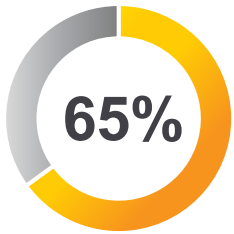


Positives and Negatives in Nashville



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

Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 46% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 33% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 32% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 29% High quality colleges and universities
- 24% Vibrant downtown, Music City venues, events, and activities

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

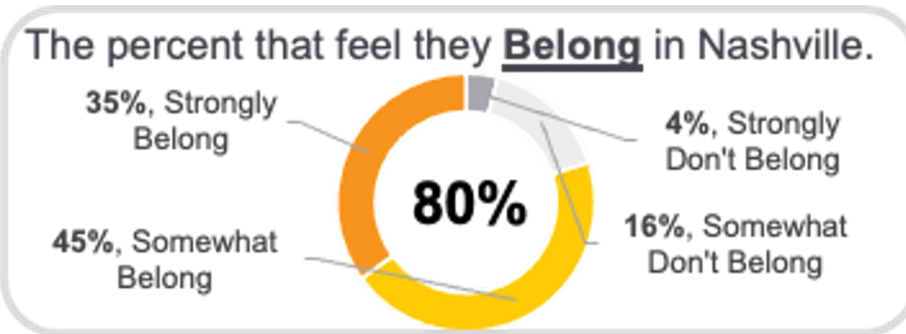
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 43% Lack of public transportation
- 40% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 39% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 31% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 30% 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

- 63% The Connected City
- 57% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 38% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 19% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 18% Music and Arts Epicenter

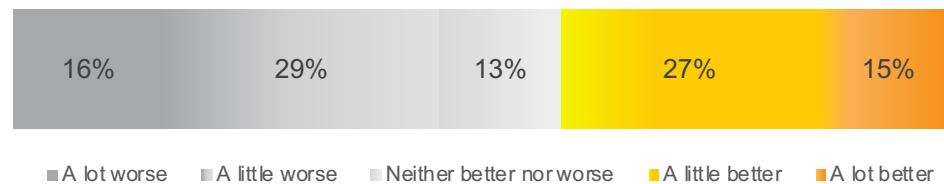


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

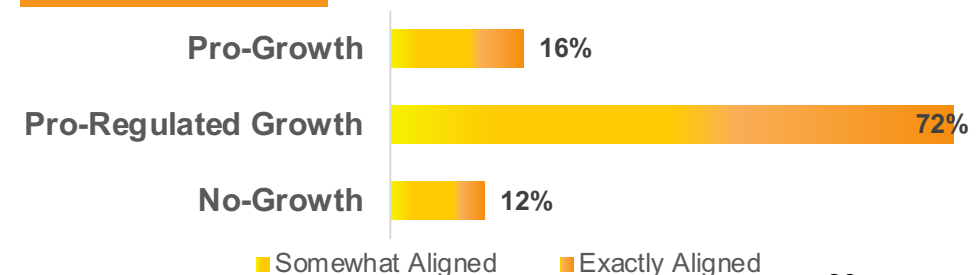
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features

- Grocery stores 73%
- Parks and green spaces 72%
- Sidewalks with good lighting on both sides of every street 68%
- Affordable housing options 67%
- Bikeable and walkable throughout 67%
- Access to public transportation 65%
- Reliable garbage and waste removal 51%
- Entertainment/restaurants 51%
- Schools 45%
- A unique personality, culture or character that makes it special and different 43%

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

- 64% Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 49% 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.)
- 34% Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 29% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 25% Eliminate homelessness

Affordability Priorities Importance

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

- 8.4 Increase affordable housing requirements and incentives for developers to make sure they generate more affordable housing options
- 8.2 Create more community partnerships and programs making more housing more affordable for more people
- 8.1 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
- 7.0 Build more homes to increase the housing supply which will bring down housing prices and help meet demand

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

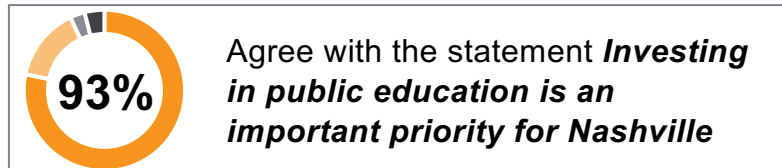
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 56% Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 54% 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
- 36% 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

- 9.2 Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
- 9.0 Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
- 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 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
- 8.1 Increase school safety
- 6.6 Increase the schooling choice and options available to parents to make sure their child gets the best education



Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

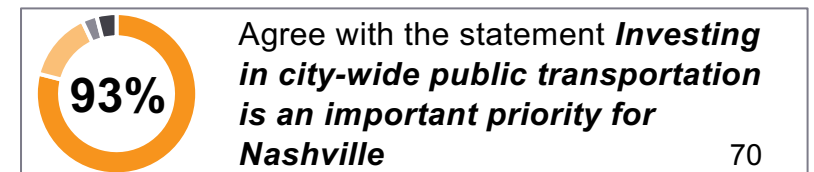
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 76% 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)
- 57% 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.
- 40% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live
- 27% 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

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



Housing

Comments

- *Restrict or eliminate short term rentals.*
- *Encouraging via policy, subsidizing through tax breaks, and mandating via zoning requirements the construction of efficient and affordable housing units could make an enormous impact in the affordability of housing in the city*
- *Incentives for landlords to not raise rents*
- *Make community aware of development so they can be a part of the process early in the process.*
- *Rent caps*
- *Require developers to incorporate a certain percentage of low income or section 8 housing in all new developments.*
- *Tiny homes for the homeless :)*
- *Change zoning laws to allow for more multi unit (missing middle) housing. Quadplexes can be the same size as one large single family home, but they're illegal to build in many neighborhoods.*
- *Legalize infill housing and design appropriate small scale multifamily housing*
- *We've got to be sure creatives and community workers (teachers, cops, etc) can live close to where they work.*

Education

Comments

- *Establish a pipeline from the graduates of Nashville Universities into MNPS teaching roles that allow them to stay in the city and afford to do so. This can be modeled after or in partnership with Teach for America*
- *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. Offer *more, accessible, free* classes on computer basics, making a budget, etc.*
- *Free after school, weekend, and summer programs.*
- *Do not put public funding into charter schools!!!!!! Accept federal funding. Teach practical skills like shop, cooking, home economics. Teach children how to communicate and reason. Teach them honest history and how to have debate and discussion.*
- *Pay teachers more*
- *Make neighborhood schools a priority so that children can attend schools where they live which encourages parental involvement*
- *I recently learned about the MNPS Grow Together initiative, which aims to provide guidance and support to families who have children ages birth to three. This is very exciting for our city. I'd love to see more of this.*
- *Reducing environmental barriers to schooling re: transportation. Investing in EL, students w disabilities, foster youth, youth impacted by justice system, homeless youth, and other populations*

Mobility

Comments

- *Connect the greenways. Finish the 440 greenway loop. More crosstown bus routes connecting places like Donelson to Bellevue*
- *Above ground light rail system that circles downtown and connects to a larger system that connected the surrounding cities to downtown.*
- *Making each neighborhood more walkable. I live in the Belmont area where I can walk freely and safely. I work in Bordeaux and Dickerson Road, where the homeowners cannot walk safely.*
- *A light rail would do WONDERS for this city I lived in Colorado and it has been nothing but positive for Denver. Cuts WAYYYYY into traffic especially with concerts/sporting events and makes the transport from the airport so easy*
- *Consider making public transportation free or at least, bring back the free downtown routes. Also, look at doing less hub & spoke bus routes so people can use bus routes more efficiently.*
- *Local vs tourist parking rates to make the city more livable. More sidewalks.*
- *The simplest way to tackle this issue is to reduce the trips people take by car. Build dense housing and mixed use development on an existing connected street network and plan for places of interest being within distance for walking, biking, etc.*
- *Please build more protected bike lanes, like the ones in 12 South!*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Connectivity to the rest of the city via multiple modes of transportation.*
- *Traffic calming, public benches and trash cans, trees for shade.*
- *Arts & culture*
- *Walkability, especially to a local grocery store. I live four blocks from a grocery store and it has changed my life.*
- *Civic organizations and public events that foster sense of community*
- *Safety, Community Events, Sidewalks and Lights*
- *Transportation infrastructure that isn't only built for cars (protected bike lanes, bus lanes, frequent and well-marked pedestrian crossings)*
- *A real sense of community, knowing my neighbors*
- *Library. Free community services focussed on youth and elderly.*
- *Recycling and composting.*

One Change

Comments

- *Introducing gentle density to neighborhoods allowing more people to walk to retail and services.*
- *I would emphasize urbanism and a social safety net. Public transit, increasing safe walkways and bike lanes, and robust services for unhoused people would dramatically improve Nashville.*
- *Less focus on tourists; limiting AirBnBs/ short term rentals in neighborhoods.*
- *Basic needs of our community members being met: housing, transportation, food security, common sense legislation, etc.*
- *more opportunities for community engagement--every neighborhood should have a community garden, for instance*
- *Public transit. Changing car culture by offering dynamic and attractive options*
- *More green spaces and parks*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *Trees!!!! More trees. Keep going with recycling programs. Outlaw plastic bags! Compost programs*
- *Again, FOR THE LOVE OF EVERYTHING THAT IS HOLY GET THIS CITY A LIGHT RAIL*
- *Smaller home communities with sustainable building, local small business for the neighborhood, walkability to many places, grocery, bank, post office, doctors office etc. Villages and Village Square Communities.*
- *Support for intergenerational connections (such as childcare within retirement communities), and any ideas that help to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our most vulnerable groups (young children, elderly, unhoused, immigrants)*

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 (music and arts programming, sports programming)*
- *A school system that partners with productive after school programs that enrich the lives of our children.*
- *More library funding and programs for early literacy.*
- *Investing in green spaces, safety, entertainment options for young children.*
- *Access to mentor type figures, access to safe & supportive communities, ability to get to and from a job/school by public transportation*
- *Creative Youth Zones. Apprenticeships. Bigger Investment in the Arts.*
- *More free accessible community centers with multiple activities. More free events, celebrate diversity more*