to 6 stories)*
- *Make density more attractive by improving public transit, mixed use neighborhoods, better sidewalks, neighborhoods that are more self contained.*
- *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.*
- *Affordable housing that incentivizes working and living in the same zip code. New communities that are walking-centric and include living and employment opportunities, i.e. retail. Sales tax discount for spending in the zip code where you live to keep neighborhoods solvent and offering employment.*
- *Stop short term rentals and companies who own entire neighborhoods. They do not care about neighborhoods and do not care for housing or tenants!*
- *Allow landowners to build ADUs on their property and provide grants to subsidize to allow for low income renters to use ADUs*
- *The city use its bond letting ability to assist in homeownership. Whether floating the paper or shared equity or similar type innovative funding mechanism. Much in the way metro funded the Titans.*
- *Severe reform of the historical zoning commission. They encourage NIMBYism and prevent sound economic development. Preservation is important, but not more important than strong economic growth and sound housing policy.*

Education

Comments

- *Providing food, counseling and other supports in schools is essential, but should not be placed as additional jobs for teachers. There should be more school social workers. Expanding funding equitably to our existing schools and teachers instead of supporting vouchers a/would allow each neighborhood school to excel. Change curriculum to not be so test driven and support individual learning needs with an eye to actual life as an adult.*
- *Making every school a great school so we can get back to zoned schools and move away from choice.*
- *Neighborhoods should have schools. They should actually be built around the school, nothing else. Then they need to be fully funded. That takes out school choice which is just another form of segregation.*
- *PAY TEACHERS AND GET RID OF THE FOCUS ON STANDARDIZED TESTING*
- *Create laws around gun control so our kids feel safe in school. Instead of creating gun safety this year there are more rules that are put as burdens on the kids- hall passes, more active shooter drills etc. My kid says its scary, disappointing and frustrating. She feels let down by our leaders.*
- *Increase funding for the arts. Increase opportunities for extracurriculars. Provide options for education that is not centered on preparing students for college. More project based and experiential learning.*
- *Childcare is an important related issue. How do parents who work past 3pm have affordable ways to get care? What about preschool aged children 0-4)? This is related to school outcomes.*

Mobility

Comments

- *I know they are expensive, but more pedestrian walkways and bridges that span major highways (like the one that goes over Ellington to Douglass Park) are really awesome ways to connect neighborhoods. I feel like they don't get talked about that often, but I often go out of my way to use them (instead of crosswalks etc.).*
- *A light rail would solve half of our problems.*
- *Traffic would be better if public transportation and walking/biking/and the like could work together. Also, timeliness and frequency of public transportation would also help.*
- *Put bus stops in better safer places.*
- *Perhaps offering an incentive to employers to adopt WFH positions to keep cars off the road or Park and Ride situations. Utilize Rideshare as park and ride and eliminate traffic in city center.*
- *Stop with the transit surveys and start delivering. Spokes in east Nashville, sidewalks on Dickerson and Nolensville pikes, expanded bus service in southeast Davidson county, bus only lanes across the city.*
- *More crosswalks and better lighting on streets where pedestrians frequently jaywalk. There are too many pedestrian deaths every year in Nashville.*
- *People don't utilize the public transportation. Larger buses are being added to the streets but usually 4 or less people ride them. Bike lines are rarely utilized either but are increasing community traffic as roads are being reduced to accommodate. A truck route like 155 should be established to keep truckers away from the city center if they do not have a destination located in Nashville.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Trees. Lots and lots of trees.*
- *Great neighborhoods have a diverse array of housing options for people on multiple socioeconomic levels and some fun things to do as well.*
- *COMMUNITY - connection and trust with neighbors*
- *Sidewalks and community centers and parks! For gathering and sharing life*
- *Opportunities for fellowship--storytelling, food, advocacy, etc. With city-level support for neighborhood placemaking activities (an example is Knoxville's neighborhood group grants).*
- *Essential services are super important and help make a neighborhood thrive.*
- *Having all the things people need for their daily lives (stores, recreation, exercise, restaurants, entertainment, healthcare) close by and accessible.*
- *Neighborhood events, festivals, block parties, etc.*
- *The existence of "third places"—places outside of home or work, that aren't necessarily commercial [...] facilitate community and provide a place for gathering.*
- *We have to be able to afford to buy a house or rent on less than a six figure income*
- *Removal of STRP's, or at the very least much stricter zoning [...]*

One Change

Comments

- *Build lots more sidewalks, lots more parks within walking distance of any given neighborhood. Buses that don't just go downtown, maybe even trains, [...]*
- *The city doesn't seem to prioritize its residents. Funds largely seem to go towards attracting outside businesses/ employees and drawing in tourism. Meanwhile the preexisting and permanent community sees little to know development targeted towards them/us*
- *Affordability. I can't see a future here due to low pay and high cost of rent-- and I work full-time.*
- *Have downtown Nashville more friendly to locals with parking for Davidson County residents.*
- *Affordable housing especially for musicians!*
- *I would want Nashville to be a more walkable, community-oriented city. If every neighborhood had a grocery store within walking distance and public transportation options that were safe and efficient, I would be much happier in Nashville.*
- *Pass better gun laws. I am tired of prayers & thoughts.*
- *Please help the homeless individuals with programs to help them get into housing, jobs and health/ mental health support! All this growth should help them too!*
- *Light rail/better public transportation*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *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'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 compost*
- *Nashville has a unique opportunity to balance urban growth and green space. The Cayce homes are a prime example. The new development could offer forward-thinking affordable housing among a gem of an arboretum [...]*
- *Stop bulldozing Music Row and other historic areas/ buildings of our city. Let's focus on REVITALIZING our city by incorporating its existing history and historic buildings into the new builds. [...]*
- *The neighborhood-centric approach seems good. It would help to encourage a greater number of new attractions outside of the downtown area to the extent that they match the feel of a given neighborhood.*
- *Integrate hispanic and Kurdish culture throughout the whole city and not just Nolensville road (provide incentives for their business to be in other locations) [...]*

Youth

Comments

- *Having parks programs and community centers that offer accessible and affordable sports teams, outdoor programming, arts engagement, and other extracurriculars*
- *Involve young people as active and valued participants in decision making processes. Listen to young people's wants, needs, concerns. Places for young people to work & intern. Decrease surveillance of young people in public places.*
- *Art, dance, sports, theatre, music etc activities that are directly after school in school facilities allows parents to have childcare after school while connecting kids to enriching activities as well. More safe gun free parks and community spaces.*
- *Nature based education (farming, gardening, recreation, hiking, etc)*
- *Safe streets to play in. More parks for kids to play in. Get kids outside again!*
- *More public/private partnerships that provide after school programs. Think bigger than academic programs - consider involving kids in a bike coop, food bank, gardening/farming program, culinary opportunities, animal shelter, etc.*
- *Focus on childhood mental health [...]*
- *Include Youth Voice in decision making. I would like to see the Mayor have an Office of Children and Youth with a person devoted to improving outcomes for children, youth and families!*
- *Quality early childcare [...]*