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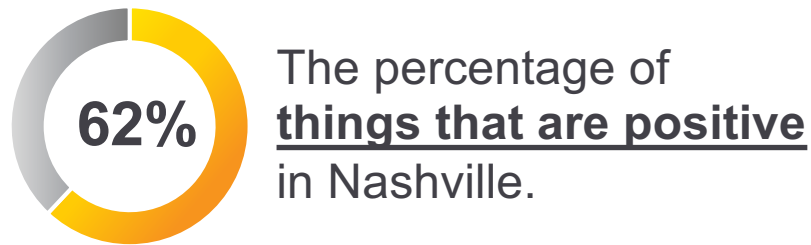
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Davidson County

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



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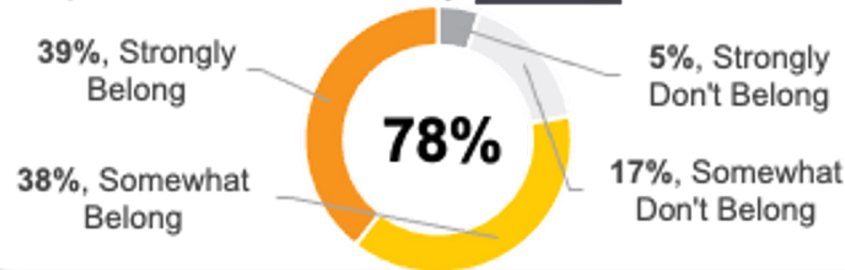
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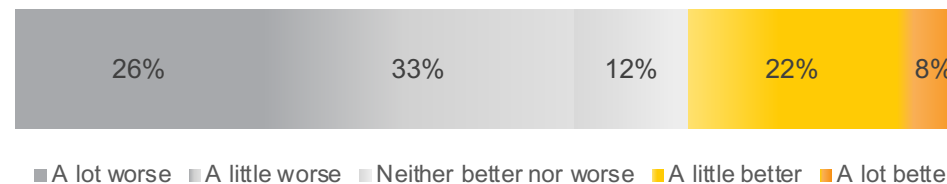
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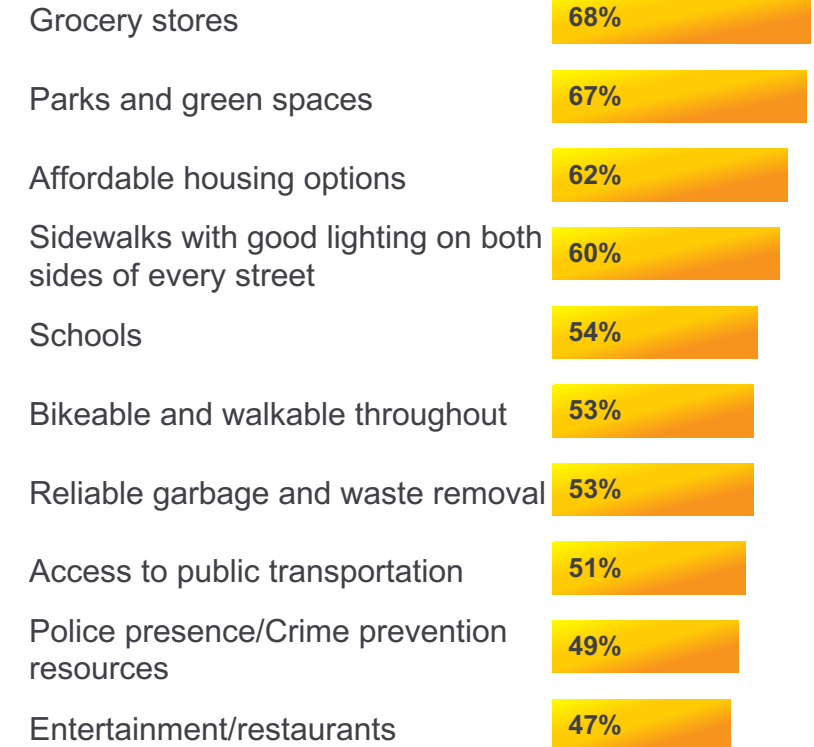


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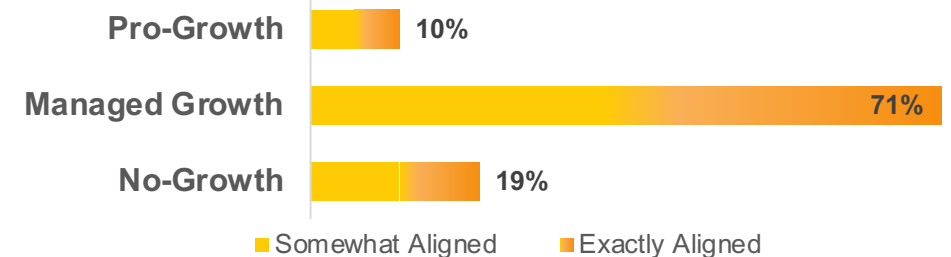


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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Growth Orientation



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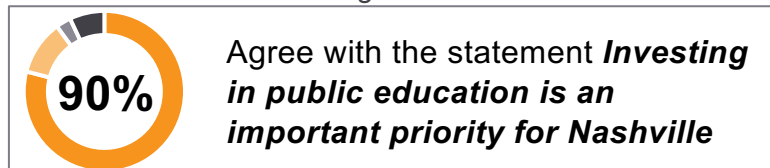
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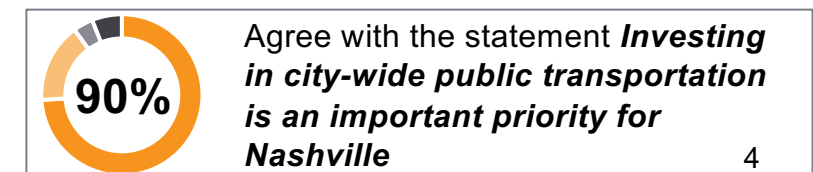
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Housing

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

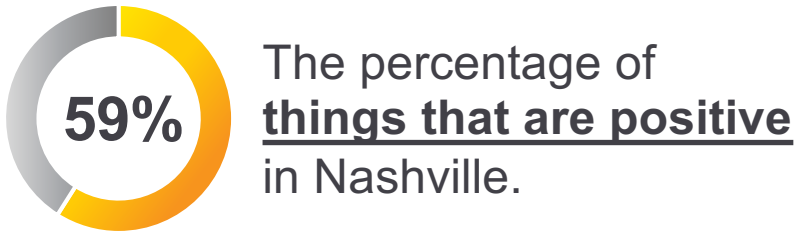
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- *Options for employment after school and during the summer for older young people, opportunities within Metro and Metro-partners should be prioritized. Creating things to do for young people across the city.*
- *Community centers that teach trades, 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.*



Region

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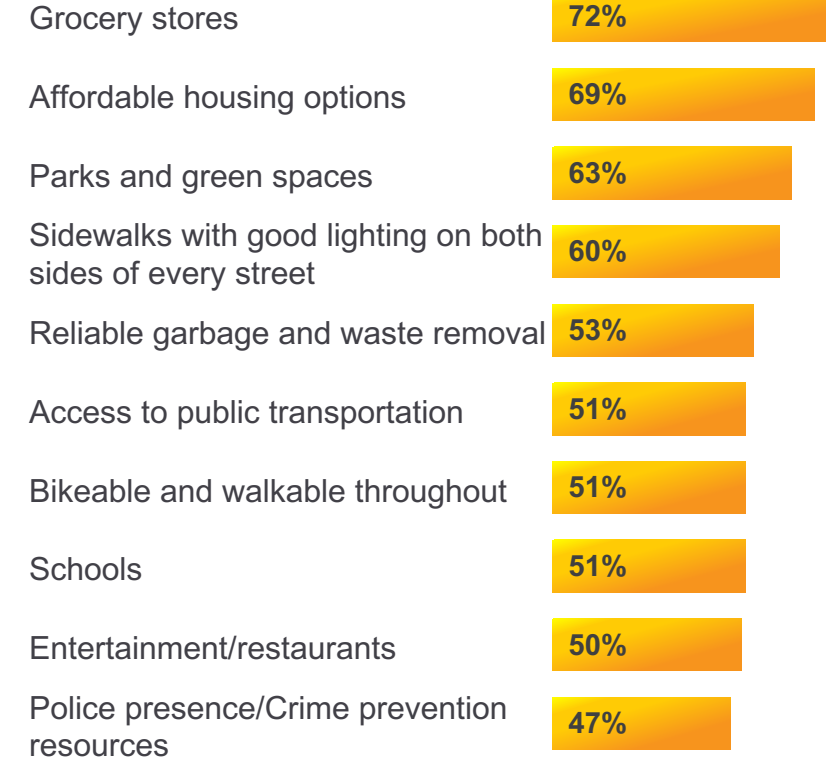
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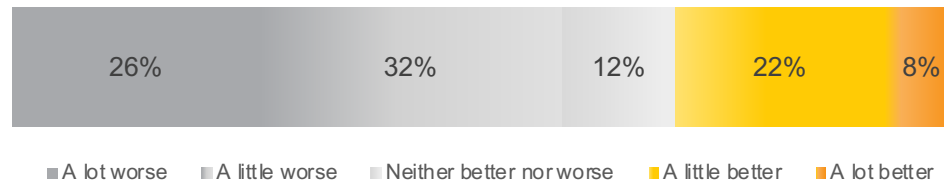


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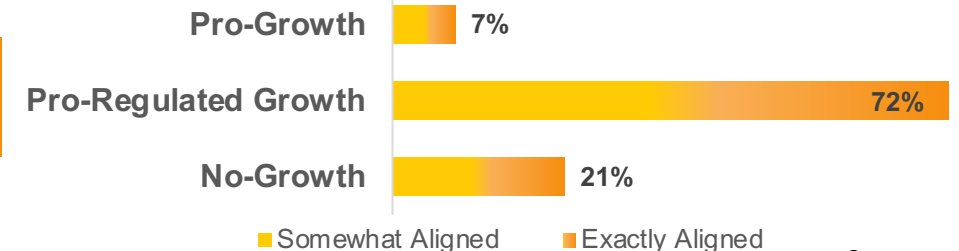
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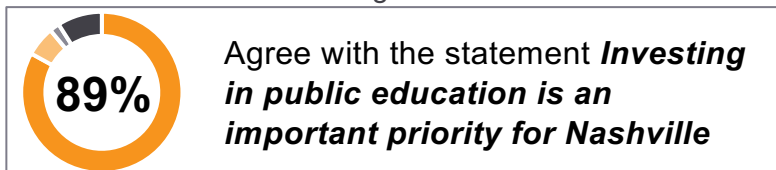
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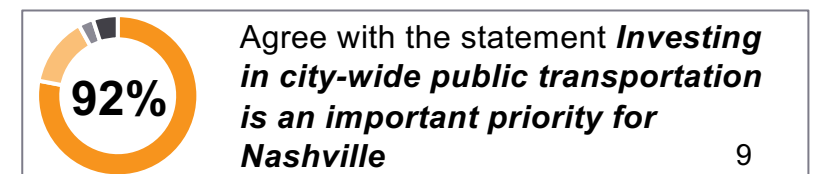
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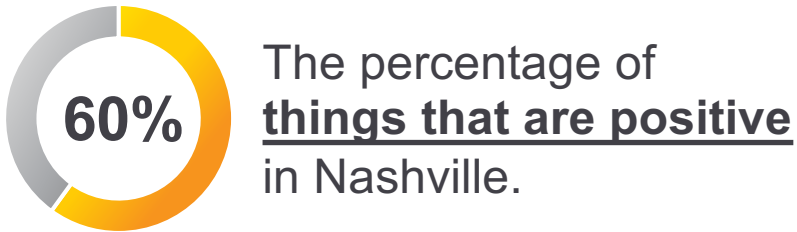
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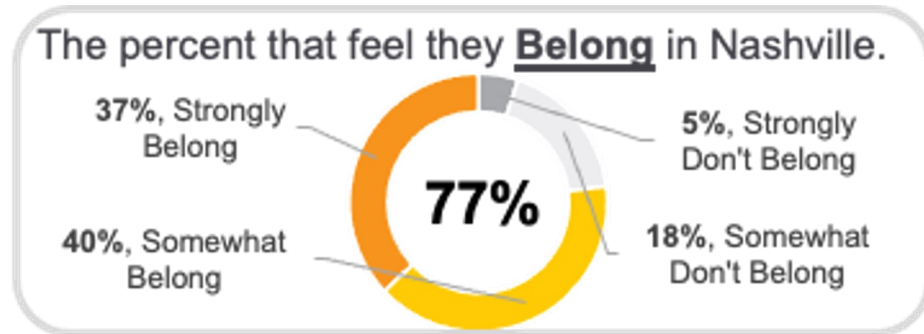
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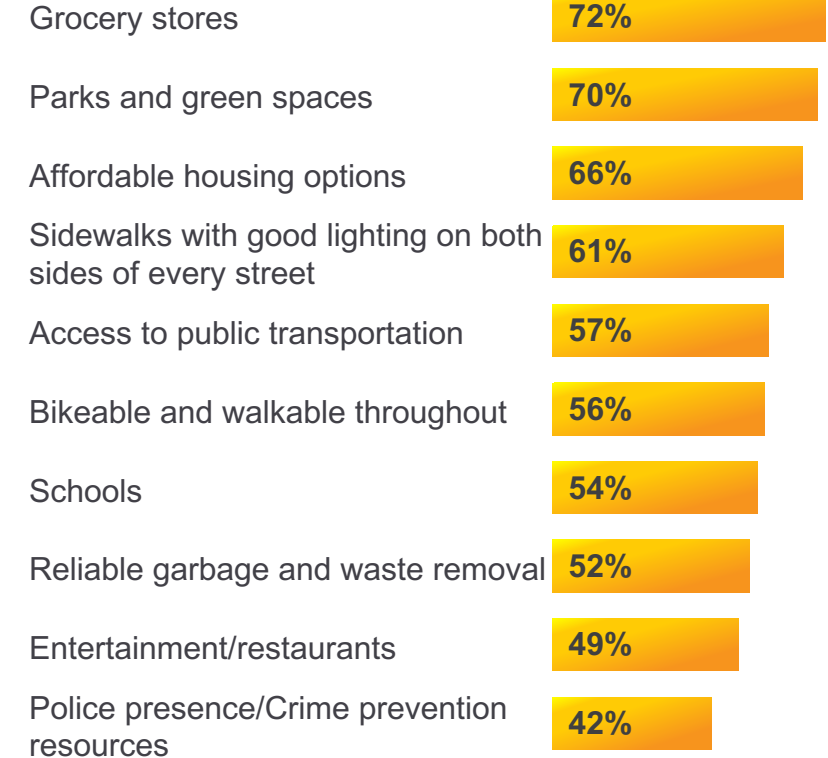
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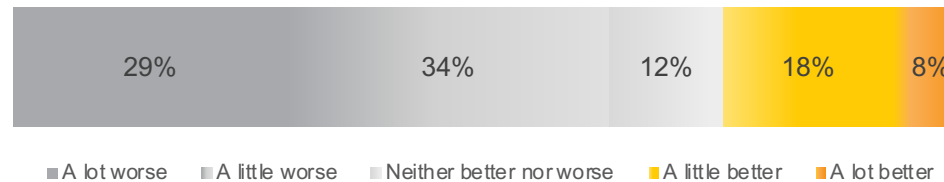


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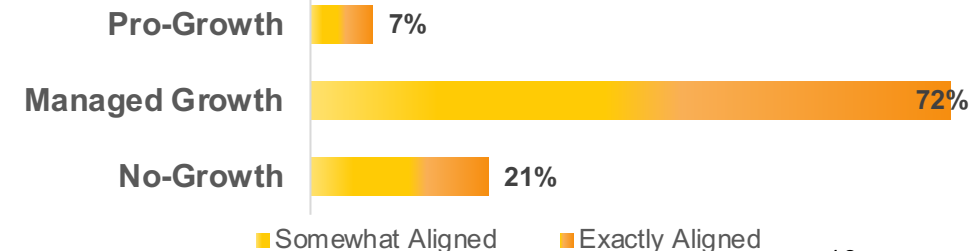
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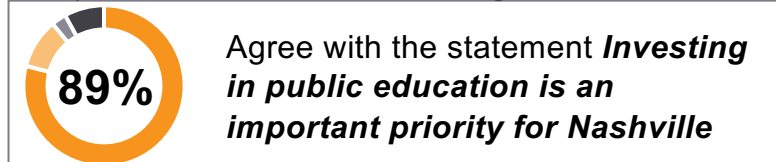
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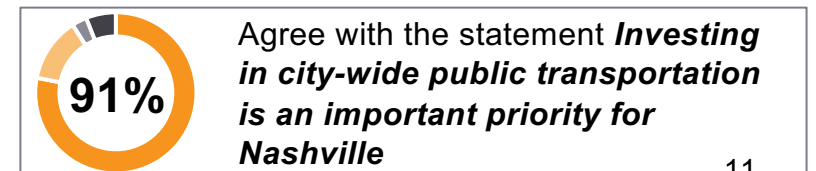
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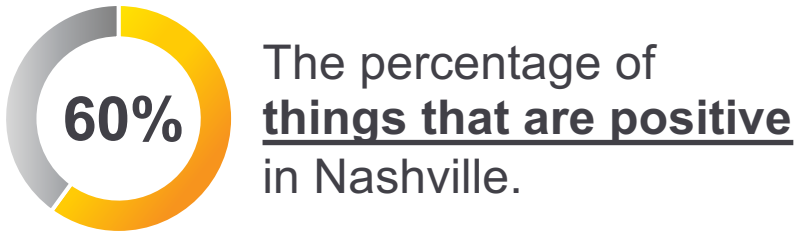
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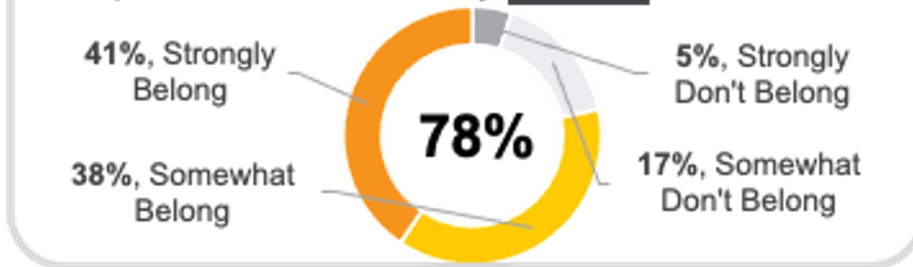
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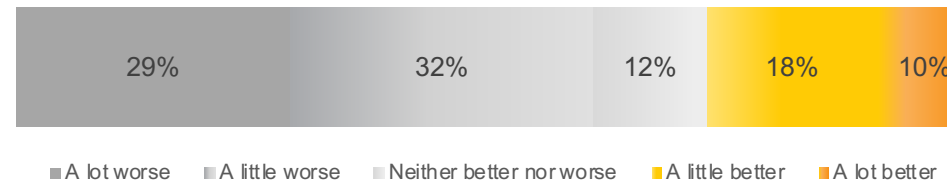
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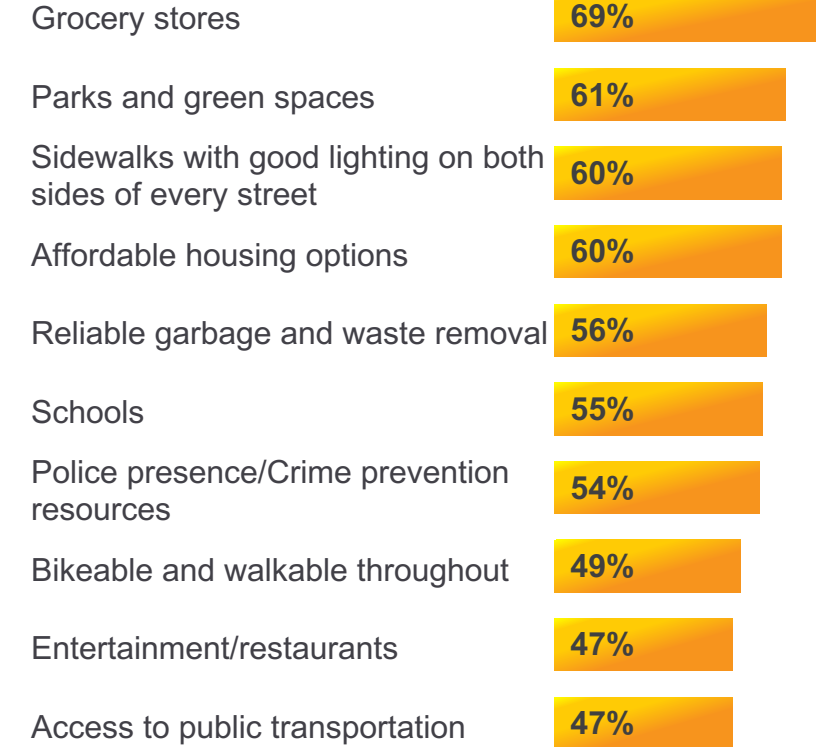


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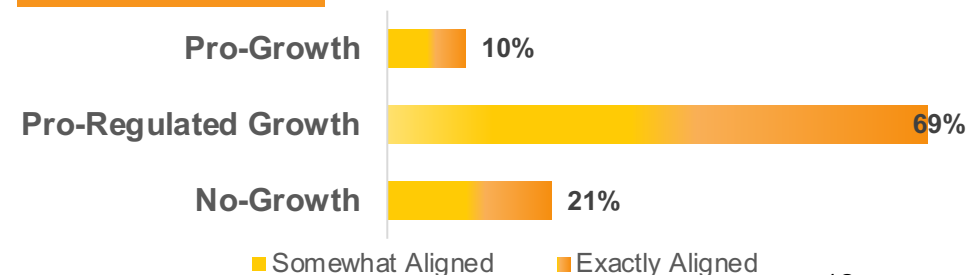


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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

- 54% Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 42% Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 42% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 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.)
- 21% Eliminate homelessness

Housing Priorities

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
- 8.0 Create more community partnerships and programs making more housing more affordable for more people
- 7.7 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
- 7.1 Build more homes to increase the housing supply which will bring down housing prices and help meet demand

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

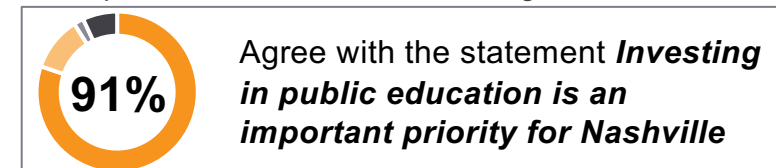
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 62% 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
- 45% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 28% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 14% 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)
- 8.8 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
- 8.5 Increase school safety
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Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

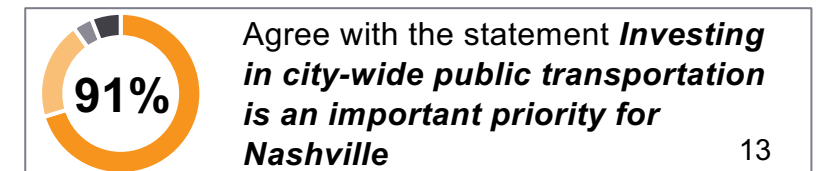
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)
- 49% 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
- 33% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries

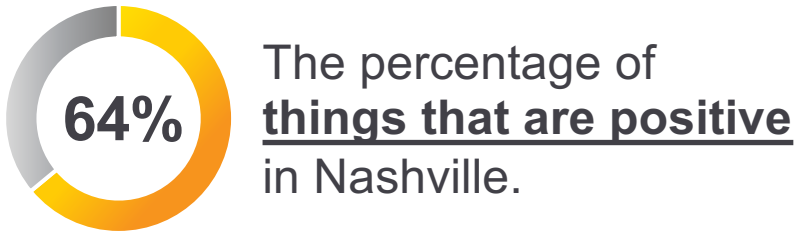
Mobility Priorities

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- 9.0 Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
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- 7.6 Construct new street and highway improvements to better connect parts of the city



Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 45% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 34% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 29% High quality healthcare and hospitals
- 29% Creative gathering place for music, artists, etc.
- 22% Lots of jobs/economic opportunity

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

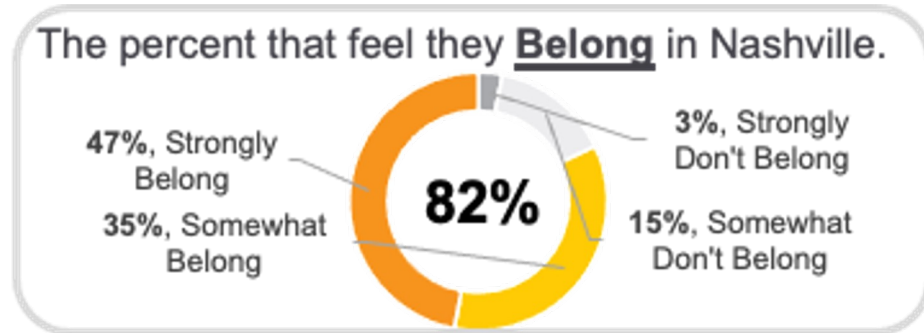
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 46% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 42% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 33% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 33% Lack of public transportation
- 26% High cost of living

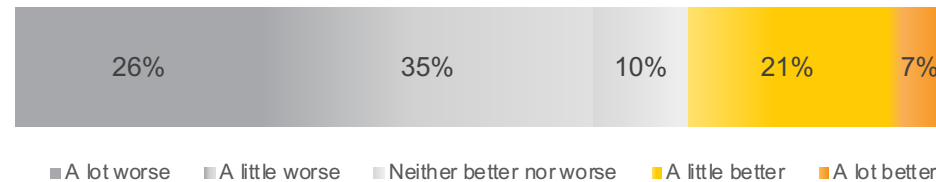
Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 60% The Connected City
- 50% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 44% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 26% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 19% Music and Arts Epicenter

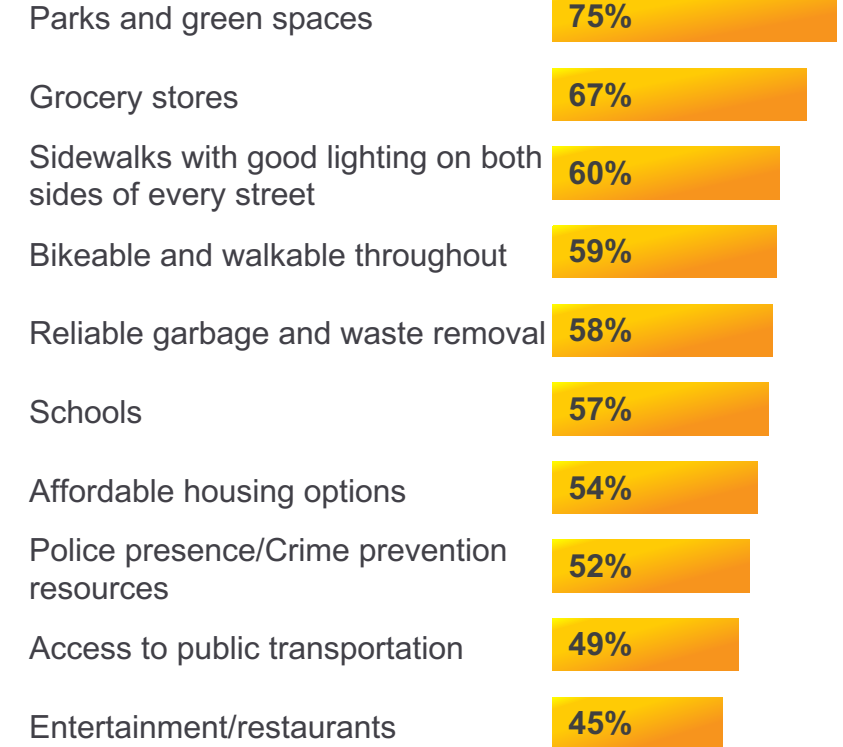


Growth Impact on Nashville

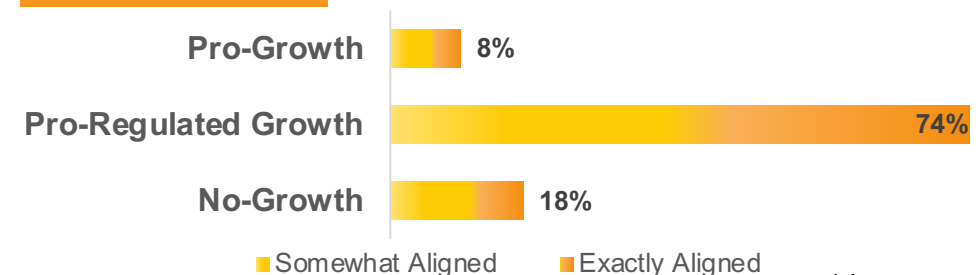


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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

- 48%** Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
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- 45% 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
- 21% Eliminate homelessness

Housing Priorities

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

- 8.0** Increase affordable housing requirements and incentives for developers to make sure they generate more affordable housing options
- 7.6** Create more community partnerships and programs making more housing more affordable for more people
- 7.2 Provide more buyer/renter assistance and support to get people into housing and help them stay there
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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

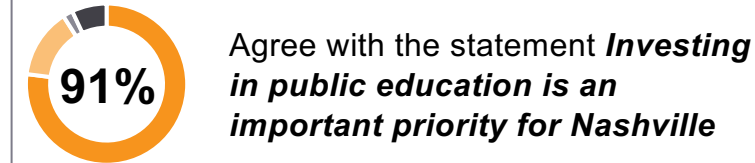
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 59%** Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 48%** Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 46% Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 29% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 18% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities

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Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

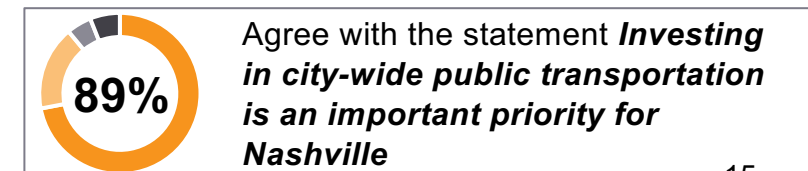
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)
- 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.
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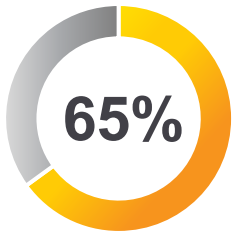
Mobility Priorities

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- 8.8** Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
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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

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Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

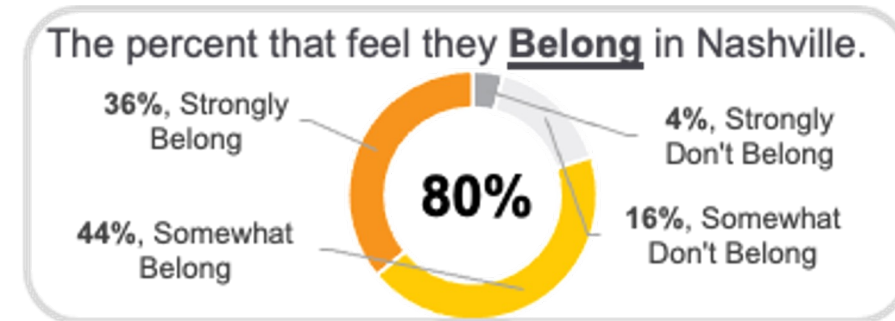
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 44% Lack of public transportation
- 39% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 39% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 31% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 29% High cost of living

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 63% **The Connected City**
- 56% **Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars**
- 38% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
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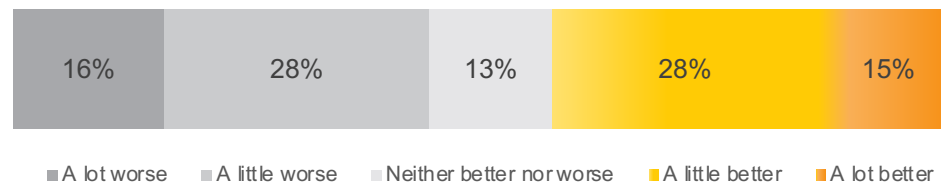


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

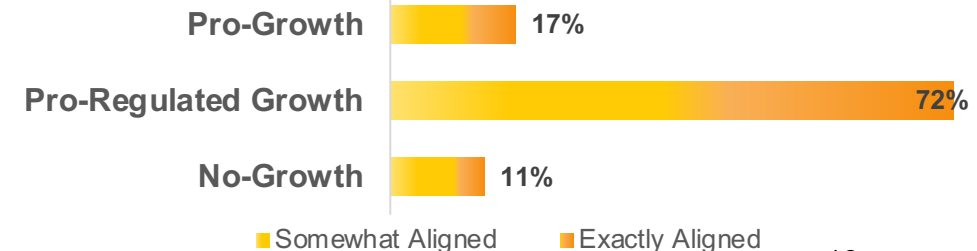
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features

Parks and green spaces	72%
Grocery stores	72%
Affordable housing options	66%
Sidewalks with good lighting on both sides of every street	66%
Bikeable and walkable throughout	66%
Access to public transportation	64%
Entertainments/restaurants	53%
Reliable garbage and waste removal	51%
Schools	44%
A unique personality, culture or character that makes it special	44%

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

- 63% 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.)
- 35% 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
- 24% Eliminate homelessness

Housing Priorities

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
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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

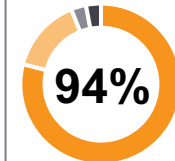
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 56% Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 53% Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 45% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 33% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 14% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities

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)
- 9.1 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
- 8.4 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
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- 8.3 Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
- 8.2 Increase school safety
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Agree with the statement **Investing in public education is an important priority for Nashville**

Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

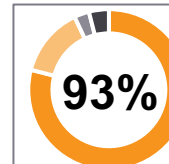
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)
- 58% 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.
- 38% 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

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- 9.3 Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
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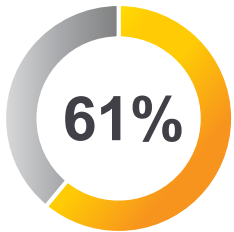
Agree with the statement **Investing in city-wide public transportation is an important priority for Nashville**

Subgroup: Non-Davidson County (n= Varies)

(Respondents with home zip codes in Cheatham, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, Wilson)



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
- 36% Lots of jobs/economic opportunity
- 32% Vibrant downtown/venues/events/activities
- 32% Creative gathering place for music, artists, etc.
- 25% Good outdoor rec., parks and green spaces

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

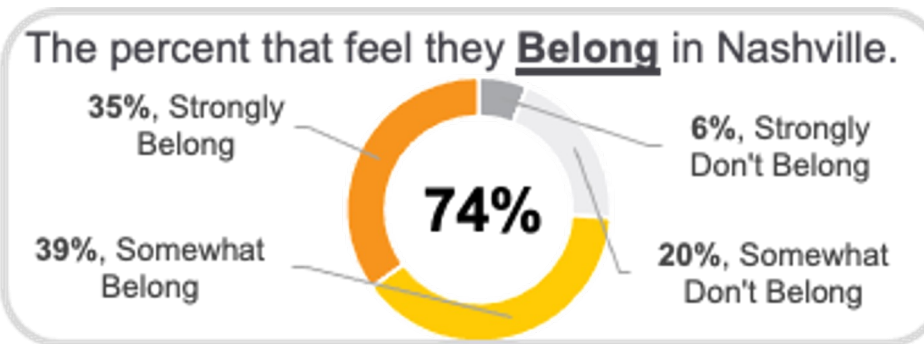
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 62% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 43% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 35% High cost of living
- 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

- 58% The Connected City
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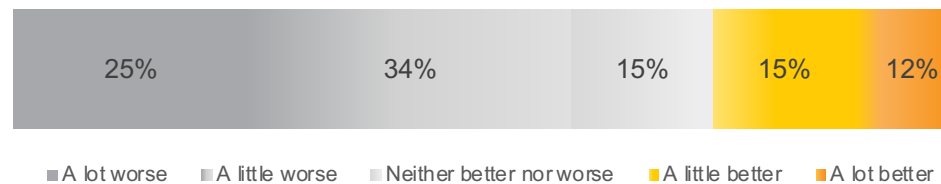


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

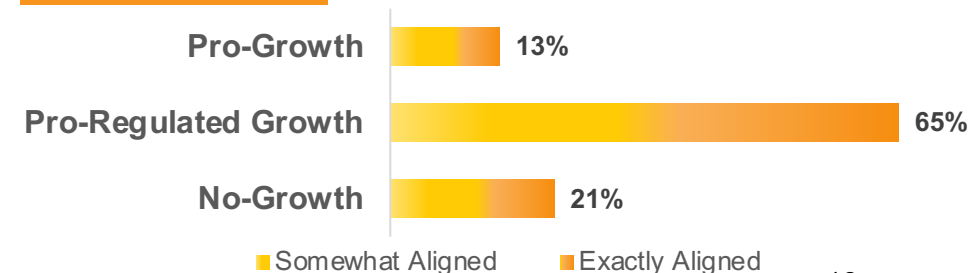
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features

- Affordable housing options 66%
- Parks and green spaces 62%
- Grocery stores 61%
- Sidewalks with good lighting on both sides of every street 56%
- Schools 54%
- Police presence/Crime prevention resources 54%
- Entertainment/restaurants 49%
- Access to public transportation 45%
- Bikeable and walkable throughout 45%
- Hospital 43%

Growth Impact on Nashville



Growth Orientation



Subgroup: Non-Davidson County (n=Varies)

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Housing

Top-2 Goals For Housing

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- 49% Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 47% Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
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- 37% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
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Housing Priorities

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- 8.1 Increase affordable housing requirements and incentives for developers to make sure they generate more affordable housing options
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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

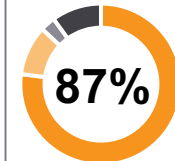
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Agree with the statement **Investing in public education is an important priority for Nashville**

Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

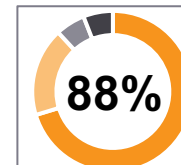
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 83% 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)
- 52% 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.
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Mobility Priorities

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- 9.3 Reduce traffic congestion
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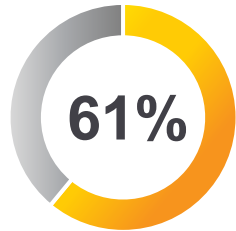


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Neighborhoods

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



The percentage of things that are positive in Nashville.

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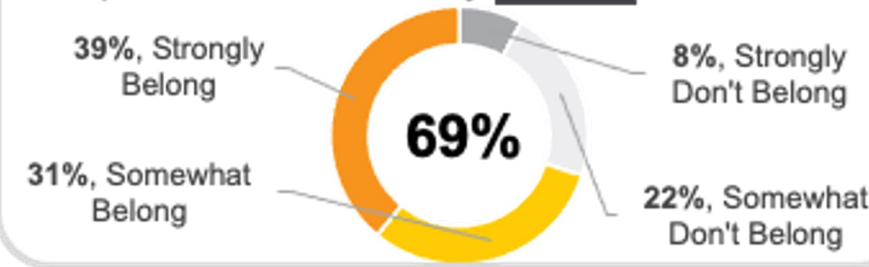
- 53% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 51% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 34% High cost of living
- 28% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 25% Increased crime/neighborhoods are less safe

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

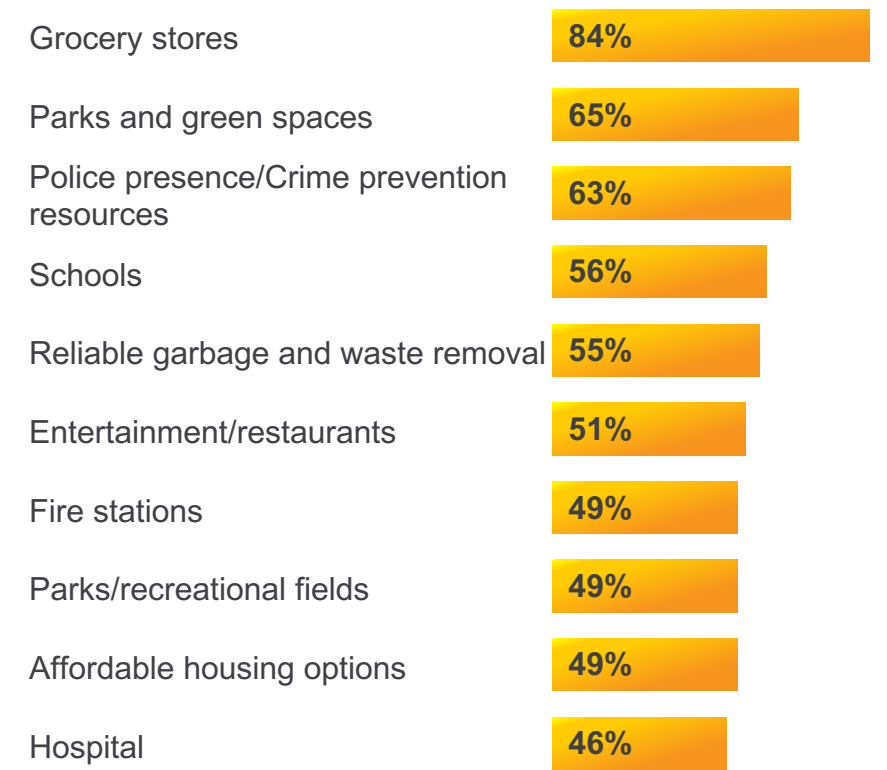
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The percent that feel they Belong in Nashville.

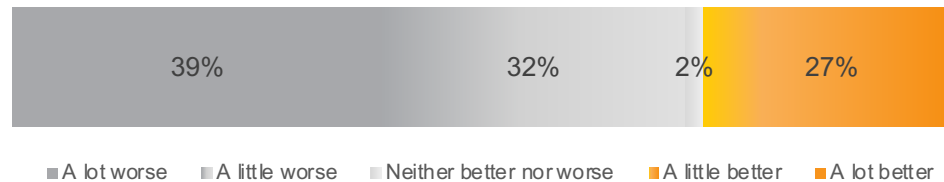


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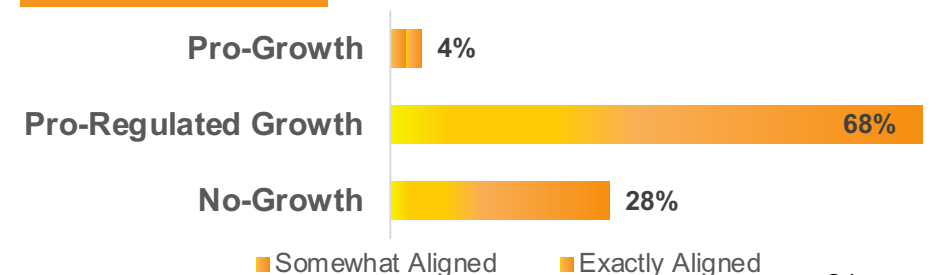
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Growth Impact on Nashville



Growth Orientation



Housing

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 - 23% Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
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Housing Priorities

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- 8.0 Build more compact and less expensive housing closer to where people live, work, and play
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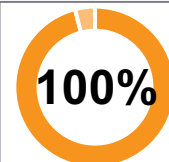
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Mobility

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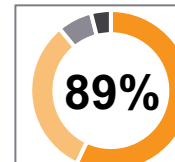
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Housing

Comments

- *Make it legal to place tiny home units in many areas and spaces in Nashville. This would help so many more people have a home.*
- *Stop prioritizing development. Revitalize what is already here. STOP SPRAWL!*
- *Provide housing that doesn't feel like prison. If you don't feel safe and as though you can live in a neighborhood with good schools and amenities- those things are not offered for you, then you do not feel a part of the larger community. This resentment can cause one to not participate in a healthy way and cause deteriorating conditions for individuals and communities.*
- *The growth has driven up the cost for long time Nashville residents. My children paid over 50% higher to build their house due to this issue. We have to slow the growth for housing, safety, community reasons.*
- *Discourage continued growth allowing demand to decrease and availability to increase.*
- *Deincentivize STRP's*

Education

Comments

- *Housing is a difficulty tied to student success. Neighborhoods need to be healthy and safe so kids can come to school ready to learn. Currently, many students do not feel their community cares for them or their families. Poor housing options in addition to poor school.*
- *The only way to strengthen schools is to first strengthen families. The schools can be the best in the world, but if the families are failing, the children will not succeed.*
- *Go back to neighborhood schools. Passing a school just to bus kids to another for racial makeup is absurd. It costs more money to bus. Kids could get more instructional time instead of being on a bus for an hour. It takes parents and kids from their neighborhood in which they should be invested. It takes a village to raise a kid...why are you taking the kid from the proverbial village?*
- *Increase teacher pay, reduce number of students per class.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Bring rail into town, either in Union Station or on the East Bank. Use Briley Parkway as a circuit for Park N Ride carpooling and as an Urban Growth Boundary.*
- *Data driven traffic light synchronization. Boston did thus and reduced congestion by 18%*
- *Improved lighting and sidewalks should help reduced the number of pedestrian fatalities.*
- *Light rail and subway developments*
- *Rebuild downtown interstate loop.*
- *Stop Selling our city to large investment developers with tax incentives. Ultimately, this destroys local communities by increase in crime, property taxes and traffic.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Knowing your neighbors*
- *Safety Sirens for Tornado within hearing distance.*
- *A forum or strategy for citizens to work together to solve community issues*
- *Racial diversity*
- *Affordable housing and access to transportation.*
- *Neighborhood events. Street festivals. Community meetings. Activities that bring people together.*
- *Remember that Nashville contains rural areas too - many of the suggestions are great for an urban neighborhood, but rural neighborhoods have their own needs, mainly around access to services, activities, and transportation*
- *Tree canopy preservation*
- *Less growth. County services extended to ALL who live in Davidson county, such as trash pickup.*
- *More Police Officers available to address criminal activity. Tougher Criminal Justice System. And freezing further building before Nashville become one giant paved parking lot.*

One Change

Comments

- *I would increase accessibility for those with disabilities, mainly through transportation, employment, housing, and healthcare access opportunities.*
- *Control the growth. The farmlands are being subdivided and Tennesseans are being pushed out because we can't afford to live in our hometowns.*
- *Better traffic engineering.*
- *Comprehensive transportation plan that impacts ability of ALL citizens to navigate, safely, economically and sustainably around this city and region.*
- *It feels like Nashville and the state government are so often at odds, that we're at risk of undercutting all of the things that make this city grow attractively and successfully (jobs, low taxes, culture).*
- *Increase in minimum wages for workers who lack secondary education. More job/career opportunities for locals who lack secondary education*
- *Resolve environmental, social, and racial inequalities*
- *More childcare options*
- *Investment in rural neighborhoods*
- *Stop the development and growth. Invoke a strict reduction on development.*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *I would like to see the Highland Rim Forest protected. I would like to see a new park in Whites Creek like the Warner Parks or Radnor. North Nashville has been left out of parks and libraries and many other city amenities*
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- *Mentorship programs that help struggling people find a step up, whether they are dealing w homelessness or addiction, or just executive function or finding a life path. We can connect people who have skills and wisdom with people who just need an outside*
- *Preservation! Rural character in areas of T2 Rural policy like the Whites Creek Rural Historic District and environs. Conservation! Nashville's Highland Rim Forest is key to our long term economic and climate resiliency...*
- *Investment North of downtown in rural Davidson County neighborhoods*
- *Actively work at voter registration and turnout and the rights of people with a history of a felony to vote*

Youth

Comments

- *Improved neighborhoods, safety and show connection to the larger community. Many apartment complexes are riddled with unsafe conditions as well as just a general lack of connectedness to the larger progressive happening in Nashville*
- *More safe places for young people to gather. More support for families.*
- *We need more positive things for young people to be involved with. Youth crime needs addressing and not just ignored. Some of these kids need juvenile jail time for stealing cars and committing crimes.*
- *Stricter gun laws.*
- *Ensure kids have a place to go outside of the house.*
- *Change the culture of some groups who have children out of wedlock creating single parent homes. Promote ethics morals and values in schools instead of "white-washing" values. This is an education issue.*

Subgroup: North Nashville/Bordeaux (37207, 37208, 37218, 37228)

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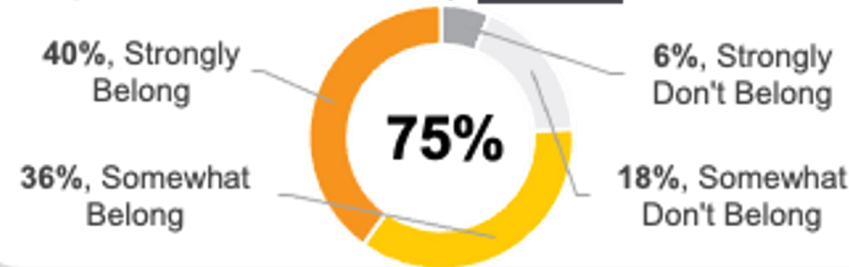
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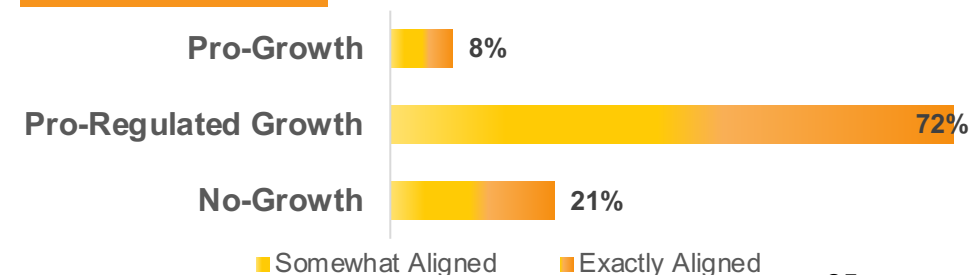
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Affordable housing options	70%
Parks and green spaces	63%
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Reliable garbage and waste removal	52%
Bikeable and walkable throughout	52%
Access to public transportation	52%
Schools	51%
Entertainment/restaurants	50%
Police presence/Crime prevention resources	46%

Growth Impact on Nashville



Growth Orientation



Housing

Top-2 Goals For Housing

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Housing Priorities

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Education

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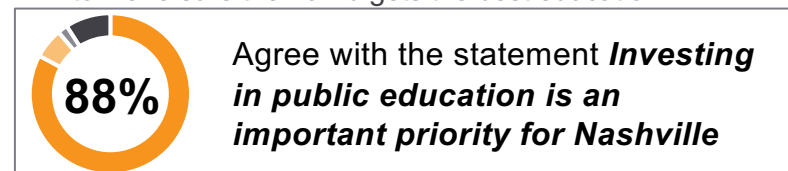
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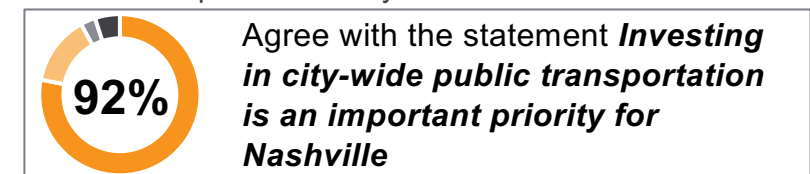
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Housing

Comments

- *Create more ways to afford a single-family home and/or apartments. Get resources to the citizens; most people don't know where to go for help.*
- *Support housing cooperatives and land trusts*
- *Rent control, better renters rights, anti-discrimination policy implemented for renters (including income discrimination), more public housing options and requiring more landlords to take section 8 vouchers*
- *Building neighborhoods not just density (density is good! Dense community is better) Walkability/transportation directly overlaps housing.*
- *Stopping builders from ripping down normal size houses and then building McMansions no local can afford*
- *Mixed use neighborhoods that have essentials within walking distance (i.e., grocery stores, public services, health services)*
- *Increase taxes on land that has gone undeveloped and without a plan for development for an extended period of time. Exception is if the land is a certified wildlife habitat.*
- *A hard moratorium on short term rental permits, and actual enforcement of the owner-occupied requirement.*
- *Tiny home villages can provide good affordable housing options. All apartment buildings, including "Luxury" developments, should be required to have affordable units.*

Education

Comments

- *Pay teachers what they are worth. Give them the resources they need. Support their teaching and don't let people who are not educators veto their decisions.*
- *Empower parents to take a stronger role in their children's education. School focus towards teaching students HOW to think, not WHAT to think.*
- *Good neighborhoods build good schools and vice versa.*
- *To strengthen educational opportunities Have teachers do home visits to find out what children are missing and to get an understanding of what the child is missing or needs are. In order to serve someone, we need to know how to identify the need. They may not know how to articulate their needs.*
- *Increase ability of children zoned for poor performing schools to be admitted to better schools in other areas.*
- *Fund teacher preparation programs at our HBCUs so teacher recruitment matches the population of the students in our district.*
- *I hate to even have to write this but every school needs bullet proof doors and windows and a police on duty during school hours. EVERY SINGLE SCHOOL.*
- *Try to keep families in the MNPS system instead of fleeing to private schools. This makes all schools suffer.*
- *The services our son receives through MNPS for his autism are incredible. Not enough is said about the good already happening.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Create more cross city routes, not requiring a trip to the central bus terminal.*
- *Improve quality of life by decreasing automobile dependency. Safety, air quality, congestion, personal injury, cost efficiency.*
- *We need a light rail system. People in Nashville have a strong stigma against buses and it limits ridership. Heavy rail can be used to get people into and out of the city. Light rail should be added to major corridors throughout the city to reduce congestion and improve safety.*
- *More sidewalks instead of adding lanes to highways. More greenways and safe routes for pedestrians, cyclists and those with disabilities.*
- *Stop lights need timing attention - the length doesn't make sense...the number of people running lights with no penalty whatsoever is ridiculous. Exits/On ramps are also crazy - having to cross 3 lanes of traffic after getting on interstate to get to the next interstate is ludicrous.*
- *ALL WE GO BUS STOPS SHOULD HAVE A COVERED SEAT SHELTER TO KEEP THOSE WAITING OUT OF THE WEATHER.*
- *There is a fundamental tension in our neighborhoods between people who drive into/through them and people who live here. Our leaders should build our neighborhoods to be walkable and dense to serve the people who live there, not invest in dangerous high-speed roadways for car commuters breezing through or merely visiting.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Community Centers are essential hubs to support the health and well-being of families and single professionals.*
- *Vibrant neighborhood associations [...]*
- *A "third place" or somewhere people can gather and commune without being forced to spend money.*
- *Community involvement and decision-making in how their community and neighborhood grows and changes around them [...]*
- *Safe, walkable, clean, and accessible to grocery stores, restaurants, highways, gas stations, etc.*
- *Higher focus on residents over tourists. Tourism is important to our economy but should not take precedence over residents. Reining in short term rentals in residential areas should be a priority*
- *Human-centric instead of car-centric infrastructure and development*
- *Having access to public transportation and parks/green spaces, and retail options that residents can walk to.*
- *I would love to have some days where we close down the street and hold festivals - like the Tomato Fest. Things to bring out the food and knick-knack vendors and get people walking. Such things are great for building community.*

One Change

Comments

- *Creating a city for Nashvillians, not tourists. Better public transportation, public parks, and sidewalks for residents*
- *I want the city to create a childcare system for Metro workers [...]*
- *I would have a transit system that matches cities of comparable size and that is prepared to scale to account for the growth of the city.*
- *More affordable housing and higher-paying jobs that require all employers to pay the cost of living wages [...]*
- *More urban density and walkable areas! Less sprawl. Mixed use development and walk ability between them are so important and would bring more life to this city*
- *Deep appreciation for its history and all those who contributed (particularly those from marginalized populations), how this culture was built and folks had to fight to belong [...]*
- *A greater sense of safety for all our citizens (so a reduction in food, job, health/medical, education, and housing insecurity for everyone)*
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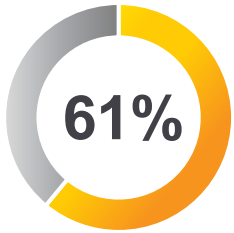
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- *Save the hills - preserving green space and the beautiful tree covered hills around the city, making some accessible for walking but recognizing their importance in keeping things cool and clean.*
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- *I would love to see us get back to having the top notch libraries that we have had in the past. Continuing to allow those who don't have access to a computer and internet at home to be able to come to the library and utilize their computers.*
- *What makes Nashville special is we have a "thing", music and creativity. [...] if we lose it and become a homogenized city [...] then we aren't unique any more.*
- *Bring physical organization to placeless neighborhoods. Every neighborhood should have a neighborhood center—a social and economic focal point.*
- *Sustainability. As a city, we need to be more proactive. Growth has been focused on big business and Metro needs to refocus on what is truly important to the long-term health, happiness and sustainability of our people, community and our planet.*

Youth

Comments

- *Anything that supports caregivers in providing a stable home life- affordable housing, reasonable cost of living, adequate nutrition and access to food, funding for community care instead of policing and criminalization.*
- *Create more after school STEM activities.*
- *Better education, getting youth involved in community forums - hear their voice and make them feel heard.*
- *Daycare and afterschool care should be provided especially since parental leave isn't guaranteed*
- *Amazing parks and playgrounds! Nature playgrounds like Warner and Shelby in all areas of the city! North Nashville is being missed!*
- *Having a coop where student can train in different jobs so they can get a better idea as to what they want to do or pursue when they graduate*
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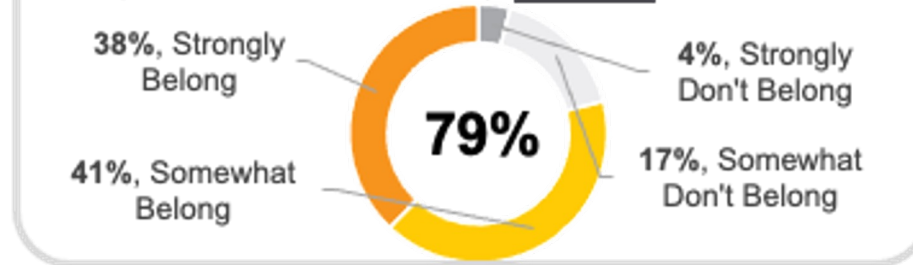
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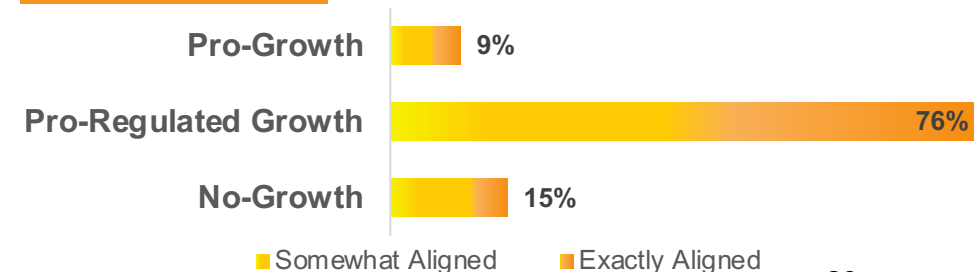
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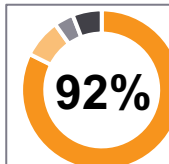
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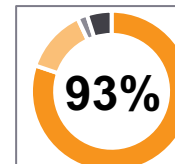
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Housing

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

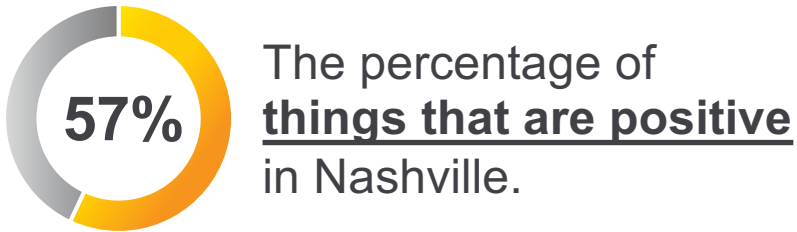
Comments

- *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 [...]*

Subgroup: Madison/Goodlettsville (37072, 37115, 37116)



Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 37% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 36% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 32% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 28% High quality healthcare and hospitals
- 24% Rich diversity of people/cultures

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

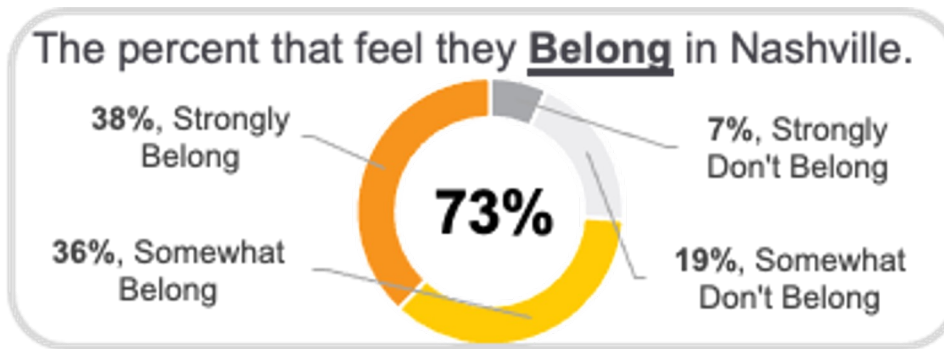
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 48% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 47% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 38% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 33% High cost of living
- 33% Lack of public transportation

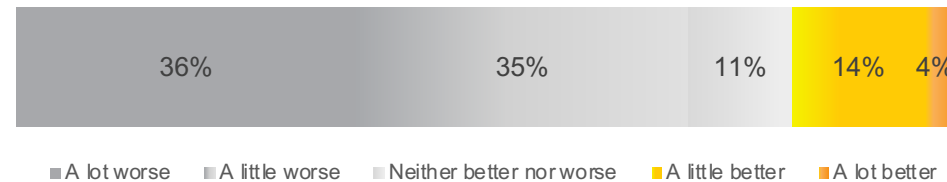
Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 62% The Connected City
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- 22% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 19% Music and Arts Epicenter

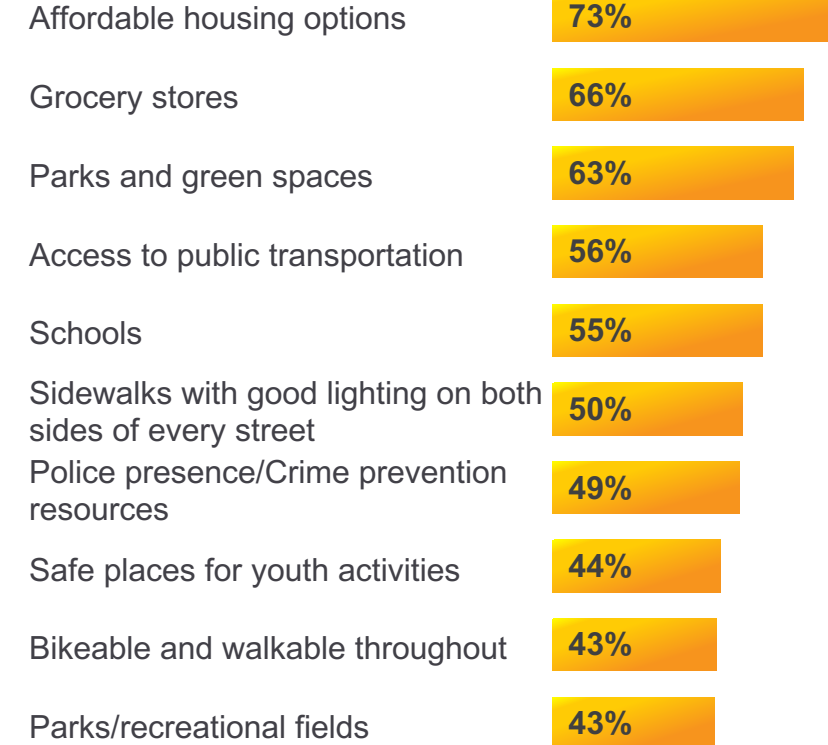


Growth Impact on Nashville

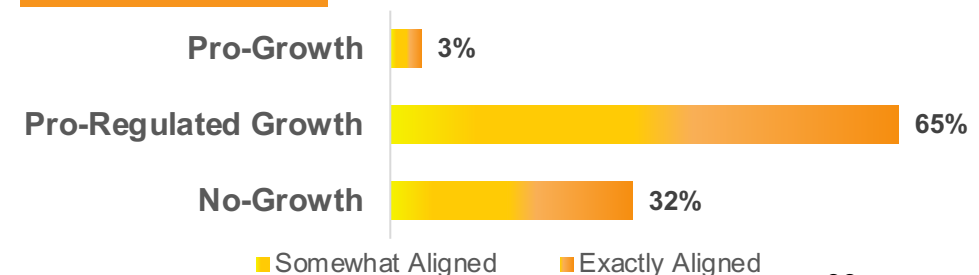


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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

- 47% **Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs**
- 45% **Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out**
- 44% Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 43% 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.)
- 22% Eliminate homelessness

Housing Priorities

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

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

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

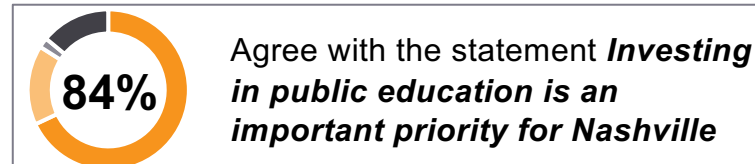
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 65% **Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future**
- 58% **Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world**
- 33% 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
- 13% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities

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

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



Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

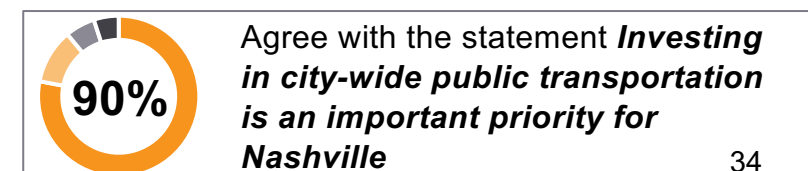
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- 77% **Make it easier to get around Nashville—to and from downtown and from one place to another in the region (connecting different parts of the City and Downtown better)**
- 60% **Ensure everyone has good access to downtown and the important parts of the region—make transportation options equally accessible to all across Nashville/Davidson Co.**
- 38% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live
- 25% 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

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



Housing

Comments

- *We need to put a cap on the corporate rental market. Companies buying up homes to artificially raise rent is wreaking havoc on our city.*
- *Again, public transit to allow people who live in the more affordable outskirts of town the ability to commute in.*
- *Have programs that assist people to acquire housing base on their income not the market.*
- *No minimum lot size, less complicated zoning*
- *Create housing for homeless people where they can get the help and resources they need along with a pathway to employment.*
- *Encouraging developers to build denser housing that encourages community building (homes/condos facing green space and each other with parking on the edge of the property. Cohousing model.*
- *We currently have enough housing to house most, if not all homeless folks in Davidson County. Instead of building more, ask what would to take to get the homeless into those homes. It can't possibly be much more than what we are already spend to jail and bus the homeless to other parts of the state.*
- *25-30% of new housing needs to be reserved for low income so it does not create impoverished neighborhoods all together.*

Education

Comments

- *Increase pay to MNPS Support Staff to be at LEAST livable wage!*
- *Work on ensuring that we have clean, healthy environments in all our public schools. Improve nutrition in school meals by using real food and quality ingredients. Eliminate the need for students to pay for their breakfasts and lunches. Improve the retention of our teachers by giving them better compensation, providing materials for their classrooms like loose-leaf paper, pencils, scissors, tissues, hand sanitizer, etc., and putting the focus back on quality learning instead of standardized test scores.*
- *Overhaul the student teaching aspect of teacher training. Today it is a roadblock to a teaching career, there are many roadblocks that hinder beginning teachers instead of helping them.*
- *Internship options and partnerships with local leaders to give students real world experience and insight while strengthening community role models.*
- *Strong childcare in the early years with activities that foster brain development.*
- *Don't sell out to charter and private schools.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Rail service from all surrounding counties with stops in Davidson county.*
- *Do not implement toll roads.*
- *Rail system, more bus routes into neighborhoods running every 15 mins. More sidewalks in neighborhoods.*
- *We need 3 year, 10 year, & 20 year goals. 3 year - Improve bus stops. More routes. More suburban & rural park & ride stations. 10 year - Express lanes for busses. Reduce downtown traffic by creating shuttle/trolley system. Possibly limit automobile access at certain times. 20 year - Elevated train lines & elevated bus lanes.*
- *Overhead bypass for interstate travel through the 3 interstate road so semi's can get across reducing accidents.*
- *Light rail or trams to connect neighborhoods, and greenways so that people can safely get to schools and grocery stores without owning a car.*
- *There are thousands, maybe tens of thousands who don't live anywhere near a bus or rail stop. I'm in Davidson County, but at least four miles in all directions to catch even a bus and I'm not sure it would take me where I need to go. We need to focus on downtown, but I believe we're ONLY focusing on downtown or east Nashville. That is wrong and isolating.*
- *Work with surrounding counties to improve the flow of commuters coming into Davidson county. Revisit park and ride programs Offer incentives, rider schedules and safe and secure parking places.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *A place where you can walk to restaurants, small businesses, food services/grocery*
- *Communication. I run our neighborhood's FB page and keeping in contact with neighbors is incredibly helpful.*
- *Council representatives who get involved and make people feel heard.*
- *Sidewalks and street lights*
- *Affordable housing. The average rent does not match the median income anymore.*
- *Vision. A plan for the neighborhood.*
- *Communal spaces. Walkable streets, commercial clusters with public space. Safe, clean streets. Green space.*
- *Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks!*
- *Common spaces or places where people can gather to organically build community relationships.*
- *Community garden and compost*
- *Access to services for those unhoused in the neighborhood*

One Change

Comments

- *More public transport, please! And not just downtown.*
- *Denser transit-oriented development*
- *More affordable housing, better public transportation, better public schools, more affordable housing, more affordable housing and more affordable housing.*
- *Pay MNPS (support staff) workers a livable wage.*
- *Better public transportation within the downtown area, but also for surrounding and nearby counties like Sumner, Robertson, and Montgomery to travel into the city. Many people in those counties work in Davidson County*
- *I would build more affordable housing! Developers should be required to set aside a number of units for affordable housing and for those experiencing homelessness.*
- *I would like Davidson county to consider rent control to regulate rent increases.*
- *Traffic congestion is the issue that has the biggest impact on my family's daily life. Taking more than an hour to commute from work or get to after-school activities lessens our ability to enrich our lives with other endeavors*

Big Ideas

Comments

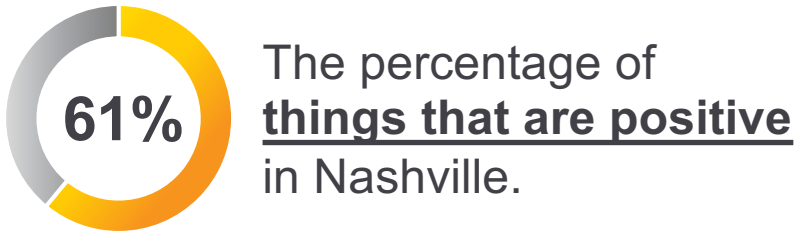
- *Buy in from the other nearby counties to create a true regional transit system*
- *Find ways to bring people together, regardless of their political POV.*
- *Having more community-based programs that bring our youth and seniors together so that everyone better understands each other*
- *Race relations - open dialogue. Acceptance of all Nashvillians.*
- *Focus on the people living in Nashville, all of the people in all the areas of Nashville. We can welcome visitors without forgetting the people who live here and without making their lives worse.*
- *How will this data be used and not just sit on a shelf with Nashville's other plans and surveys?*
- *Invest in affordable living solutions for artists. The IT City status began on the backs of artists who thrived here during a time of affordable living, but the crowd that has come to enjoy the environment these artists created has become unsustainable*
- *Let's focus on areas that aren't downtown. There is so much more to Nashville & Davidson County than the tiny area that tourists congregate in.*

Youth

Comments

- *Free transit would most likely get kids to anywhere they're growing minds take them. Libraries and community spaces related are always a great spot to let their minds expand and create [...]*
- *County-wide FREE after-school programs that focus on learning (helping with homework, individual tutoring, etc. to eliminate childcare costs and increase student knowledge and understanding.*
- *Ensure school safety is a priority. Increase compensation for teachers.*
- *Look at starting Trade and Apprenticeship programs in the schools again. Have more career counselors and start early*
- *There should be third spaces (poetry spaces, parks, skateboarding, roller rinks, open fields, swimming pools, art spaces, ceramics, etc.) designed for young people that's diverse, creative, affordable, and accessible.*
- *When we do better with affordable housing you have more stable families that can focus beyond survival and invest in their communities. Improve the lives of parents and you will improve the lives of children.*
- *More entertainment options for kids, especially downtown. Having city government officials spend time in the school explaining what the government does for the city. Encourage police officers to engage with youth in a community setting & often.*

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



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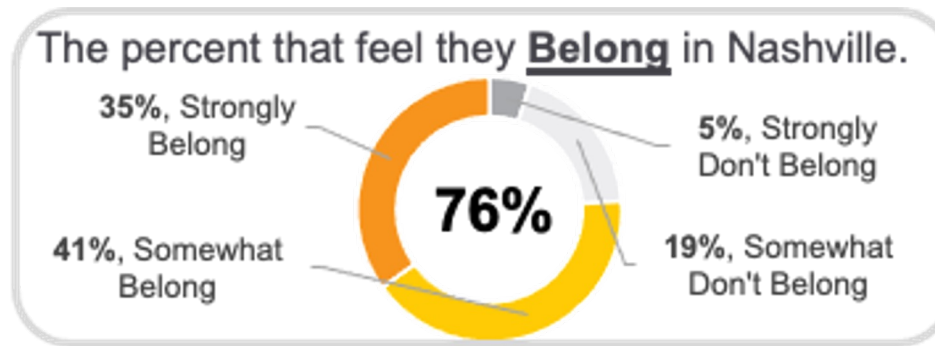
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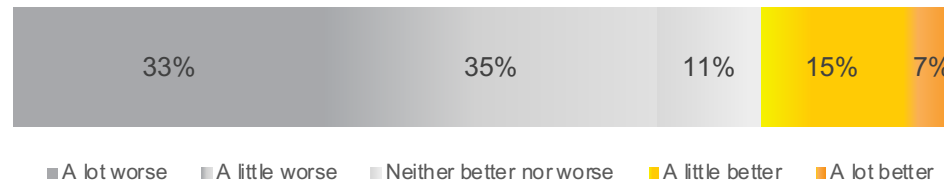


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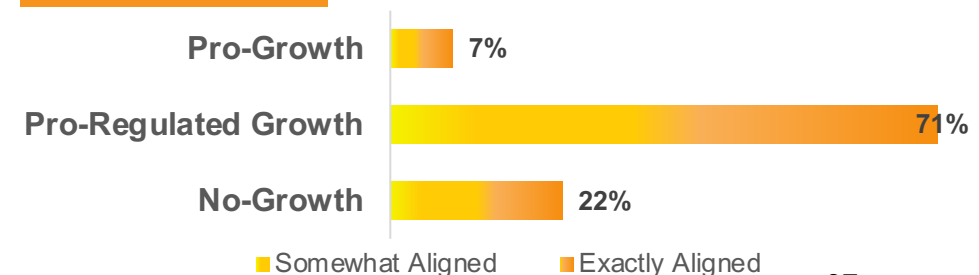
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features

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

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- 28% Eliminate homelessness

Housing Priorities

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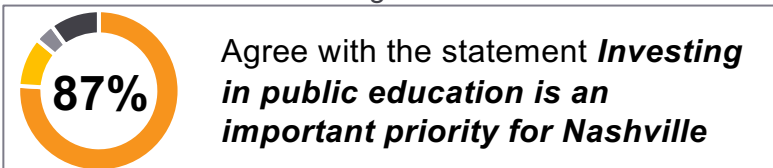
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Mobility

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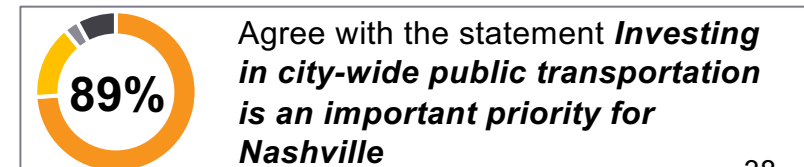
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Mobility Priorities Importance

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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

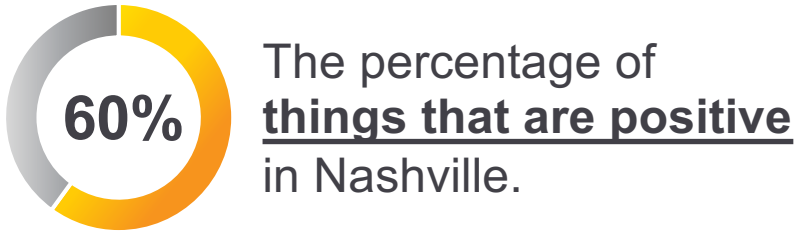
- *I'd love to see Nashville become a zero-waste city. Known for its innovative composting, recycling, and waste reduction practices.*
- *Create a better working relationship between our Metro Government and the State of Tennessee. There is such bitterness, anger and hatred being expressed along with 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.*

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

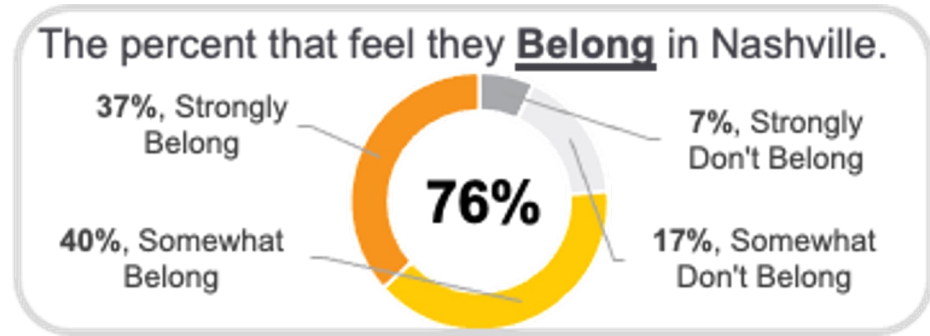
- Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options*
- 39% Rich diversity of people and cultures
 - 38% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
 - 34% Good outdoor rec., parks, and green spaces
 - 26% Creative gathering place for music, artists, etc.
 - 26% Lots of jobs/economic opportunity

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

- Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options*
- 59% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
 - 39% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
 - 38% High cost of living
 - 37% Too much growth/not being managed well
 - 34% Increased crime/neighborhoods are less safe

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

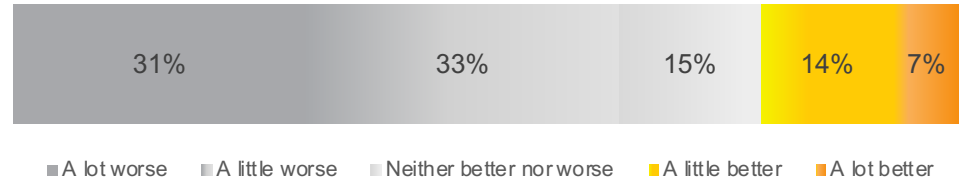
- Selection rate for the most and second most favorite vision among 5 visions*
- 57% **The Connected City**
 - 54% **Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging**
 - 53% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
 - 18% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
 - 11% Music and Arts Epicenter



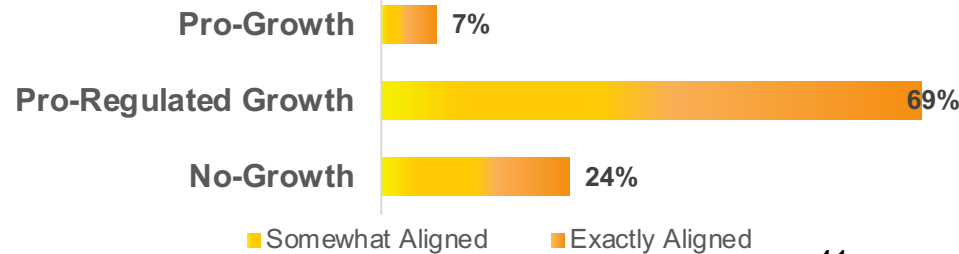
10 Very Important Neighborhood Features



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

- 55%** Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 42%** 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.)
 - 41% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
 - 22% Eliminate homelessness

Priorities Importance

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
- 8.1** 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
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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

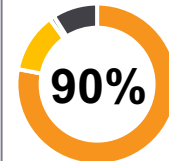
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 62%** Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 57%** Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
 - 44% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
 - 20% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
 - 17% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities Importance

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

- 9.1** Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
- 9.1** Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
- 9.0** Increase school safety
 - 8.8 Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
 - 8.8 Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare and early childhood education
 - 8.7 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
 - 8.6 Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
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Agree with the statement **Investing in public education is an important priority for Nashville**

Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

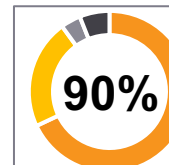
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)
- 49%** 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.
 - 38% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries
 - 36% 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

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



Agree with the statement **Investing in city-wide public transportation is an important priority for Nashville**

Housing

Comments

- *As someone who draws unemployment & has suffered from maintaining stable housing due to loss of income, I feel that an assistance program should be introduced for those who are actively seeking jobs yet unable to afford their rent & utility expenses.*
- *Help with property taxes for seniors that isn't impossible to meet*
- *Spread low income housing around the county; do not aggregate low income citizens in one area. An unusually high percentage of Subsidized Housing has been unfairly placed in S.E. Nashville and Madison.*
- *It would be great to offer home buying incentives for all educators. There should also be discounted rent or housing voucher for teachers, police, firefighters, etc.*
- *More restrictions on short term stay (airbnb) I know people who own 3-5 houses/condos in Nashville. They live in one and the others are strictly for airbnb*
- *opportunities for rent to own*
- *We need affordable housing options for undocumented folks. This is a whole community of people who fall through the cracks because they are not eligible for public services.*
- *Consider creating "step up", low income communities where people maintain it by working together. Many people have special talents & would be willing to use them if they had shelter & a place to feel needed*
- *Controlling rent on properties. I don't know how most renters can afford to live in this area.*

Education

Comments

- *Stop the rhetoric that everyone needs to go to college to get a 4 year degree. There should be more emphasis on trade and vocational schools. The concentration should be on being able to support yourself with meaningful work.*
- *Make sure all students have skills to read at grade level*
- *More multilingual teachers*
- *Pay our teachers. They deserve to be able to live in the county that they teach in.*
- *Increase salaries, reduce classroom size, accept federal funding and reduce charter schools applications*
- *Work with local universities to increase educational pipeline for teachers; increase aids/support in classroom for teachers; tap into PTA/PTOs for schools to increase communication to public and be a resource for insights into how to improve schools...*
- *Do better in the less wealthy communities. Antioch has the most residents per capita in the entire state, and yet the public schools are rated 1/10.*
- *I would like to see greater support for immigrant and refugee families, as they are more commonly utilizing the public school system and have fewer options/choices than native-born Americans or higher-income residents.*
- *Keep wit & wisdom! More field trip opportunities, smaller class sizes, perhaps more smaller schools. Listen to teachers and school employees. They know what the kids need and have big ideas.*
- *Stop these private charter schools like Goddard invest more in metro schools, provide teachers with minimum of \$90k starting salaries, require these major corporations to adopt schools so that all schools have a corporate partner*
- *All children have breakfast and lunch provided*
- *Make public schools cool again.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Build a light rail system. I would be happy to lose a lane for a year to add mass transit that will improve things for decades*
- *The main focus here needs to be city-wide. It can't be enough to move people to and from downtown or the airport.*
- *Any plan should include all areas of the city not just downtown. Focus on areas and Nashvillians that will actually use and need the transportation, i.e., Nolensville Pike, Gallatin Pike, etc. Do not focus on tourists using it.*
- *Build Park-N-Ride areas so people can park their cars and take the bus/train to work and eliminate transfers [...]*
- *Finish the greenway system and find ways to connect it to more neighborhoods. The greenways can be an important piece of our transportation puzzle.*
- *We need to make the city more walkable before even considering public transportation. Add sidewalks, lights, and fix existing roads first. We need that foundation. One suggestion for a commenter train is to take advantage of the existing tracks.*
- *Whatever solutions we implement should be designed for everyone, not just commuters going to work and home - folks with disabilities, elderly folks, folks who are not fluent in English, teenagers, etc.*
- *We need to not only make infrastructure improvements, but also find ways to change hearts and minds about transportation options. Reduce the mindset that cars are the only viable method to get around especially among middle and higher income earners.*
- *Consider middle lanes be used for traffic flow (similar to Hermitage Ave and Robertson) with lights that are green in AM and red in PM, etc*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *The single most important thing is low crime. Fear keeps people inside and afraid to know their neighbors. When I see people enjoying the neighborhood, talking a walk, talking to strangers, kids playing outside day or night, this is a good place to live.*
- *Retail stores, quality education for all, community grocery stores, and law enforcement*
- *Without sidewalks or green spaces, you will never establish a "community". It will only ever be a people living in the same area. Green spaces [promote] interactions with your community members.*
- *Would love to see several playgrounds just for the disabled. Swings for those in wheelchairs, sensory walls with different types of shapes and textures [...]*
- *Community...knowing your neighbors*
- *Housing diversity, especially medium and high density housing, to provide more choices and variety in each neighborhood*
- *Some neighborhoods clearly matter more than others. I think all neighborhoods making an equal difference matter. I live in Antioch. I used to live in Green Hills. They should matter the same to the city.*

One Change

Comments

- *Build a light rail that connects the suburbs to the city center and common workplaces and event venues. This would help decongest the traffic.*
- *Saving the history of the music industry [for] life long residences such as myself. Having more events to share this information with tourists*
- *More security, security cameras and lighting in a very dark city, which is why crime has increased, more rules for its inhabitants, so that they can be better citizens, let's love the city with respect. (Translated form Spanish)*
- *Affordable housing. Better K-12 education for all students.*
- *That they would give a better salary and opportunities to have a home and above all that it would be a safe place without crime. (Translated from Spanish)*
- **BASIC SIDEWALKS FOR ALL DAVIDSON COUNTY RESIDENTS**
- *The police need to enforce the laws of this city. Unsafe driving, crime, officers' response time, youth crime, and police presence must be addressed. Citizens feel unsafe in their neighborhoods and rarely do I see police officers.*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *An education hub, improving education and cultural diversity with the support of international student programs in the city. Having professionals from abroad certifying their careers here in TN.*
- *A combination of making Nashville more connected, more creative and an realistically affordable place to live.*
- *A sustainability, green energy innovation leader in the south, if not the country.*
- *I think if we can focus on bringing people together and helping them feel like they are part of the community of Nashville then together we will be better able to help the city grow, develop and find solutions to problems.*
- *Invest more in poorer areas, like Antioch. It makes no sense that there are no sidewalks in an area highly reliant on buses and walkability, or that fast food restaurants are closing their doors in the most populated area in the state.*
- *Keeping some focus on the history of the city instead of allowing new investors to tear down everything that has been here. Repurposing buildings, maintaining some green space and encouraging architecture/infrastructure with beauty [...]*
- *Regional rail and subway system is needed*
- *Our kids are our priority and we are creating various pipelines to success through higher education, sustainable careers and/or entrepreneurship.*

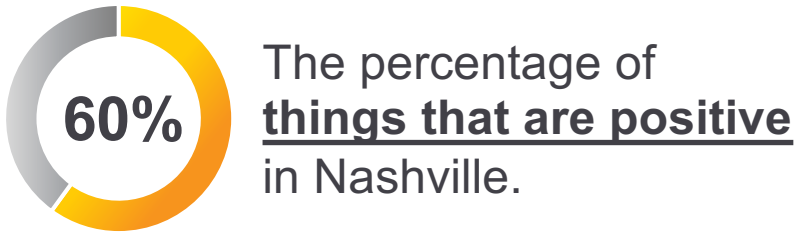
Youth

Comments

- *Fund mental health services! Increase access to this and support the organizations already doing this*
- *Community members taking an active interest in young people. Lots of green spaces and community gardens to reconnect youth to nature and healthy food opportunities.*
- *Our young people need structure in and out of school. They need community agencies with people who are able to engage with them after school and during the summer. These programs should be fully funded and in their communities.*
- *Technical training programs within high schools. Music and arts in every school. Pay our teachers a liveable wage!!*
- *To include them in the conversations that affect them.*
- *More and safer parks and green areas, sidewalks, community centers and youth activities*
- *Young people need more available opportunities for gathering safely together outside of school. These places should be available for young people from all walks of life and should be dispersed throughout the city for easy access.*
- *Family friendly policies, like paid parental leave, improved maternal healthcare, safety net programs that ensure access to critical care and basic needs for families [...]*

Subgroup: Woodbine/WeHo/Berry Hill (37204, 37210)

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 46% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 28% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc
- 27% Vibrant downtown, Music City venues, events, and activities
- 27% Lots of jobs/economic opportunity
- 25% Good outdoor rec., parks, and green spaces

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

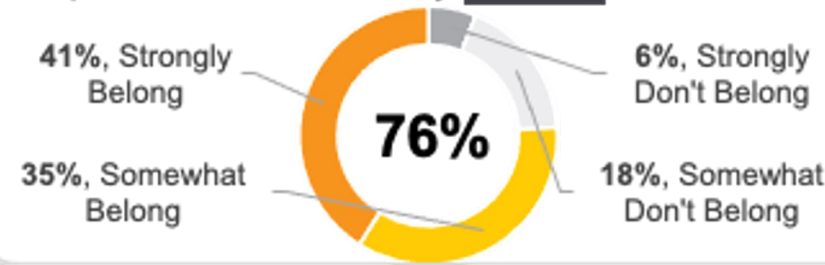
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The percent that feel they **Belong** in Nashville.



Growth Impact on Nashville

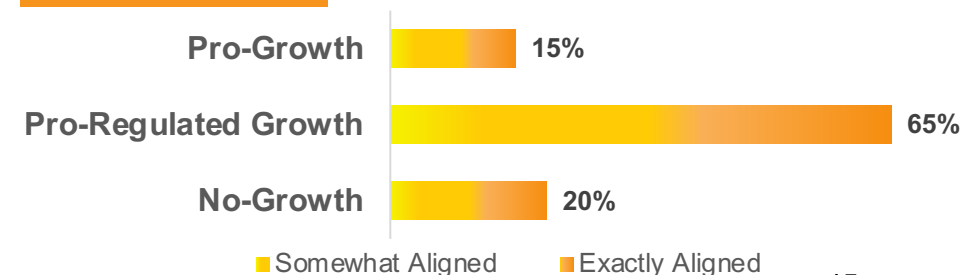


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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



Growth Orientation



Housing

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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

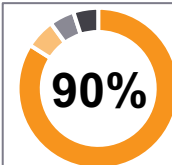
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Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

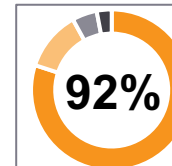
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Housing

Comments

- *For all homes built in an area (such as 1, 2 or 3 zip codes), build low-cost apartment buildings that house the same number of people in those same areas/zip codes, no matter where the houses are built (meaning, higher-income areas, too).*
- *Build dense housing along transit corridors*
- *If you lived in Nashville for 15+ years you automatically get a \$200-\$500 subsidy off of your rent. We need to keep locals here.*
- *Perhaps community-based jobs that are work/live— provide housing as a benefit of employment. Rent control, or some restrictions on how much landlords can increase rent year-by-year.*
- *Block out-of-town investors from buying up all of the houses and then increasing rent. In our current housing crisis when families are being displaced, I don't see why any large companies or investors should be allowed to own single-family homes.*
- *Build tiny home communities on city land that is vacant. Use these to allow families to get on their feet and eventually be able to buy their own home*
- *Either build subsidized housing for lower-middle income workers or require developers to include subsidized units in their developments for lower-middle income workers.*
- *Limit AirBnBs!*
- *Special considerations (tax breaks, credits) for certain lower paid professions to help them live in or closer to the communities they work in/serve - teachers, daycare workers, law enforcement, firefighters, restaurant workers, etc.*

Education

Comments

- *Focus on funding public schools, not charter schools or voucher programs*
- *Ensure that early childhood education and preschool is available to all students and families regardless of income. Provide more resources and services for low-income families and the schools that serve them.*
- *I am not an expert in education but know that teachers and staff deserve a higher pay. Public schools are most important and I want to live next to families with children who receive a good education regardless of income, social status, etc.*
- *Start early with early childhood learning opportunities; continue to offer and expand options for young adults to complete GED; and support access to skills training and/or jobs that include skills training via Career Centers. Continue to offer adult education.*
- *Rather than one one, huge school system trying to apply a one-size-fits-all approach to education, we need to break the school district into mini-districts. This would get decision-making closer to families, neighborhoods, etc.*
- *School Choice!!*
- *There just has to be a vision of making public education something to be proud of in Davidson county and Nashville - not something to settle for if you cannot afford private school*

Mobility

Comments

- *Dependable and frequent light rail that extends to neighborhoods within Davidson County and to surrounding counties. Give incentives for commuters to use rail.*
- *More frequent bus routes. More cross city routes.*
- *Light rail or a trolley connecting East Nashville/Germantown/North Nashville/Midtown/Airport would do so much to free up congestion from people visiting the city and allow residents to easily get around in the dense areas without a car.*
- *Bus only lanes, community engagement and education to help drivers become more educated on pedestrian and biker rights, more HAWK and ADA compliant crossings. A huge part of this problem is lack of community education, stigma around public transit, etc.*
- *Light rail ASAP*
- *We need more sidewalks...*
- *Our local car culture will need to see future mass transit options as 'cool', convenient, affordable and safe. Local, regional and state leaders need to get on board with a 20- to 50-year vision of investment and move forward with commitment of resources.*
- *Light rail or street cars to connect all major neighborhoods to downtown*
- *We need to solve the traffic mess that is BNA currently. A light rail to the city center or area offsite with rideshare and pickup would be ideal. Since a large majority of passengers are going downtown a rail to the city center would help alleviate traffic.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *A strong community association or neighborhood group.*
- *Community among neighbors - people who know [...] and support each other.*
- *It's wonderful when it's intergenerational and full of trees [...]*
- *LOCALLY owned small retail and restaurants*
- *Diverse neighbors ...economic, political, racial and age*
- *Along with the bikeability/walkability I would add controlling traffic speed.*
- *Safe spaces for families, sidewalks, well lit, green spaces*
- *Walkability and bike ability*
- *Medium-level density. Houses close together without being too densely packed.*
- *Having everything you need for day to day to living in one neighborhood, so you don't have to drive between neighborhood.*
- *Block parties. I grew up in the 12 South area and we all knew our neighbors because of the 12 South block parties on Montrose Ave. I miss the days of community engagement [...]*
- *Safety for everyone. Police present, good lighting, parks / green spaces, etc.*
- *More murals, support our nonprofit arts organizations and arts ecosystem.*
- *Affordable housing*

One Change

Comments

- *Housing that is affordable for people who rent, especially options for people who are currently unhoused, people who have past felonies, and working class folks who aren't able to afford luxury or current market prices.*
- *Save local businesses. There is zero help in saving small businesses. There is no rent control. There is no community effort. We all feel hopeless in my hometown. I was born and raised in Nashville and I feel like we are being forced out.*
- *A robust, safe, and affordable public transportation system*
- *Allow the people who have lived and loved Nashville for their entire lives to have access to affordable housing/cost of living raises. It is incredibly disheartening that as a native Nashvillian I do not know if or when I will ever be able to afford a home*
- *Connect all the greenways and make sure every street in Davidson County has a sidewalk.*
- *More support and understanding from the state government about what makes Nashville such a great place to live instead of seeing it as "the enemy" that must be put in its place. Nashville's success is Tennessee's success!*
- *Seriously need to improve the public school system to make it attractive to those who can afford private schools. There are two systems currently - the haves and have-nots - private and public.*

Big Ideas

Comments

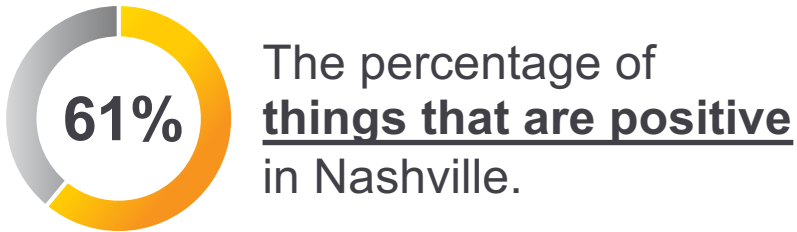
- *Creation of Department of Creative Industries - arts, entertainment, culture built as a economic development engine rather than how we treat it now. Not fluff, but the glue and community identity.*
- *Be sure to include additional services for the elderly, 60+ population, as the percentage of this population increases, not just here, but throughout the U.S. This includes resources for healthy living/accessibility to basic needs.*
- *TRANSIT PLEASE. WE'RE BEGGING.*
- *Make sure that residents can benefit from the tourism and entertainment sector in our city, even if they can't pay the exorbitant prices that tourists do. I'm thinking resident discounts to any and all city-supported activities or venues.*
- *Why not become the center for the best public education model in the USA or world? Partner with colleges, foundations, high profile businesses (Amazon, Oracle) and government to envision and create the K-12 schools of the future?*
- *Nashville growing into a city that is more environmentally responsible. LOADS of recycling receptacles everywhere, more places to charge your electric vehicle, more protected bike lanes and completely connected greenway system.*
- *More mixed use zoning in neighborhoods. Allow small groceries, pharmacies, cafes, etc. mixed in with residential. Higher density.*

Youth

Comments

- *Encourage a vibrant culture of paid high school internships among both public and private sectors.*
- *More advanced academics More guidance counselors enabling each to work with a small enough number of students that each child and their family is known. With all the colleges & universities we have in Nashville, we should have the best teacher training*
- *Quality parks/outdoor recreation. Accessible public transportation and safe bike routes. Safe neighborhoods and affordable housing. Mentorship programs.*
- *Better childcare options, especially on days where schools are closed and parents are still working*
- *The library system is already great. Good job! Safety, safety, safety.*
- *Better and more appealing programming for kids at community centers and/or libraries. Publicly funded STEM labs for kids. On the job training opportunities as part of their education in high school.*

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 43% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 35% Rich diversity of people and cultures
- 32% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 31% High quality healthcare and hospitals
- 30% Good outdoor rec., parks, and green spaces

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

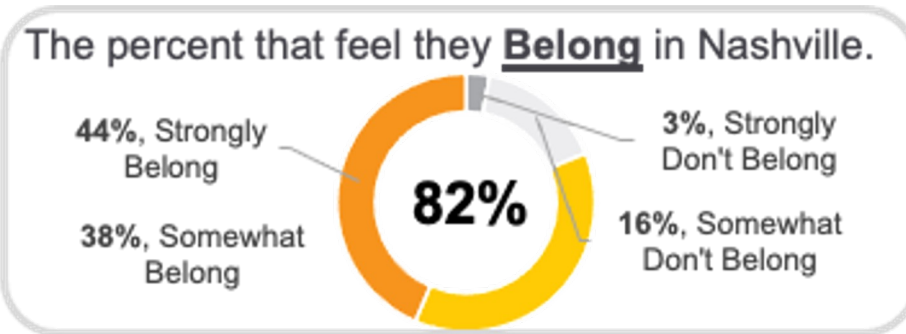
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- 54% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
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- 37% Lack of public transportation
- 36% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 27% Increased crime/neighborhoods are less safe

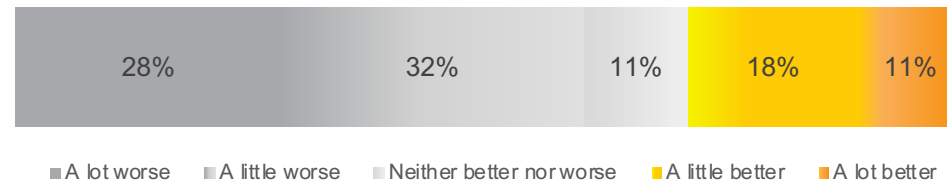
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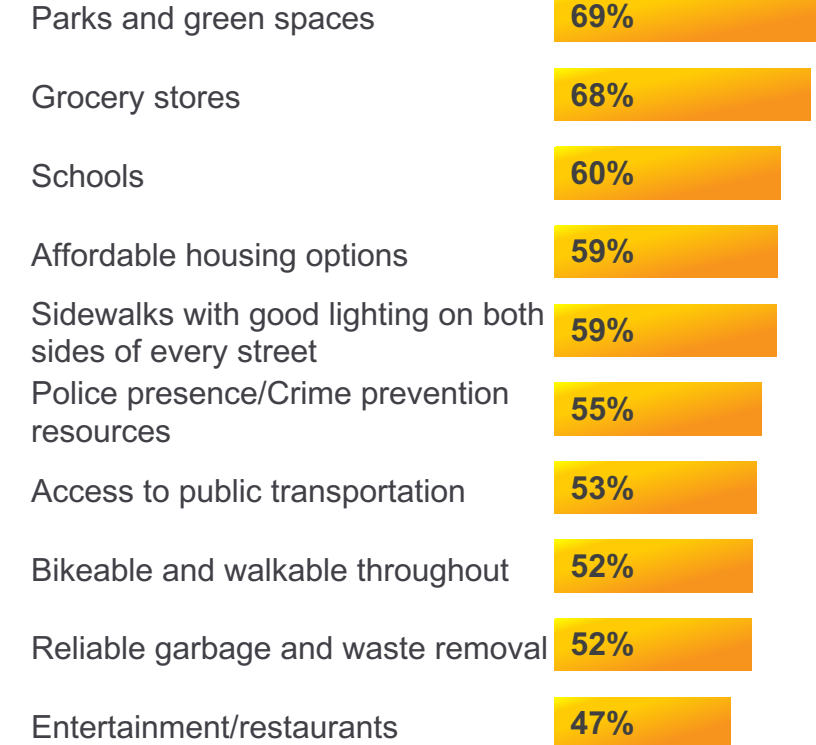


Growth Impact on Nashville

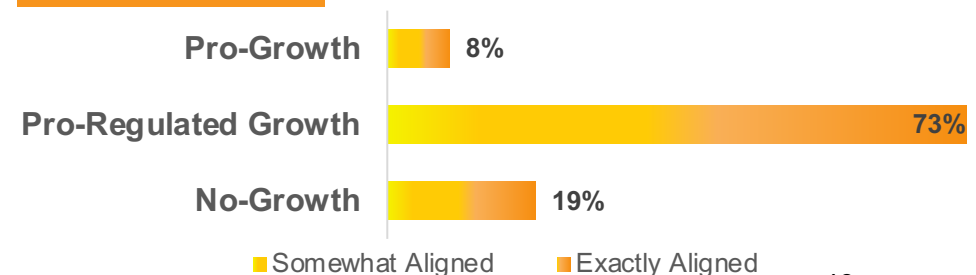


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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

- 54% 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% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 39% 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.)
- 20% Eliminate homelessness

Affordability Priorities Importance

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

- 8.2 Increase affordable housing requirements and incentives for developers to make sure they generate more affordable housing options
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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

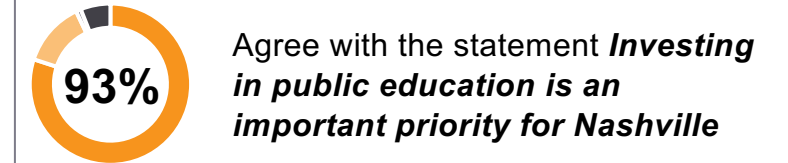
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- 61% Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 48% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 47% Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 32% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 13% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities Importance

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- 9.2 Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
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- 8.3 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
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- 6.9 Increase the schooling choice and options available to parents to make sure their child gets the best education



Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

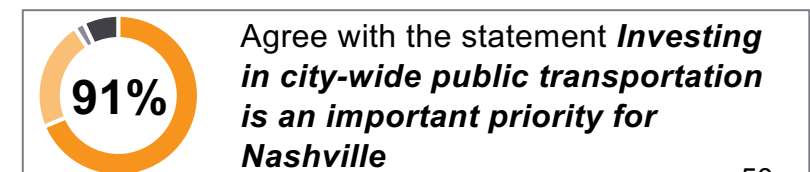
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)
- 50% 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
- 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

- 8.9 Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
- 8.8 Reduce traffic congestion
- 8.3 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.)
- 7.7 Promote flexible and remote work schedules to reduce the need and impact of commuting
- 7.3 Construct new street and highway improvements to better connect parts of the city



Housing

Comments

- *Address leftover issues unresolved from redlining, balance educational systems to keep the best schools from only being in high income areas, build high density housing options.*
- *Implement rent caps. Penalize landlords who price gouge and force people out of their homes. Create laws to protect tenants. Support renter's unions. No more than 5% rent increases per year.*
- *Regulate Airbnb ownership across the city, make it harder for people to rent out multiple properties.*
- *There are already a lot of places to live, but people are priced out of them. There should be steep taxes on units that are left to sit empty.*
- *Rent control and more programs to help the elderly/poorer folk with mortgages & property taxes.*
- *I'd like to see more housing developments like the one with mixed use/mixed income.*
- *It's important to build affordable units and address homelessness, but the city needs to put more emphasis on the keeping the housed in their homes.*
- *Look at the number of Metro owned properties that could be converted to affordable housing.*
- *While I recognize our housing shortage requires new development, I also feel strongly about preserving the old homes and buildings of Nashville.*
- *Stop demolishing older single-family residences and replacing them with multi unit buildings.*
- *Implement programs that incentivize long-time residents to buy at a cheaper price and lower interest rate. Even if it's based on a waiting list. Cut out the Airbnb homes and turn them into homes for long time residents.*

Education

Comments

- *Increasing after school programs and community centers throughout the city for low-income families*
- *I would like to see every school have the tools for success so that neighborhood schools can meet children's needs. I think neighborhood schools are the backbone for a sense of belonging and community for students.*
- *Focus on strengthening community schools. All schools need city bus stops. The city should fund attendance clerks for ALL schools, Youth Service Centers for ALL schools and at least one full time therapist and one full time social worker (at least)*
- *Improving education is about more than funding MNPS. Students often don't come to school ready to learn--they need safe, stable homes with financial and food security, parents who aren't stretched too thin to be active participants*
- *Work to counteract redlining by redrawing more economically and racially diverse districts. Choice for all or choice for none (i.e. we won't see equitable education until the rich kids share the classroom with the poor kids instead of going to private)*
- *Continue investing in making all school trauma-informed and trauma-responsive*
- *Partnerships with Nashville universities and MT. Student teachers. Opportunities to complete a trade school degree, such as being an electrician, plumber, aesthetician, practical nurse, or welder, during high school.*
- *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.*
- *There are so many great schools in Nashville. I think a task force should study the top MNPS, public charter, magnet, and private schools. Find consistent best practices that can then be taken to ALL schools, and have a team of people own that implementation*

Mobility

Comments

- *Build a transportation carrier like a railway service to provide transportation from outlying areas such as Smyrna, Goodlettsville, Donelson to downtown for Predator and Titan games and people working downtown.*
- *Invest in light rails in the city and trains that connect major hubs to downtown (i.e. Cool Springs/Franklin to Nashville, Mount Juliet to Nashville). Increase walkability and improve bike paths and channeled bike lanes.*
- *It should not be up to Davidson county to solely invest in the transportation issues of the entire Middle Tennessee region. The surrounding counties must participate both in design and in funding.*
- *Commuter trains. Better interstates. Widen main roads. Think ahead about the impact new development will have on road infrastructure.*
- *Connect the airport to downtown*
- *I believe that more buses, more bus routes and better bus stops would go a long way.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Building a knowledge of who lives around you and developing positive relationships. My street is wonderful this way all different ages and we hang out together finding common bonds and being available for each other.*
- *Transportation for ALL that would cross county lines into other surrounding counties.*
- *Community gatherings, free events where neighbors can meet neighbors*
- *Making Nashville affordable for the locals is very important so we can encourage others that Nashville is a great city to live and thrive in.*
- *Cutting crime. I've lived here my whole life and the crime scares me. I'm afraid to walk in the neighborhood.*
- *Walkability is at the top for me! Would love to walk to my grocery store on a sidewalk with lights*
- *When there are local businesses such as cafes and small markets open in my neighborhood, it's a sign that your neighborhood is safe and encourages a walkability and local business support.*
- *Safe from crime - police presence*
- *Mental health services, community services, neighborhood watch and planning.*
- *Sense of community and high level of civic engagement*

One Change

Comments

- *Definitely better public transportation and making the city more walking friendly. We need bigger sidewalks, more crossroads, and safer areas for people to walk.*
- *Residents of 30+ years would be eligible for affordable home ownership programs.*
- *Create conscious growth that stays at a manageable pace to stabilize the local economy.*
- *I would love to see more light being shined on the Kurdish community. Kurdish people make up a large part of Nashville's civilians, students, educators, doctors, business owners, etc.*
- *A regional public transportation plan that includes cooperative efforts with surrounding counties.*
- *Better balance between positive aspects of city growth and opportunities and it's negative impact on the community, infrastructure, traffic, and crime.*
- *I would invest in affordable housing so that people who work here could live here!*
- *Metro would focus more commitment on environmental and sustainability concerns.*
- *Stop growing so fast. City cannot manage it.*

Big Ideas

Comments

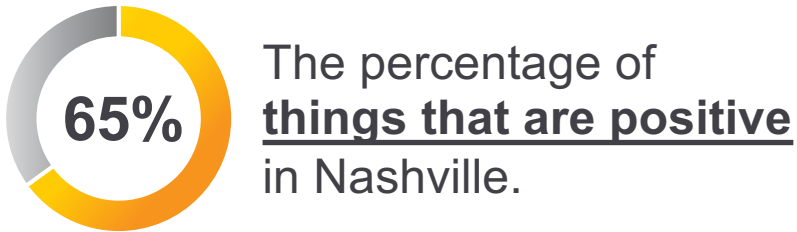
- *[...] I think climate change cannot be overlooked as you imagine Nashville's future. I'd like to see a lot more action-oriented discussion on this at the local level.*
- *As a senior citizen living in Nashville I feel invisible and under appreciated. Hopefully some initiatives will come about that would put more focus and finances towards our well being instead of making us feel like we are disposable.*
- *Historic preservation, interpretation, and celebration, especially our vanishing african american neighborhoods. Celebration and elevation of our visual arts community. Supporting our world class, but underfunded HBCUs*
- *Consider making bus fares free or much cheaper to increase demand/usage.*
- *I am born and raised in Nashville. New Nashville seems fun— but so many of us don't have access to this new/fun/consumer based town that's been created without our input.*
- *I'd like to see Nashville be a model for accessibility and acceptance.*
- *Long range plan for trash & recycling. Nashville lags behind other major cities.*
- *Don't neglect arts, music and entertainment investments. The downtown riverfront and local outdoors areas and lakes are unique resources that could contribute more value to the community.*

Youth

Comments

- *More after school activities through the library and community centers would help.*
- *Public transportation that is safe, parks that are accessible, programs where kids can safely socialize without steep costs.*
- *Creating more recreational activities for low to middle income people who cannot afford the fees associated with league sports.*
- *Expand library hours, lending opportunities that bridge the electronic divide. Subsidies for Internet access to low income households. Affordable healthcare, ability for parents to take sick days. Greater funding for arts programs.*
- *Invest in safe "third spaces" young people can gather outside of their homes and schools (I.e., community centers, libraries, parks, local cafes).*
- *They need to have voice- we loved Mayor Dean's Youth Council.*
- *More parks with playgrounds in safe areas. More daycare options for working parents. Accessibility/affordability of extracurricular activities (e.g., sports, clubs, etc.)*
- *Vocational and technical programming, internship and apprenticeship opportunities within and outside of school Parenting courses for persons with children Arenas for children to be involved in volunteering, community engagement, and civics*

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

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- 24% Being a welcoming, accepting place

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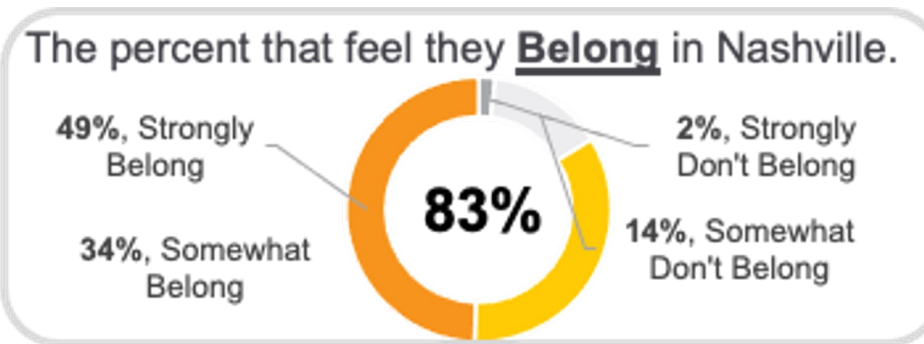
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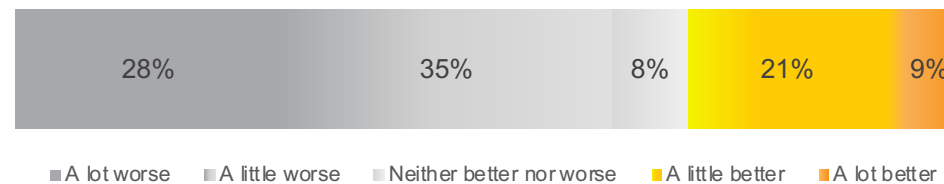
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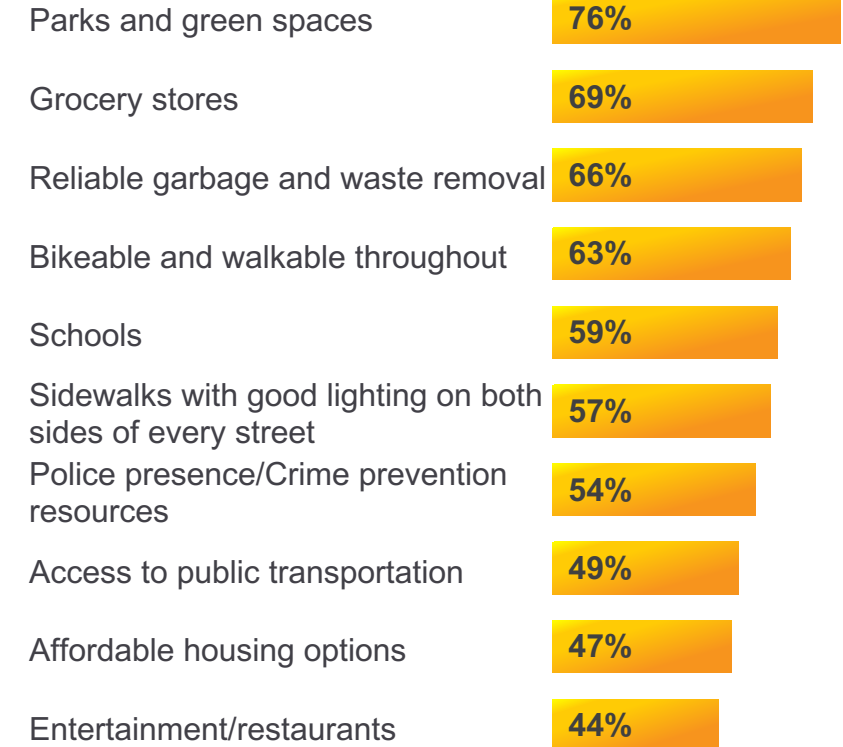


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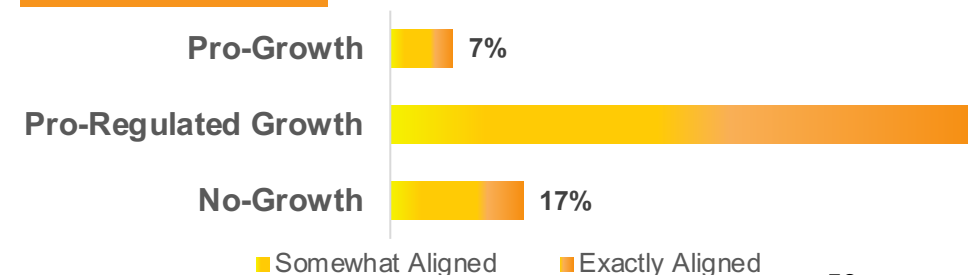


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Growth Orientation



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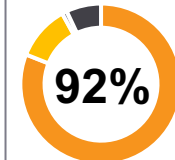
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Mobility

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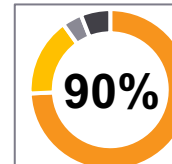
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Agree with the statement **Investing in city-wide public transportation is an important priority for Nashville**

Housing

Comments

- *Developers should be forced to include 25% of housing they build should be affordable*
- *Be willing to bend/amend zoning rules that are outdated or that fail to serve the current residential situations/needs. Uphold strict zoning/building standards for new development/construction. Prioritize local builders/developers*
- *Decriminalize homelessness. Focus on subsidized restoration of older homes to preserve housing stock, not just development of new housing. Intensive focus on more affordable rental units.*
- *Address the "Missing Middle" housing shortage by up-zoning for gentle density (duplexes, fourplexes) in neighborhoods. 40% of the land in Davidson County being zoned for single and two-family development is unsustainable.*
- *More thoughtful zoning allowing a range of housing from single family to multi family in the same neighborhood. Restrictions or disincentives for building or investing in additional non-owner occupied short term rental properties.*
- *Reform zoning to allow for incremental densification in what are now single family zoned neighborhoods.*
- *A full and comprehensive municipal survey of public land that could be employed for affordable housing partnerships across city departments.*
- *Increase density along main arteries where public transportation already exists first.*
- *Offer property tax discounts if you are in certain fields like teaching, police, fire, etc as that would make it more affordable for some to live/stay*

Education

Comments

- *Increase teacher pay. Add more social workers into the schools. Create a public school system that supports teachers and school staff. Ensure that all schools are equitable*
- *Develop more schools, smaller schools, and smaller classrooms. Children need to be known and have some individual attention. More parental involvement must happen. And children need to go to school in their neighborhoods so their parents can be involved.*
- *No vouchers and charter schools.*
- *Early childhood literacy support, ensuring parents and caregivers have the tools and information they need to be able to read to their children. A portion of this is also increasing access and availability for early childhood childcare.*
- *Reduce financial barriers to higher education, whether academic or vocational, particularly for racial/ethnic minorities. Promote cooperative relationships among colleges/universities, vocational training programs, and public schools to help young students.*
- *Develop non-college degree programs, especially trade programs, to train kids for well-paying jobs that do not require a college education.*
- *I think we need MUCH lower teacher-student ratios so that teachers can work with a small group of students and get to know their individual needs. Teachers should have connections to all the available social services.*
- *More charter schools*
- *Teachers need to be paid more, provided resources and support that is needed*
- *I believe the nashville public school system is too big to be managed in the way in which it is presently being managed. I would suggest it being divided up in the boroughs with regional managers, general managers over seeing each region and individual school.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Building a light rail system should absolutely be the priority. I understand it will take a lot of time and money, but it is a complete necessity. For this to be successful, it must have broad reach to connect people to where they need to go.*
- *Connecting sidewalks, bike lanes that don't make car traffic worse, handicap accessible crosswalks*
- *Given the number of visitors we have coming to Nashville, I think it's important to get light rail from the airport to downtown.*
- *Nashville needs to completely reimagine a city built around people rather than around cars. Prioritize public transportation and pedestrian/bicyclist safety.*
- *Require all new developments to include sidewalks with no exceptions*
- *Incentivize public transportation. Make driving unappealing. Build out environmental awareness. Invest in regional transportation and make it affordable.*
- *This is the "I am a magician" dream: A SUPER CIRCLE - Construct a circular tunnel under the city, of a diameter of 5 or 6 miles, that connects with up and down ramps to each of the I-24s, I-65s, I-40s, and Ellington Parkway*
- *Focus on 15-minute city planning so people don't need to go far each day*
- *More connectivity using greenways and bikeways to make it easier to get from one place to another without getting in a car. Also light rail along I-24 between Nashville and Murfreesboro.*
- *More frequent bus service More routes Make it easier to get around by bus without having first to go downtown*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *A strong and connected neighborhood association that organizes neighborhood activities and meetings so that you get to know and become friends with your neighbors and have a real sense of shared community.*
- *Excellent public schools with transportation for ALL children*
- *Stop tearing down beautiful homes and replacing them with tall and skinny.*
- *Varied living situations so people of different economic situations can live close together and get to know each other.*
- *Sidewalks/multimodal connectivity/walkability/bikeability/safety features (e.g. good lighting)*
- *Safety - strong police presence and good police / neighborhood relations*
- *Community and culture are very important. Gentrification in Nashville is on the rise and preserving historic neighborhoods and their families should be a priority.*
- *Ideally everywhere you go regularly would be within a 15-minute, safe walk or ride on public transit.*
- *Better communication among city council members, mayor and the public.*
- *Community events and things that are easily accessible. Playgrounds, green spaces, farmers markets, coffee shops.*

One Change

Comments

- *More affordable housing for low income and middle-income people*
- *Affordable, efficient public transportation that covers the whole county and runs every 15 minutes*
- *Prioritization of local businesses and consumers over franchises and tourism.*
- *I would add art exhibits that were free to go to. More areas to walk that are free and calming. I would ensure that people could afford to live in the city*
- *It would be wonderful if we had more sidewalks for people who have to walk or wait for a bus. More bus routes in West Nashville near Cheekwood. I'd have to drive to a place to catch the bus to work and there are no sidewalks*
- *More affordable housing so hourly workers & low-income families can live in the city core and/or desirable, safe neighborhoods.*
- *More family-friendly options.*
- *More inclusive community decision making about how our city functions, looks, feels and engages rather than highest corporate bid takes all.*
- *A shift in focus. To shift from catering to tourist to truly caring about what benefits folks who live in Davidson County.*
- *SIDEWALKS!! In all neighborhoods!*

Big Ideas

Comments

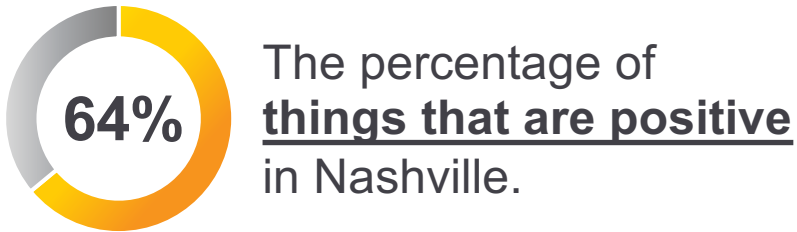
- *Public transport; increase neighborhood walk ability to shops/restaurants/grocery stores; cap rent increases/rent control; limit landlords; promote/incentivize work from home for corporations*
- *Realize that each neighborhood may have different priorities and desires. For our neighborhood, public transportation, access to downtown is NOT an important consideration. We want safe areas where children can go to school & play in their yard*
- *Nashville needs to be an example of The Beloved Community. We have the resources to do it. We just need to prioritize people over politics, greed, and a quest for notoriety. We don't have to be a slick city - we need to be a loving city.*
- *Leveraging the power and knowledge in our universities to optimize systems in the city. For example, Vanderbilt has the strongest education college in the country so the presence of subpar K-12 education in the city is an embarrassment*
- *Tourism based on recreation - I see it in Chattanooga; Asheville & Charlotte, NC, Richmond VA - it is promotion of outdoor sports, parks and activities as a draw for tourists.*
- *Something Nashville needs to start focus on is improving and upgrading its infrastructure - e.g. storm water drainage, safe and adequate water supply, etc.*

Youth

Comments

- *Common sense gun reform has to happen to make kids safer in all settings- not just schools!*
- *A city that welcomes them everywhere. A city that loves children, not corporate growth. Well lit, well cared-for Playground and green spaces all over our neighborhood hubs. Gathering spaces for families. Funding for local efforts at community engagement.*
- *Community centers that have facilities for food, tutoring, and laundry and increasing mental health supports for families*
- *Include children in participatory community planning - kids inherit the future, and should have a say in how they want their community to evolve*
- *Schools should be open beyond school hours through partnerships with nonprofits, arts organizations, and the recreation department to provide multi generational programming that engages youth, provides family programming, and creates a gathering place*
- *Safe ways to get around and between neighborhoods (sidewalks and transit!)*
- *Job training Strengthen opportunities within mayor's summer youth job program.*

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

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- 30% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 27% Vibrant downtown, Music City venues, events, and activities
- 23% Lots of jobs/economic opportunity

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

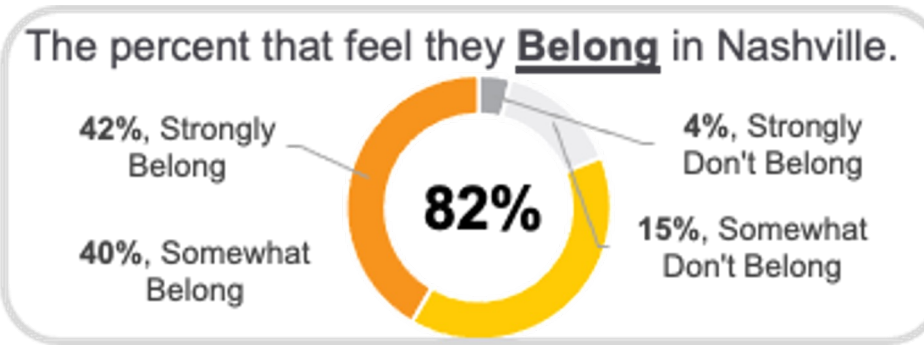
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- 40% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 39% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 35% Lack of public transportation
- 34% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 33% High cost of living

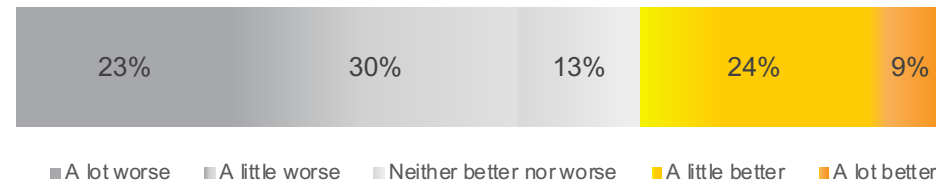
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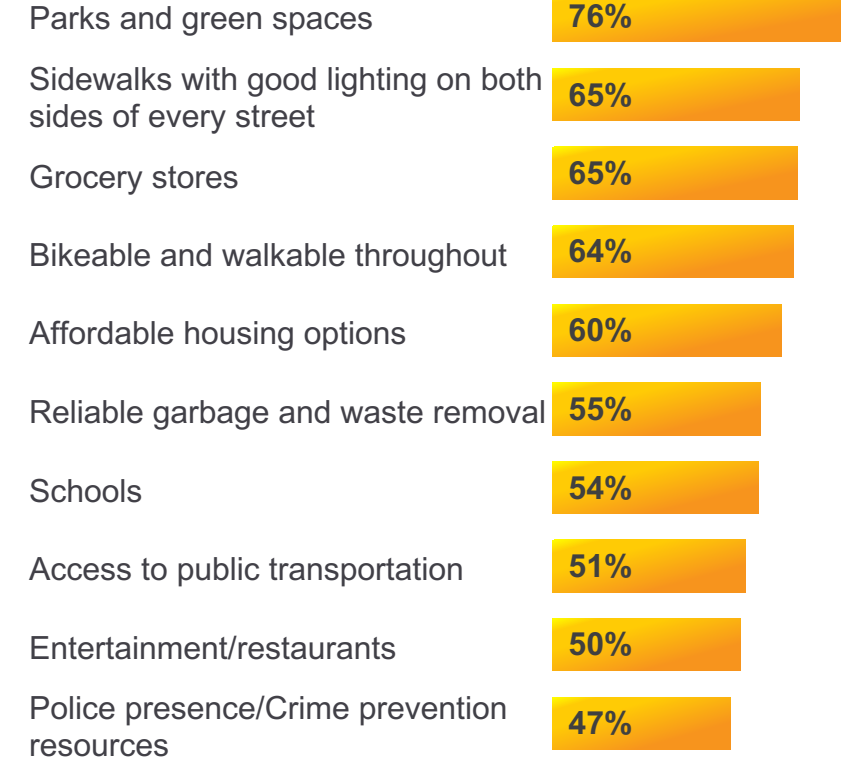


Growth Impact on Nashville

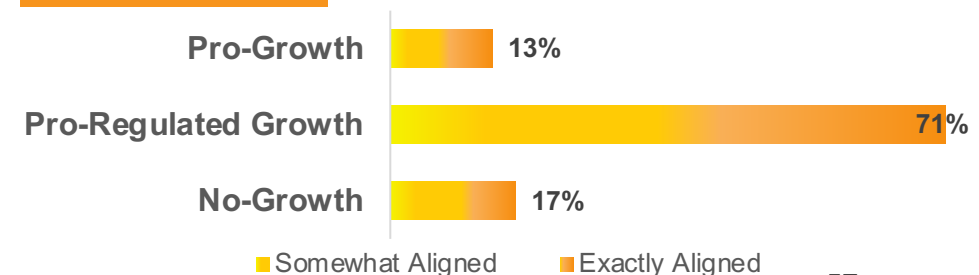


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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

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- 49%** 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.)
- 39% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
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Affordability Priorities Importance

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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

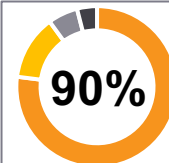
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Agree with the statement **Investing in public education is an important priority for Nashville**

Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

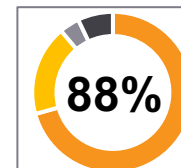
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- 77%** Make it easier to get around Nashville—to and from downtown and from one place to another in the region (connecting different parts of the City and Downtown better)
- 54%** Ensure everyone has good access to downtown and the important parts of the region—make transportation options equally accessible to all across Nashville/Davidson Co.
- 39% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live
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Mobility Priorities Importance

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- 8.8** Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
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Housing

Comments

- *In Chicago, many neighborhoods have a mixed use building with a library or community center on the first floor, higher income near the top of the building, midrange and lower income families living together. Maybe it's rent controlled.*
- *Do not allow developers to compete with everyday people when buying homes. Make them compete with each other. Provide economic incentives for those that are willing to build affordable housing*
- *Find ways to keep property taxes as low as possible. My rent was increased due to the recent increase in property taxes.*
- *Rent control. Empower rent unions. Make housing a universal right. Eliminate homelessness. Limit influx of people moving by prioritizing natives for housing. Eliminate gentrification.*
- *Increase density across the whole city. Incentivize duplex, triplex, quadplex building and the building of smaller starter homes instead of only massive single family homes built to the edges of the lot.*
- *This is more of community character than affordability, but instead of knocking down historic neighborhoods and homes in Nashville, make more efforts to partner with contractors that will restore homes / neighborhoods instead of replacing them*
- *Figure things out with the state so we can charge developer's impact fees.*
- *Make changes to help potential homebuyers not be overrun by corporations and investors buying property and outbidding everyone*
- *Make mixed-income housing the new normal in zoning and planning*

Education

Comments

- *Far greater compensation for public school educators. Including , pay, better benefits, access to up-to-date facilities and resources as well as after care programs.*
- *As a teacher in MNPS, I feel like more funding has to go into elementary schools.*
- *Funding; better align high school curriculum with career exploration, certification, and college funding.*
- *Reduce ratio of students to teachers. Smaller class sizes.*
- *Do NOT pay for charter schools with public school money. Instead, improve all public schools.*
- *I'm a teacher. I graduated from an MNPS high school and have lived in Nashville my whole life. After taxes, I bring home 33,000 a year. I can barely afford to live in Nashville. I need more support from parents too.*
- *Reading! Reading! Reading!*
- *Prioritize having a good public school/school system in every neighborhood that everyone in the neighborhood would send their kids if they have them, and for the school to be the anchor of the neighborhood.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Make more direct routes to popular destinations instead of sending most through downtown terminal!*
- *Busses should be more reliable. When I used them frequently they were almost always late. Add more stops around the city.*
- *For shorter commutes (0-5miles): Expand the greenway system to include a larger range of places that are accessible by bike. Love the McCabe greenway because it connects people in those neighborhoods to dining and shopping in Sylvan Park and White Bridge.*
- *Make initiatives for EVERYONE to want to use public transit! There's an attitude I feel that only impoverished people use public transit and that it is unsafe - if that attitude was changed, it would help increase support to put money into public transit*
- *Rail is the most common since for of mass transit, It can move much higher numbers of people in small spaces and has dedicated lines taking people off the roads reducing traffic at the same time.*
- *Accessible rail that is efficient, reliable and affordable.*
- *Create park and ride options for people who live in other counties, but drive into Davidson County for work - this way they can drive to the county line, park and take public transit into the county/city and keep extra vehicles off the road.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *A lot of these questions point to physical things, but the most important ingredient is a culture of acceptance, tolerance, community and belonging. The 'big' question in my mind, is how do you preserve/enhance those feelings*
- *For Nashville to be safer. More police. Less traffic cut through of neighborhoods. Safer neighborhoods. More tree planting to keep Nashville green.*
- *Safe and walkable with traffic/speed control. I want to feel safe with my kids/stroller - even if there's a sidewalk*
- *Neighborhood Associations, less short-term rentals so that there is a sense of community among residents.*
- *Water, better waste management systems that offer composting, recycling, and ways to generate energy from waste.*
- *Employment opportunities with livable wages. Social programs with resources for low-income families.*
- *A strong sense of community - you know your neighbor and if someone is in trouble, the community rallies to help them.*
- *Walkability and safety*

One Change

Comments

- *Fund a comprehensive public transit system with a commuter rail, while increasing the value of pedestrian and cyclists throughout the entire city.*
- *I would host a big community get together with all of the churches, nonprofits and private corps, political figures and public to come and see what type of things can be discuss. Maybe on the Titan field.*
- *More affordable housing, so that people who work here can afford to live here.*
- *City planning that prioritizes the needs of residents over corporations*
- *A successful, progressive working plan for the homeless population.*
- *Better relationship with the state*
- *More walkable, mixed-use zoned neighborhoods, connected via excellent public transit*
- *Nashville is an artist's hub, but we've outpriced most artists who want to live and work here. More housing that's affordable and other important social systems that can help people live and thrive in Nashville.*
- *A clear vision for the city's growth. Growth for growth's sake isn't strategic nor ideal for long term growth. Our high housing costs and moderate to flat growth in "high paying" jobs are the results of growth without a strategy.*

Big Ideas

Comments

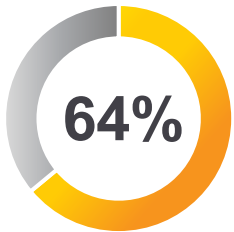
- *Invest in making Nashville an environmentally green city through investment in renewable energy through a decentralized system where individual homes and buildings have localized means of energy generation that can feed to the larger grid.*
- *Community owned and operated coop grocery stores, dedicated funding for transit and bike/pedestrian infrastructure, increased community gardens, ebike rebate, an activated river, including river travel as a commuting option*
- *More cohesive planning of developments. Too much of the development projects take a very myopic view-only looking at their single project-vs looking at a more strategic planning process.*
- *Become a nationwide leader in creative solutions to issues of transportation, connectivity, and housing.*

Youth

Comments

- *Listen to young people about their needs and desires. Include their input and voices into what that need to succeed. Provide mentors and positive role models. Expose students to the many positive possibilities for a future*
- *Safer neighborhoods, more community based activities for kids, stronger gun control*
- *Access to after school programs (beyond just sports). Safe, walkable neighborhoods.*
- *More student participation in civic programs like mayoral council positions*
- *Have places for them to experience nature, grow food, make energy, help build shelter, take care of others, and meet people of all sorts who can help them discover and understand the world and their place in in it.*
- *The summer employment program from a few years ago was an excellent option for all kids.*
- *We need to teach young people financial literacy. Maybe a learning hub for young people interested in business/entrepreneurship?*

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



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

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- 25% Rich diversity of people and cultures

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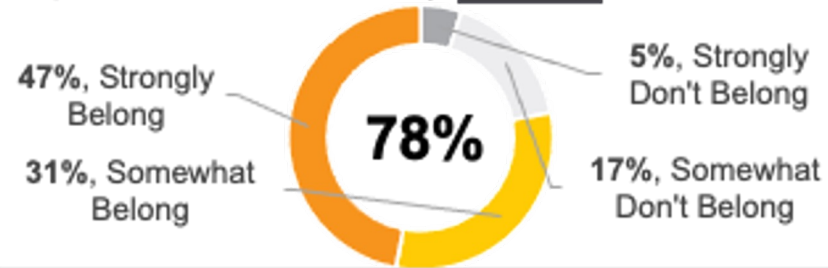
- 46% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
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- 36% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
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10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

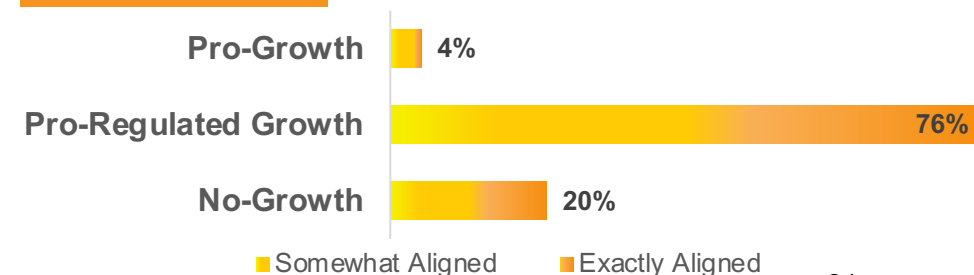
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features

Parks and green spaces	72%
Grocery stores	69%
Sidewalks with good lighting on both sides of every street	58%
Affordable housing options	57%
Police presence/Crime prevention resources	57%
Schools	56%
Library	49%
Bikeable and walkable throughout	47%
Fire stations	46%
Access to public transportation	46%

Growth Impact on Nashville



Growth Orientation



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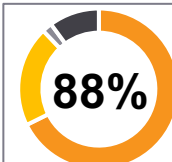
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Mobility

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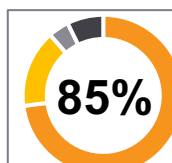
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 73%** 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)
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Housing

Comments

- *Rent control. Limiting the production of "luxury apartments". More accountability for landlords to keep up with occupied properties*
- *Build more affordable housing. Lower property taxes and manage interest rates. Continue to expand the city outward, not upward.*
- *More high-density options for people to purchase their homes rather than rent.*
- *Pay the teachers, police, firefighters, nurses etc more-the average blue collar workers are being pushed out because cost of living raises and pay increases do not allow us to maintain leaving in our own city.*
- *Put caps on rent and don't allow landlords to collude with one another or own too much property in one particular area as to not have too much power with their pricing.*
- *Allow duplexes and quadplexes to be built anywhere single-family homes are currently allowed.*
- *Make it a priority to increase funding for the Barnes Affordable Housing Fund.*
- *Make sure that affordable housing is connected to affordable public transportation.*
- *Zoning which requires a certain amount of land to be used for affordable housing, prioritizing areas where public transportation is available. Developers are building as many giant houses as they can on parcels near the city*
- *More affordable multi family housing complexes*

Education

Comments

- *Fund public schools. Accept the federal money from the government.*
- *Language immersion options, starting at the elementary school level*
- *Please spend money on forgotten schools. Every child deserves to have a high quality public school education, regardless of their race, class and location.*
- *Better pay for public school teachers and preschool educators!*
- *Pay teachers more, get rid of vouchers. Invest in public education and stop giving benefits to private schools. No more charter schools - invest in real public K-12 education.*
- *Vouchers for all students to go to school their parents choose.*
- *Education should be the # priority for Nashville. Health, crime prevention, civic engagement...it all stems from a quality education*
- *All children should have access to safe spaces where they can gain an education. We need to invest in our citizens' success through basic education. And, we need to invest in the teachers.*

Mobility

Comments

- *More parking hubs, e.g. as in Bellevue, to increase bus, light rail use to city areas and downtown. This would help cut congestion.*
- *Shift existing rail now used for commercial purposes to commuter and residential use.*
- *Above ground or elevated train system. Put hubs in the various neighborhoods and suburbs (Donelson, Bellevue, Hermitage, Antioch, Downtown, Smyrna, Kingston, Murfreesboro, Hendersonville, Galatin...)*
- *We need transportation options that are not just for downtown, but connect downtown to itself and other areas of the Greater Nashville area. This includes connecting to the airport, and connecting to the immediate suburbs like Bellevue, Brentwood, Antioch*
- *More greenways, protected bike paths*
- *Mix of high quality public transportation with a focus on residents being close to where they shop and work*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Places, occasions, and opportunities to come together and get to know each other, e.g. parks, festivals, etc.*
- *A sense of community where you have good relationships with your neighbors and support one another.*
- *Diversity of culture, race, age, and income levels*
- *Every public school should be a quality, desirable school.*
- *Sidewalks at least on one side of the street with street lights. I am paying for our street light in our neighborhood because we do not have one*
- *Good communication between elected politicians and residents*
- *A walkable community.*
- *All Davidson County residents should have free garbage pickup and curb pick up for recycles. I pay for mine whereas people closer to the "city" get it for free.*
- *Recycling center being close by is essential for my family. We drop off on a weekly basis.*
- *Great neighborhoods should be safe, including climate resilient.*

One Change

Comments

- *A safe, modern citywide and regional train system.*
- *More effort to preserve the true history and field of what has made Nashville, Nashville. Although not born and raised in Nashville, I have lived here since 1975. I respect growth is inevitable, but our growth has felt almost like a disregard to native Nashvillians*
- *Bike lanes with physical barriers down arterial roads. Possibly shared with buses. Bike lanes connecting all the greenways, trails, parks as well as residential and commercial hubs. Less cars downtown, more mass transit*
- *Education. Pay teachers more and fully fund public schools [...]*
- *Better infrastructure all around. This certainly means better road structures and routing. But also more public transit in both volume and routes. Infrastructure would also include an updated electrical grid, upgraded sewer & water systems, [...]*
- *Focus on environment - we live in a beautiful place- we owe it to our place to consider its care in all decisions*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *I want Nashville to quit losing its identity. Developers are destroying the very fabric that made us who we are. Quit tearing down our history to build a high rise.*
- *Support of clean energy initiatives more solar power, more green roof's downtown. Nashville's recycling infrastructure is lacking in so many ways. And it feel unsustainable.*
- *Affordable housing and access via transportation from neighborhoods to work places. Excellent public school education accessible to all students in every area of the city. Better planning in downtown areas.*
- *Nashville should be a climate-resilient place with green energy, public transportation, bike and walk paths, and community resiliency centers. A city that is prepared to protect its residents from flash floods, extreme heat, bad air quality, and storms.*
- *Mass transit!!!!. I love transit systems that work smoothly. I would love to not have to drive everywhere.*
- *I hope increasing community involvement, especially for young adults and families, is included at every level and every plan.*

Youth

Comments

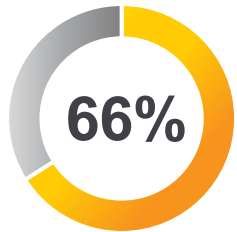
- *Activities and gathering places (with knowledgeable, skilled, caring adults) to give young people more grounding, a sense of purpose, and community.*
- *Fully fund Community Achieves in MNPS so we can keep operating in our 58 schools. Teacher retention is key. Have better public bus routes so they aren't on the bus for hours in high school.*
- *I LOVE the art & community programs offered through the Department of Parks & Rec. I would love to see more options at the other community centers, especially on weekends and after 5pm.*
- *More public awareness on anti-bullying, cyber and social media security, more mental health awareness and support, more acceptance of others - less judgement.*
- *Heavy investment into trade schools or trade skills in junior and high schools is of primary importance. Not everyone needs to go to college, not everyone should go to college.*
- *A sense of community. Programs to connect with fellow young professionals, mentors, free and/or low-cost resources and enrichment. Affordable housing options.*

Subgroup: Downtown/Biz District

(37201, 37213, 37219, 37234, 37236, 37237, 37241, 37242, 37243, 37246, 37250)



Positives and Negatives in Nashville



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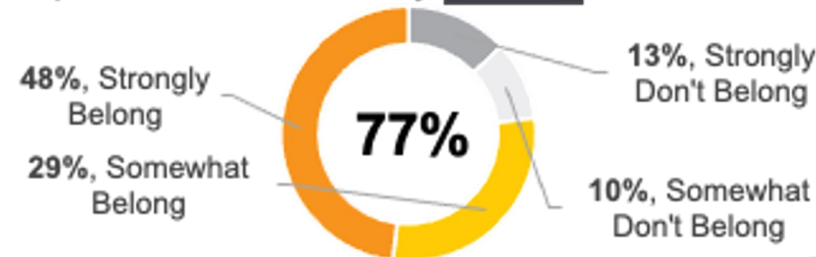
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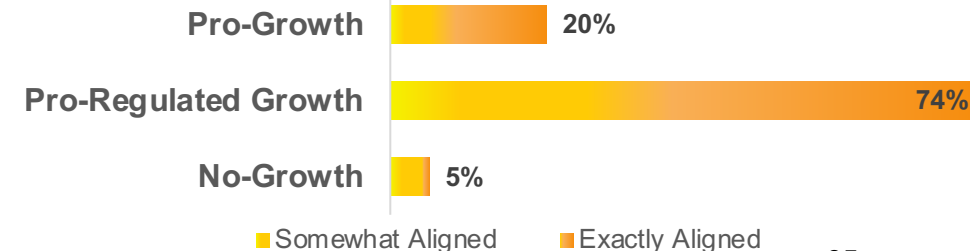
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features

- 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



Subgroup: Downtown/Biz District

(37201, 37213, 37219, 37234, 37236, 37237, 37241, 37242, 37243, 37246, 37250)



Housing

Top-2 Goals For Housing

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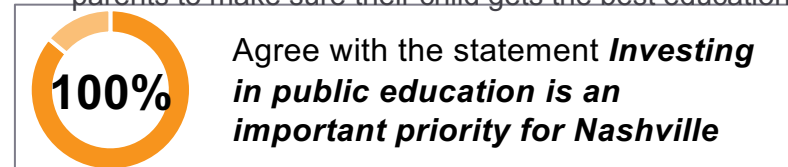
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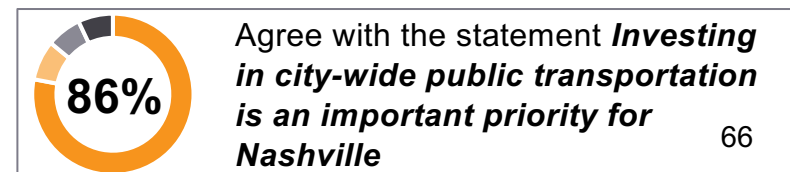
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Mobility Priorities Importance

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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

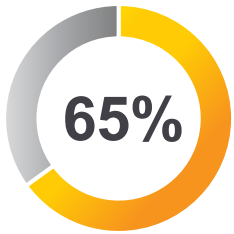
- *Teaching more about the history of Nashville and how we got here. Honoring our past.*
- *Keep Nashville a creative culture of music which was largely the biggest contributor to who we are today*
- *The Riverfront is crucial. Please check out other cities that have an amazing, beautiful and vibrant 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.*

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

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Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

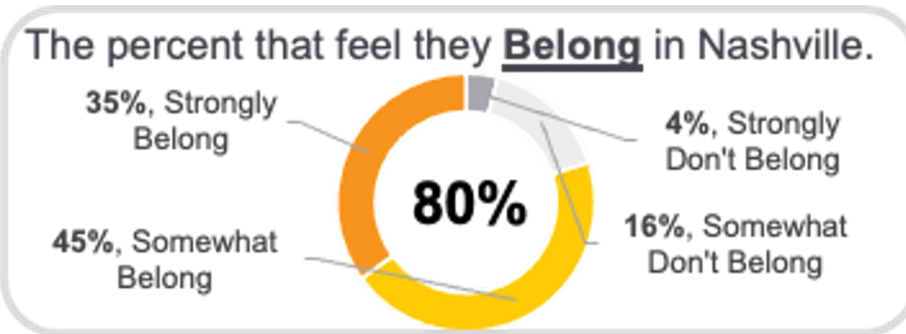
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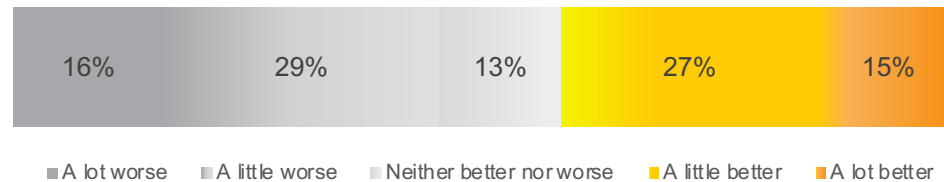


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

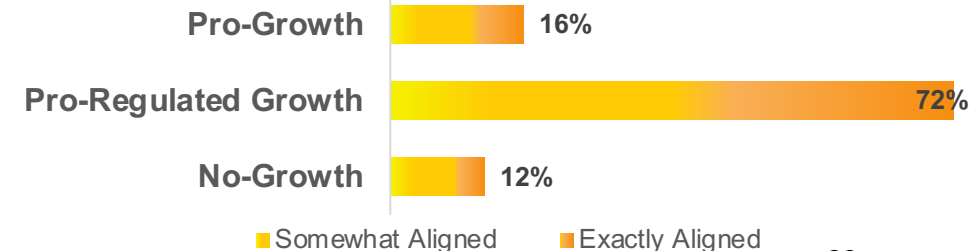
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features

- 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%**
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Growth Impact on Nashville



Growth Orientation



Housing

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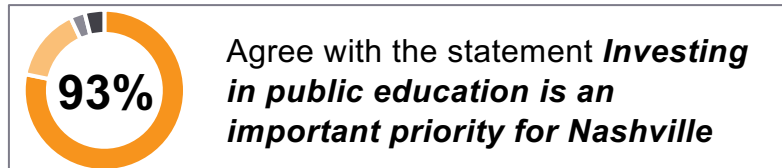
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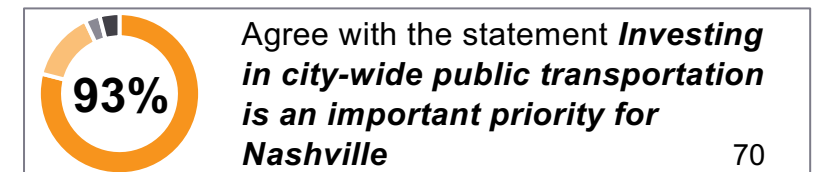
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Housing

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

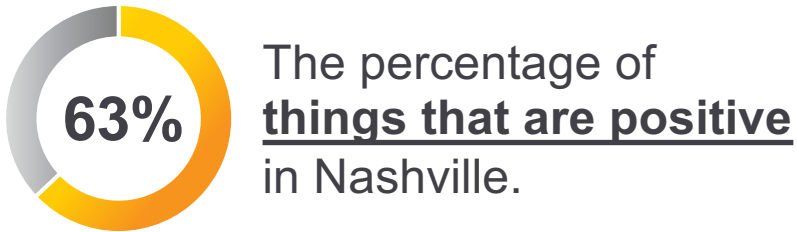
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- *A school system that partners with productive after school programs that enrich the lives of our children.*
- *More library funding and programs for early literacy.*
- *Investing in green spaces, safety, entertainment options for young children.*
- *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*



Ethnicity

Subgroup: White (n=Varies)

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

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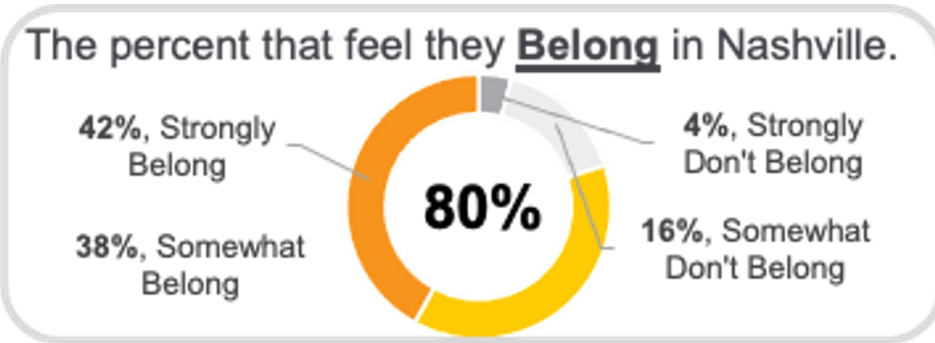
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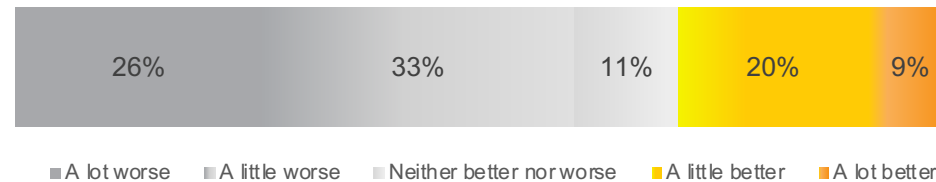
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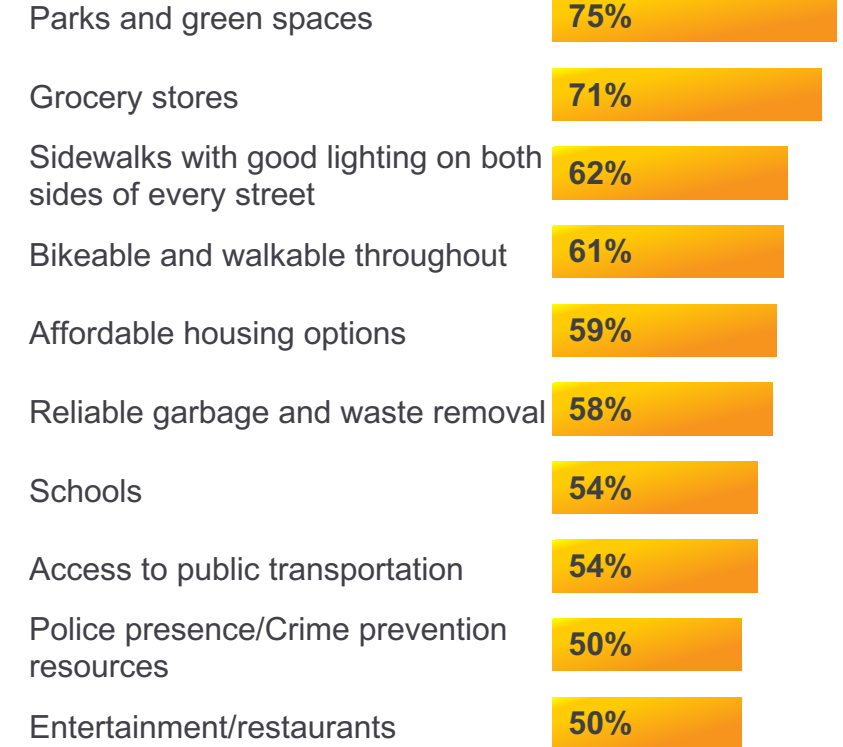


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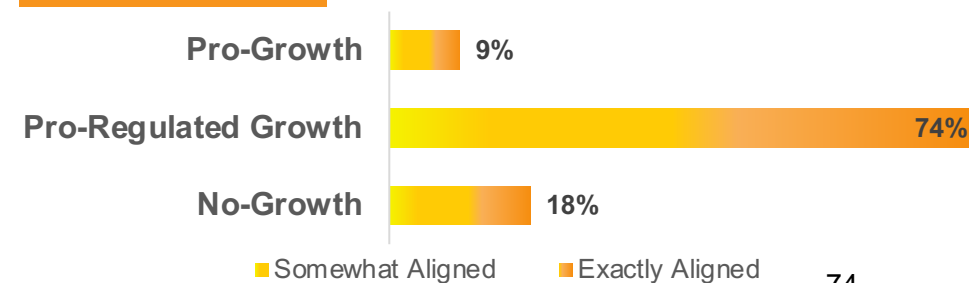


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Growth Orientation



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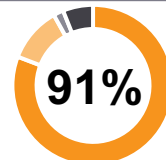
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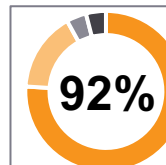
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Housing

Comments

- *Create housing for homeless people where they can get the help and resources they need along with a pathway to employment.*
- *Establish limited zoned areas [...] where Airbnb & short-term rentals are allowed so that more housing is available for locals*
- *Income levels should be mixed in every neighborhood*
- *Higher-density housing options in areas near where people work would be amazing!*
- *More thoughtful zoning allowing a range of housing from single family to multi-family in the same neighborhood*
- *Offer incentives for landlords and property management [...] to offer reasonable rents.*
- *Believe strongly we must work with private developers more intentionally to incorporate more mixed housing affordability in every major development.*
- *Get rid of single-family zone and allow duplexes to fourplexes to be built. Also, allow smaller lots and ADUs everywhere.*
- *Write into law limits on percentages of corporate ownership of housing to reduce residents from being priced out of owning and renting homes [...]*
- *Build tiny home communities on city land that is vacant*

Education

Comments

- *Increasing after school programs and community centers throughout the city for low-income families.*
- *Provide mental health care in schools, pay restorative practice assistants, counselors, and teachers more. Increase community support. Fund schools.*
- *Addressing the systemic racism that keeps many schools wildly underfunded*
- *Establish an office for volunteer services so that people can assist in ways that provide more time for teachers to focus on instruction.*
- *Continue investing in making all schools trauma-informed and trauma-responsive*
- *Empower parents to take a stronger role in their children's education.*
- *Involving parents in community projects at their students' schools - school clean-up/general maintenance/partnering with teachers.*
- *Do away with vouchers. Decrease class sizes. Hire more teachers and pay them well*
- *We need to focus on the basics in schools - Math, reading, science! We need to bring back vocational classes and better prepare our children for real-world opportunities.*
- *Bring back trade school education. College is not always the best choice for a student, and we need trade workers*
- *Better funding for pre-K centers and preschools [...]*

Mobility

Comments

- *There should be FREE, robust, and accessible public transportation of all types, nothing less.*
- *I wish so badly Nashville had light rails! It's so much easier to travel that way and can lower traffic congestion. And safer walking/biking paths*
- *Light rail connecting Nashville to Lebanon, Murfreesboro, Clarksville, Franklin, Dickson, Gallatin.*
- *Make more direct routes to popular destinations instead of sending most through downtown terminal!*
- *More parking hubs, e.g., as in Bellevue, to increase bus, light rail use to city areas and downtown. This would help cut congestion.*
- *Connect the greenways. Finish the 440 greenway loop. More crosstown bus routes connecting places like Donelson to Bellevue.*
- *Make Nashville safer for pedestrians and cyclists.*
- *Nashville needs dedicated bus lanes on West End Avenue, Broadway, Rosa Parks, Gallatin, Dickerson, Nolensville, Murfreesboro, Charlotte.*
- *Road maintenance should be consistent across all areas of the city*
- *Airport to downtown transportation. Sidewalks on all streets - make it more walkable to get from one neighborhood to another. Replicate 12 south project*
- *Pedestrian zones. No cars on Broadway, heck make all of downtown a pedestrian zone. Free buses. Fast and regular bus routes from downtown to the suburbs with park and rides. More people would bike if it was safe.*
- *Sidewalk equitably*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Community centers are important, as are green spaces for people to be on. Having easy access to groceries, and drugstores. Having things for senior citizens [...]*
- *Community based mindset when planning and growing the city.*
- *Free access to county-wide wifi and internet.*
- *Safety. [...] If we had well-lit sidewalks, we might venture out of our 'safe space' and get to know our neighbors.*
- *Saving the history and values of our city*
- *Traffic calming, public benches and trash cans, trees for shade*
- *A mix of people of various incomes/ages*
- *Community gatherings, free events where neighbors can meet neighbors.*
- *Council representatives who get involved and make people feel heard*
- *A 'third place' or somewhere people can gather and commune without being forced to spend money*
- *A diverse community (race, gender, sexuality etc...)*
- *Affordable housing and access to transportation.*
- *Character. Murals. History. Rich culture. Tell about and celebrate the people and region. Intertwine our city and state history! Greenery! All centered around a market or square, meaning it's easily walkable and bikeable—safely.*

One Change

Comments

- *Definitely better public transportation and making the city more walking-friendly. We need bigger sidewalks, more crossroads, and safer areas for people to walk.*
- *Housing that is affordable for people who rent, especially options for people who are currently unhoused, people who have past felonies, and working-class folks who aren't able to afford luxury or current market prices*
- *I would increase accessibility for those with disabilities, mainly through transportation, employment, housing, and healthcare access opportunities.*
- *If the city prioritized the people who already live here over tourists and developers*
- *More affordable housing for low-income and middle-income people*
- *A robust, safe, and affordable public transportation system*
- *A push for sidewalks and walkability!*
- *A more thoughtful, strategic plan for growth*
- *Action, rather than talk.*
- *I would ask employers to please pay their employees commensurate to the Cost of living! Rents are so high and most of us have two+ jobs to afford living here!*
- *Robust affordable housing options for both low-income & moderate-income Nashvillians, so that long-time residents don't get pushed out and so teachers, artists, musicians, and service workers can actually afford to live in Nashville.*

Big Ideas

Comments

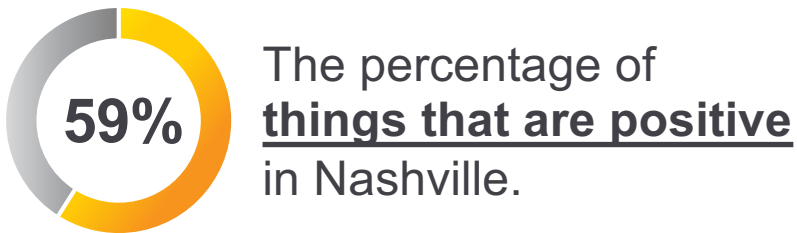
- *Utilizing our waterways and forests more reverently. Becoming a city that focuses on the Cumberland River as a central vein of the city, and creates protected green space, greenways, [...]*
- *Radically transforming public education*
- *Historic preservation, interpretation, and celebration, especially our vanishing African American neighborhoods. Celebration and elevation of our visual arts community. Supporting our world-class, but underfunded HBCUs.*
- *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 composting.*
- *Lifting people out of poverty, end gentrification. Providing opportunities for all. Leaning into the strength of our diversity. Prioritizing voices of those who have been here from the start. Ensuring everyone's needs are met. Not prioritizing corporations*

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*

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 40% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 31% High quality colleges and universities
- 30% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 28% Rich diversity of people and cultures
- 23% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

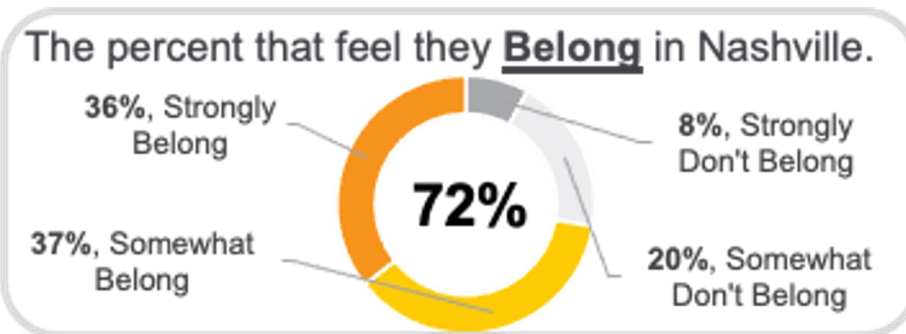
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 46% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 45% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 42% High cost of living
- 29% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 24% Homelessness

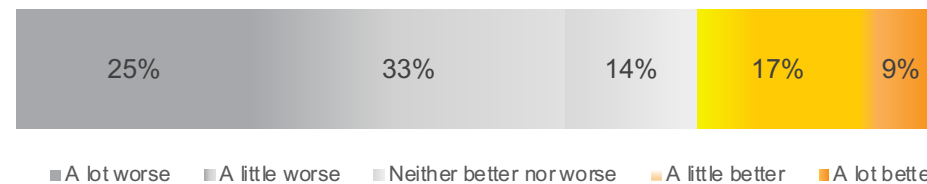
Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 56% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 49% The Connected City
- 47% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 30% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 13% Music and Arts Epicenter

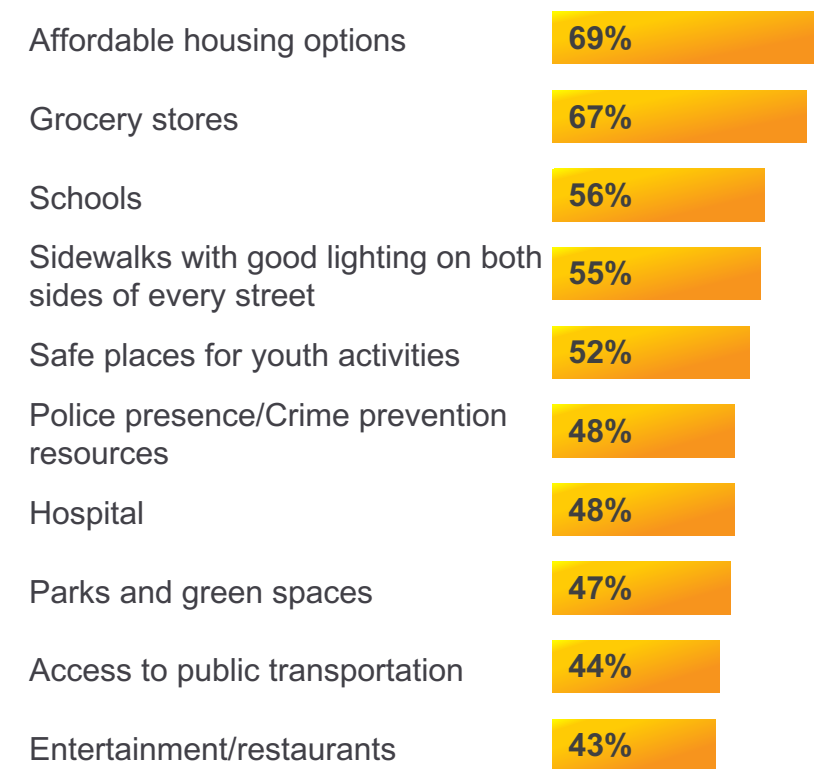


Growth Impact on Nashville

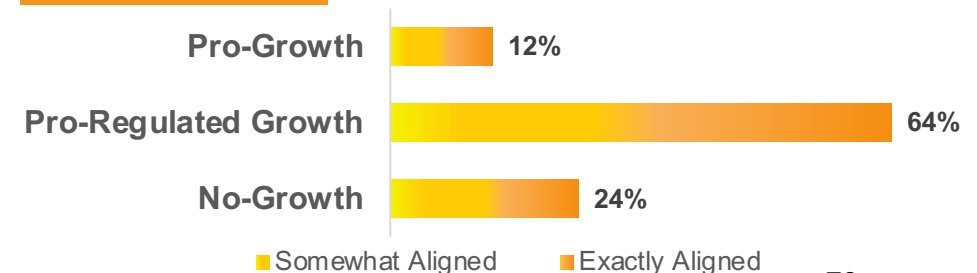


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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



Growth Orientation



Affordability

Top-2 Goals For Affordability

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

- 49% Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 47% Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 45% 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.)
- 24% Eliminate homelessness

Affordability Priorities Importance

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

- 8.6 Increase affordable housing requirements and incentives for developers to make sure they generate more affordable housing options
- 8.6 Provide more buyer/renter assistance and support to get people into housing and help them stay there
- 8.4 Create more community partnerships and programs making more housing more affordable for more people
- 7.5 Build more compact and less expensive housing closer to where people live, work, and play
- 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

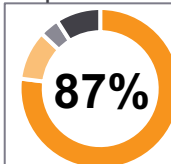
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 64% Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 53% Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 39% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 29% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 14% 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.
- 9.3 Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
- 9.3 Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 9.2 Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare and early childhood education
- 9.1 Increase school safety
- 9.0 Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
- 8.9 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
- 8.9 Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
- 7.8 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

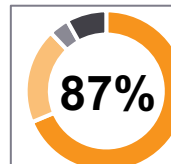
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)
- 58% 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.
- 39% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries
- 28% 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

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



Agree with the statement **Investing in city-wide public transportation is an important priority for Nashville**

Housing

Comments

- *Have housing be income based. The jobs from income offered in Nashville do not at all equal the money it costs to live in Nashville.*
- *Create more ways to afford a single family home and/or apartments. Get resources to the citizens; most people don't know where to go for help.*
- *Provide safe homeless camps with showers and sanitation and social services to connect people with organizations and employers who can help them get back on their feet*
- *Restrictions on out of state developers buying up our houses and land, especially in historically Black communities*
- *Utilizing local government-owned land to foster affordable and economically diverse housing development.*
- *A significant pay increase for Metro workers or housing incentives so we can afford to live in the city we serve. We can cut our commute time significantly which would help the environment and reduce costs.*
- *Limit airbnbs and other short-term rentals that lower supply and increase cost*
- *Lower costs of housing, more programs to help transition people into housing and employment opportunities*
- *Build denser neighborhoods with mixed use developments.*

Education

Comments

- *Teach the full history of our nation and world. Do not ban books. Help children to be critical thinkers and lifelong learners regardless to whether they go to college or enter the workforce. Provide black and brown children equal opportunities*
- *Teachers need to be paid more, provided resources and support that is needed*
- *Every family, every child should have access to quality public education. Families should feel good about attending their neighborhood schools. Families should want to send their children to local public schools*
- *Create individual plan for students and partner with parents. Focus on strengthening all students not just low performing schools though then need support. Allow parents in schools.*
- *Address the factors that impact teachers and students that prohibit both from performing their best. Mental health/affordable housing etc.*
- *Provide the option for vocational education. College is not for everyone, but everyone will need a way to support themselves.*
- *Funding; better align high school curriculum with career exploration, certification, and college funding.*
- *To offer a wide array of experiences inside and outside the classroom. Exposure to arts music and a wide variety of career opportunities.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Create bus route that connect to each other so you don't have to go downtown*
- *More benches for the elderly and disabled to use when waiting for the bus*
- *The conditions are the roads are in need of repair. Slow down drivers using all the new technology available.*
- *Include community input for more efficient and creative planning*
- *Rail system, more bus routes into neighborhoods running every 15 mins. More sidewalks in neighborhoods.*
- *A good, reliable bus system with dedicated lanes. Better, less expensive parking options until the city has "real" public transportation. A rail system is a critical need. Stop the growth and building and focus on tourism until transit issues are fixed.*
- *Recruit and engage business investors to fund public transportation projects during the purchase/planning phase, with incentives that follow*
- *Sidewalks. sidewalks. sidewalks.*
- *Mass rapid system that supports all of Davidson county not just downtown residents and businesses*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- A design that encourages community development e.g. walkable neighborhoods that encourage people to interact [...]
- A sense of community, security, and protection, and equal opportunities
- SIDEWALKS AND LIGHTING FOR STREETS
- Making Nashville affordable for the locals is very important so we can encourage others that Nashville is a great city to live and thrive in.
- Respectful, diverse and engaged neighbors. No air BNB Do not cut down grown trees for development and have more yard space for housing.
- Safety safety safety! We want safe and secure neighborhoods. Sidewalks and ADEQUATE lighting on both sides are key
- Sense of community within the neighborhood : opportunities for gatherings/block parties/etc
- We have got to do something about the growth we are experiencing, and our infrastructure. Native Nashvillians are being pushed out
- Having access to public transportation and parks/green spaces, and retail options that residents can walk to.
- Neighborhood events. Street festivals. Community meetings. Activities that bring people together.
- Public servants/elected officials who understand and advocate for their communities

One Change

Comments

- There should be more focus on the individuals who live here and not on just the tourists.
- Better metropolitan transportation systems: roads, buses, trains.
- To eliminate systemic and ongoing racism in all aspects of life including, but not limited to, education, housing, economic development, government and private enterprise.
- More affordable housing, better paying jobs, equal access to amenities on all sides of town [...]
- Create a city that is inclusive of ALL it's residents with activities for all. Affordable quality education and housing, job opportunities, and a low crime rate and cost of living. Cater to those that make this city run not to those that are passing through
- Better roads and infrastructure
- A clear vision for the city's growth. Growth for growth's sake isn't strategic nor ideal for long term growth
- Stop selling out to developers and preserve more of the city's history, particularly the history of Black people and other voices who are underrepresented.
- Better mass transit! Train service from the airport to downtown would be a great start.

Big Ideas

Comments

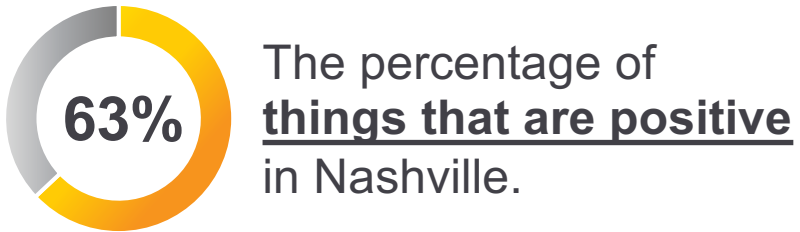
- Having more community based programs that bring our youth and seniors together so that everyone better understands each other
- A Nashville focused on its people - not AirBnB. Not the Titans. Not Lower Broad tourists. The people who moved to Nashville because it was a welcoming, educated, fun, inviting city full of opportunity and innovation
- I would also like for Nashville to seriously improve walkability, bicycle lanes, etc, in all neighborhoods.
- FOR THE LOVE OF EVERYTHING THAT IS HOLY GET THIS CITY A LIGHT RAIL
- Teaching more about the history of Nashville and how we got here. Honoring our past.
- Save the hills - preserving green space and the beautiful tree covered hills around the city, making some accessible for walking but recognizing their importance in keeping things cool and clean. Also an emphasis on preserving trees and green space
- Safety low crime high quality education that foster skills for the future of work and ensure equitable opportunities and access

Youth

Comments

- Better mentoring programs, better community centers, more community activities for urban areas.
- Free before/after school care and/or tutoring.
- Have third and safe spaces for young people to be able to hang and feel secure and welcomed.
- Technical training programs within high schools. Music and arts in every school. Pay our teachers a liveable wage!!
- More free activities and support after school and on weekends at locations close to student's home and school.
- Affordable child care, Community Center program, and funding, with transportation options that support our communities. Provide more programming that gives our public school students access to our college campus with camps, programs, and enrichment options
- Create a "Skills Market" where young people can display their talents before peers and other professionals to provide opportunities to hone skills and make positive professional connections
- Non-college job opportunities. Internships. Apprenticeships. Community centers in every community

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 37% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 36% Rich diversity of people and cultures
- 34% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 33% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 27% Lots of jobs/economic opportunity

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

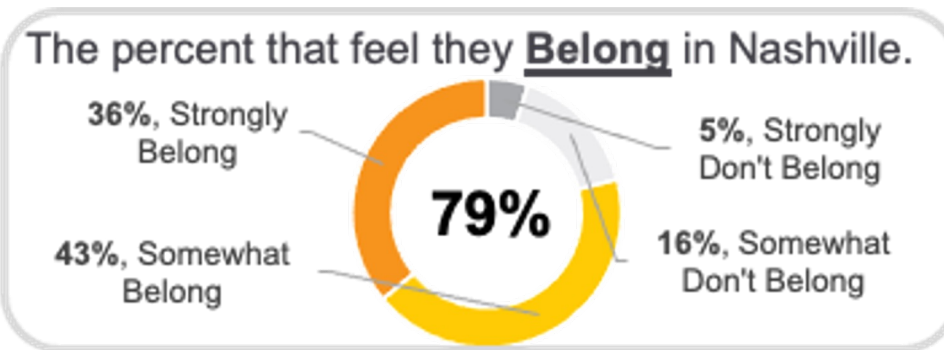
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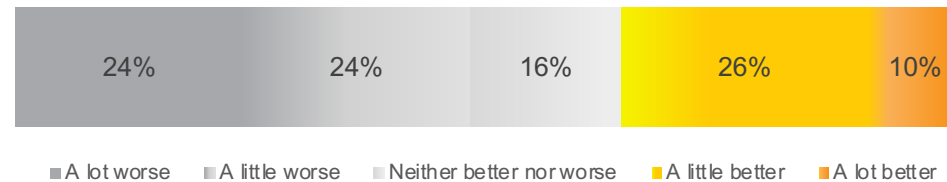
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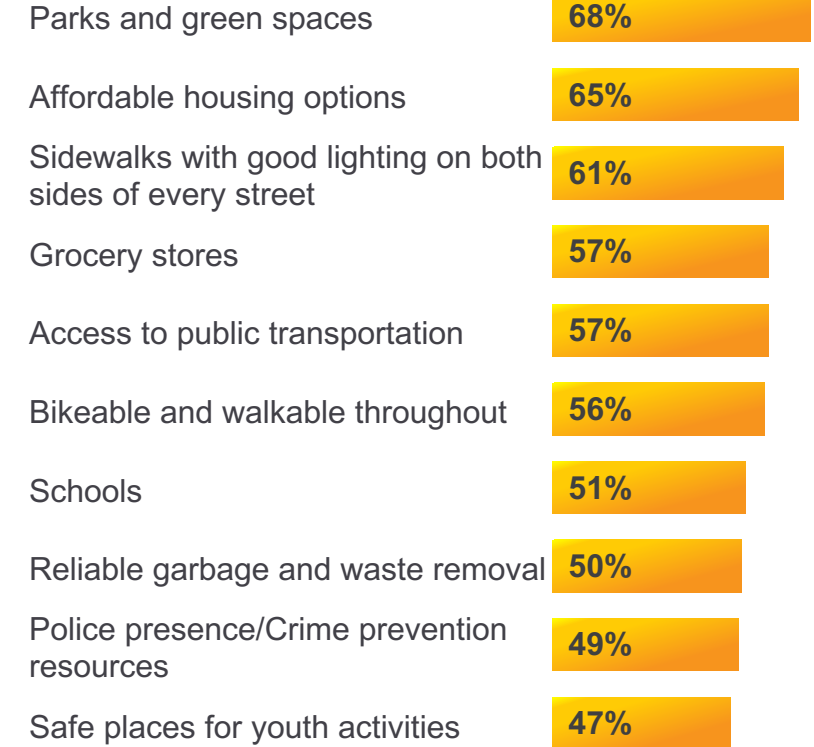


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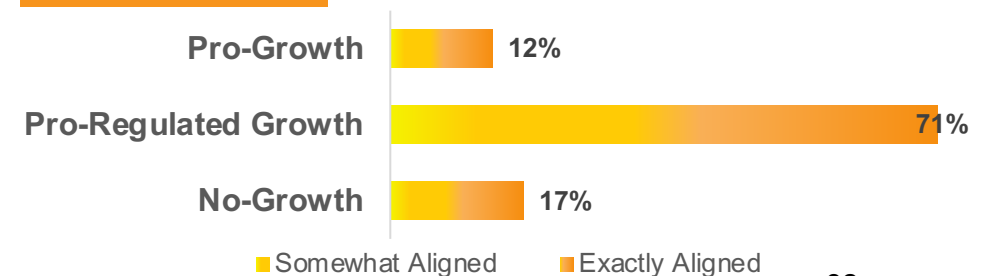


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Growth Orientation



Affordability

Top-2 Goals For Affordability

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- 47%** Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
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- 33% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 22% Eliminate homelessness

Affordability Priorities Importance

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

- 8.1** 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
- 7.9 Provide more buyer/renter assistance and support to get people into housing and help them stay there
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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

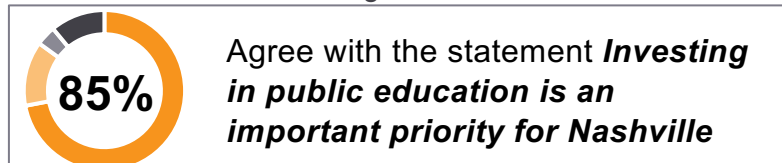
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- 52%** Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 50%** Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 41% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 40% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 17% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities Importance

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- 8.7** Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
- 8.5** Increase school safety
- 8.4** Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 8.4 Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare and early childhood education
- 8.3 Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
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Mobility

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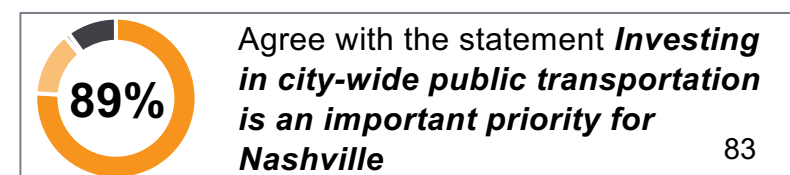
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- 75%** Make it easier to get around Nashville—to and from downtown and from one place to another in the region (connecting different parts of the City and Downtown better)
- 53%** Ensure everyone has good access to downtown and the important parts of the region—make transportation options equally accessible to all across Nashville/Davidson Co.
- 45% 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

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- 9.0** Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
- 8.6** Reduce traffic congestion
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- 8.3 Improve road maintenance and operations on existing roads
- 7.8 Promote flexible and remote work schedules to reduce the need and impact of commuting
- 7.3 Construct new street and highway improvements to better connect parts of the city



Housing

Comments

- *Programas más eficaces para persona con ingreso limitado.*
- *Regulate apartment complexes. The safety, cleanliness, and livability in a complex are extremely important needs and very often are not met.*
- *Venta de terreros accesibles; viviendas minimalistas para familias pequeñas o parajas*
- *Ensure affordable housing is available in conjunction with schools and community resources.*
- *Downtown, the Gulch, and other areas of Nashville shouldn't be for just the super wealthy. Nashville should start incentivizing developers in allowing Section 8 and affordable housing right in the downtown area.*
- *More transitional housing for individuals/families in crisis. People can become trapped in their support because there is not a soft transition from one level to the next. You have to be able to save to get to the next level.*
- *Improved public transportation and walkability will extend housing options for a variety of people.*
- *Down payment assistance/ funding for first time homebuyers. Subsidized home lending programs.*
- *I believe it will require more than one solution that will include government and private resources to assist with rent subsidies, down payment assistance for buying and creative financing that is not exploiting for the sake of profit.*

Education

Comments

- *Más capacitación de maestros Mejor la Paga de Maestros*
- *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.*
- *Bilingual/multilingual education needs to be available at all schools. Nashville needs to treat bilingualism/multilingualism as an asset rather than a deficit and should seek to increase the number of bilingual/multilingual students.*
- *Educar e informar a los padres.*
- *Optional School applications is a good thing, but not providing bus transportation is a major barrier for not only my household, but many others.*
- *Decrease the presence of police and resource officers to reduce the school to prison pipeline. Criminalizing children's daily lives is trauma.*
- *Programas para educar a los padres para entender el sistema educativo y de esta manera apoyar a nuestros hijos en su crecimiento educativo.*
- *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.*
- *Education is key to a better future for all of us, Nashville also needs to support homeschool families. Every child deserves a good education.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Offer transit discounts to permanent residents, elderly, and students. Impose an annual wheel tax to anyone who commutes to Nashville for work from out of Davidson County.*
- *Incentivar uso de bicicletas eléctricas o compartir carro.*
- *Integrate bus and shuttle services with train service, increasing train services. Or widely expand bus and shuttle services.*
- *By making all schools better, a lottery system wide needed, then children can use school buses versus parents having to travel across the county to get their kid into a better school. This is NOT equitable.*
- *I think making more accessible and safe sidewalks will be useful for pedestrians.*
- *I believe light rail is necessary to reduce traffic congestion. And long term, I believe that the interstate bottlenecks need to be addressed.*
- *Streetcars that connect the east, west, south, and north sides into downtown and service each of those neighborhoods.*
- *Start with creating more walkable and bikeable neighborhoods - get people out of personal vehicles and even transit. Transit should not just focus on getting people to and from downtown as not everyone has a destination there.*
- *100% support a rail system in Nashville, it's a big investment but will be totally worth it! Also encouraging biking through bikeshare services (such as Citibike in NYC, Divvy bike in Chicago) and pedestrian infrastructure needs vast improvement too.*
- *Stop looking at downtown only, you need regular commuters daily to support the cost. Focus on providing rail to your interstate commuters; that relieves road congestion.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *La iluminación es esencial, junto con el fácil acceso de la compra de Vivienda*
- *Greenspaces, libraries, ensuring its a safe, all inclusive space, having a deep sense of community, so that all feel they can belong & engage one another, fostering people to want to be involved & make their area better, keep it good for all.*
- *bueno para peatones y bicicletas -- caminable arte público.*
- *Community events really help to create a sense of belonging - would love to see that in EVERY neighborhood.*
- *Más vigilancia de la policía.*
- *A mixed income, mixed race environment that welcomes all. We deserve to live in whatever part of Nashville we desire to, because it is our city.*
- *Neighborhood schools and community centers.*
- *Resources within the neighborhood.*
- *PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION! Walkable sidewalks with lighting and street trees where possible. Protected bike lanes.*
- *Visible Arts and culture. Public status, sculptures etc.*
- *High speed internet*

One Change

Comments

- *El alto costo de viviendas, y mejorar el transporte público.*
- *Make the city more accessible. Everything feels so far away from one another.*
- *Más seguridad , cámaras de seguridad y alumbrado una ciudad muy oscura por eso ha incrementado la delincuencia, más reglas a sus habitantes, para que sean mejores ciudadanos amemos la ciudad con respecto .*
- *More affordable housing.*
- *Diversidad en Movilidad (transporte público,vías seguras para ciclistas y peatones etc.). Acceso gratuito o bajo costo a programas culturales para los ciudadanos de la región (Museos, teatros, festivales).*
- *Have more things for our youth to do!! So much is geared towards people with higher income or tourists. Our youth who don't have the financial means to be in school sports/groups, or don't family support, are left to find things to do on their own.*
- *Mejorar el servicio de transporte público. Más rutas. Que sea más eficaz.*
- *Job opportunities and increased wages/salaries, which affects housing affordability.*
- *Que dieran un mejor salario y oportunidades para tener una vivienda y sobretodo que sea un lugar seguro sin delincuencia*

Big Ideas

Comments

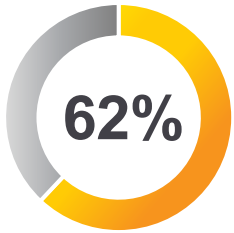
- *Más ayuda a personas mayores y más opciones a Jovenes.*
- *Educuar, educaar, educar*
- *Stop making Nashville all about music and sports. Start supporting Arts (multiple aspects) , science and medicine.*
- *Una ciudad que vira hacia la sustentabilidad y resiliente para afrontar cambios climáticos y flujos migratorios(del país e internacionales).*
- *PUBLIC TRANSIT, PLEASE!!!*
- *Programas para las personas con visa H-4 que no tienen oportunidades de trabajar pero quieren aportar su tiempo y conocimiento al progreso de la ciudad.*
- *An education hub, improving education and cultural diversity with the support of international student programs in the city.*
- *Homelessness, cost of living*
- *Focus more on the natural resources and how to protect them and the earth. Focus on bringing the environmental sciences to Nashville, and the jobs it creates. Retail/Tourism is not going to save us.*
- *Community owned and operated coop grocery stores*
- *Dedicated funding for transit and bike/ pedestrian infrastructure*
- *Increased community gardens*
- *Ebike rebate*

Youth

Comments

- *Más seguridad.*
- *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.*
- *Programas de educación extraordinarias enfocadas en nuevas tecnologías y desarrollo de habilidades sociales y artísticas.*
- *Providing resources to help young people thrive since most are just starting to get on their feet in the world.*
- *Hacer comunidades y promover más las actividades al aire libre.*
- *Better education, getting youth involved in community forums - hear their voice and make them feel heard.*
- *Buenos Empleos.*
- *Affordable housing, transportation, and after school buses so kids can participate in activities.*
- *More low cost things for them to do in each area of the county.*
- *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.*
- *Students can learn more when they are fed and are safe.*

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

- 40% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 35% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 34% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 25% Rich diversity of people/cultures
- 22% High quality healthcare and hospitals

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

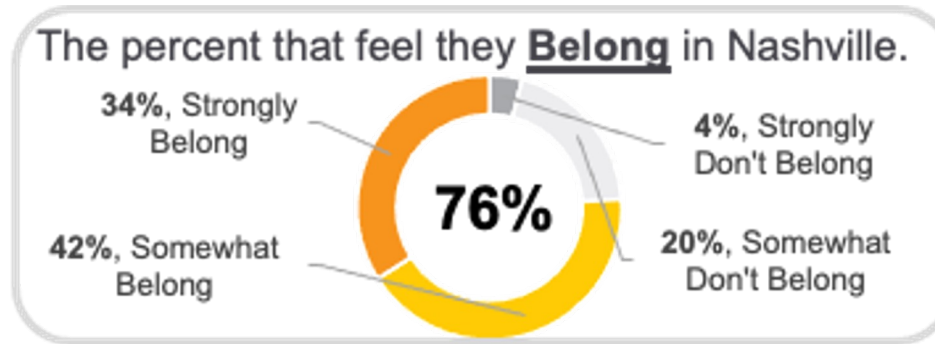
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 46% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 43% Lack of public transportation
- 39% Walkability (lack of/issues with sidewalks, crosswalks, trails)
- 32% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 32% Too much growth/not being managed well

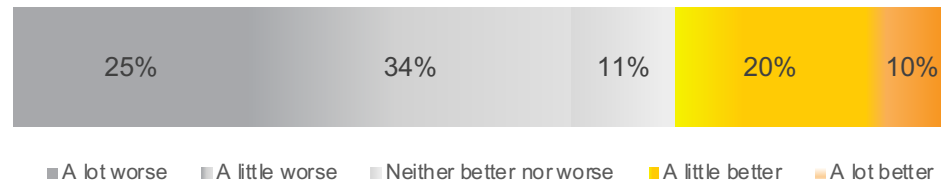
Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 66% The Connected City
- 52% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 40% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 22% Music and Arts Epicenter
- 21% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter



Growth Impact on Nashville

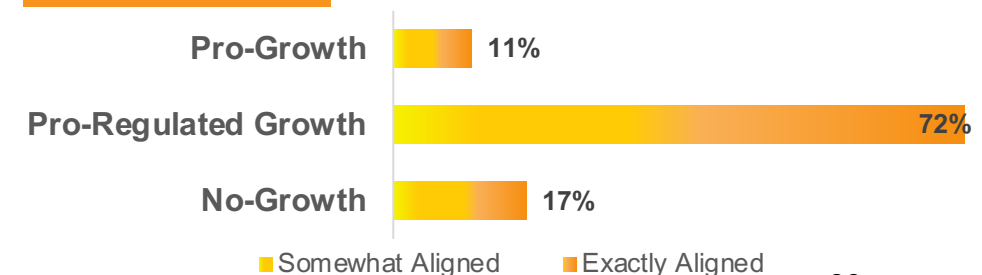


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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

- Parks and green spaces 74%
- Bikeable and walkable throughout 65%
- Sidewalks with good lighting on both sides of every street 64%
- Grocery stores 63%
- Affordable housing options 56%
- Access to public transportation 55%
- Schools 54%
- Reliable garbage and waste removal 53%
- Entertainment/restaurants 51%
- A unique personality, culture or character that makes it special and different 47%

Growth Orientation



Affordability

Top-2 Goals For Affordability

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

- 58% Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 48% 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.)
- 36% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 34% Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 24% Eliminate homelessness

Affordability Priorities Importance

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

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

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

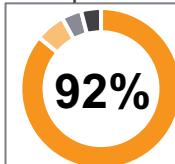
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 54% Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 44% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 39% Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 34% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 29% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities Importance

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

- 9.5 Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
- 9.3 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
- 8.5 Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 8.4 Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
- 8.3 Increase school safety
- 8.2 Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
- 8.2 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
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Agree with the statement **Investing in public education is an important priority for Nashville**

Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

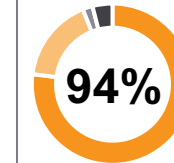
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)
- 53% 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
- 32% 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)
- 8.6 Reduce traffic congestion
- 8.2 Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and infrastructure across the city and in the surrounding communities (bikeable streets, sidewalks, greenway and trail networks, etc.)
- 8.0 Improve road maintenance and operations on existing roads
- 7.7 Promote flexible and remote work schedules to reduce the need and impact of commuting
- 6.9 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

- *More regulations for increased local-level accountability on large, out-of-state property management companies who operate rental units in Nashville*
- *Rent control; co-owned living spaces.*
- *Reward developers who choose to build affordable homes without compromising Nashville heritage or neighborhood*
- *I like the idea of having all types of housing options in each neighborhood*
- *Use Metro owned land to build affordable housing. Prioritize every public housing project and development. Reimagine what public housing looks like and give people opportunities to live in different areas.*
- *Require developers to build a certain number of affordable housing units for each project planned for the metro area with number of housing units dependent on the scale (size, cost) of the project. Implement a tax or fee for developers and short term rentals*
- *Stricter regulations for developers. In my neighborhood, modest more affordable homes are being torn down and replaced by huge and extremely expensive/non-affordable homes. We should do everything we can to renovate/repair existing homes*

Education

Comments

- *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. Redefining school safety to be student centered*
- *Find ways to stand our ground as a city toward state threats of funding cuts. Identify external funding and resources that could be utilized. Commit to fully funding MNPS on a regular basis and work to identify and compile metrics [...]*
- *Increasing school choice within the existing public school system would quickly identify the schools that need assistance.*
- *Prioritize having a good public school/school system in every neighborhood that everyone in the neighborhood would send their kids if they have them, and for the school to be the anchor of the neighborhood*
- *Guarantee transportation for non zoned school options.*
- *Raise teacher salaries. Recruit students to B.Ed. and M.Ed. programs from across Tennessee through public awareness campaigns. Build more public middle and high schools, and tax private schools and charters at higher rates.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Creating parking hubs outside with more rail or bus options to shuttle commuters to downtown areas*
- *Sidewalks, pedestrian friendly, better tragic violation enforcement there are too many accidents! Especially with injuries and fatalities.*
- *Include a focus on increasing accessibility to colleges/universities/trade schools to improve educational attainment for students (many struggle or drop out due to transportation issues). Consider accessibility for people w disabilities in improvements.*
- *Creating parking hubs outside with more rail or bus options to shuttle commuters to downtown areas*
- *Building a trustworthy brand and incentivize people to use public transport. Public transport on a large scale for local citizens to use often is a goal but even ideas of how to get tourists to use it as an affordable and safe option can boost its popularity*
- *We need transportation options that are not just for downtown, but connect downtown to itself and other areas of the Greater Nashville area. This includes connecting to the airport, and connecting to the immediate suburbs like Bellevue, Brentwood, Antioch*
- *Creative public private partnership to entice public to take public transportation.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *It may fall under "green spaces" but community gardens are AWESOME!*
- *Public artworks*
- *A sense of community where you have good relationships with your neighbors and support one another.*
- *Community and third spaces that don't require spending money*
- *A true sense of inclusion and community for all.*
- *I've loved having local restaurants and shops within walking distance. It's nice to have regular places to go to and see familiar faces.*
- *Sidewalks, well-lit (with manageable light pollution).*
- *Walkability, affordable housing, affordable and accessible childcare options*
- *Water, better waste management systems that offer composting, recycling, and ways to generate energy from waste.*
- *Having diversity of all kinds and that diversity being valued: economic, racial, religious, political, age, families with kids, non-traditional families*
- *Neighborhood activities for the community to get to know each other.*

One Change

Comments

- *Growth managed better so that it centers around the people who actually live in Nashville rather than tourists*
- *More walkable. More green spaces.*
- *Better greenway biking system. Would be nice to be able to bike to get groceries or to restaurants safely. Please no more bike lanes that have no protection against cars!!*
- *Build a light rail that connects the suburbs to the city center and common workplaces and event venues.*
- *We need to embrace density. Density if housing, shops, stores, services etc. I saw the increase in "tall and skinnies" and at first was taken aback but but now realize a lot of our core issues could be solved by mixed use development.*
- *Better public education and resources dedicated to public education*
- *Legislation that disallows real estate investors from purchasing multiple homes to flip or rent/Airbnb.*
- *Inclusiveness, open mindedness*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *Be sure to include additional services for the elderly, 60+ population, as the percentage of this population increases, not just here, but throughout the U.S. This includes resources for healthy living, accessibility to basic needs & other needs*
- *I think that big business has profited off of my city for far too long and that frankly must stop. If we keep catering to companies who serve tourists and corporate hotshots from out of town who want to come in and open a large corporate campus*
- *Like to see more culturally diverse areas similar to Chinatown or Mariachi Plaza but more open to ethnic business niches and festivals.*
- *Nashville NetZero? Be on the map for sustainability?*
- *Something Nashville needs to start focus on is improving and upgrading its infrastructure - e.g. storm water drainage, safe and adequate water supply, etc.*
- *The city needs to increase fees on development so that city services can keep up with growth. MASS TRANSIT, especially to downtown and between downtown and airport. High quality public school system.*

Youth

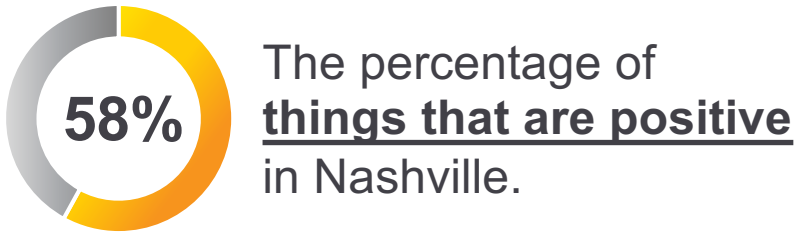
Comments

- *We want young people to stay and call Nashville home long term and not short term. Affordable housing would keep young professionals here.*
- *Affordable housing. Increase in the minimum wage. Incentives to businesses to increase wages to better match cost of living. Public funding/grants to decrease unpaid internships which make certain jobs and fields inaccessible to low-income youth.*
- *Strengthen the bond between business community and public schools. Provide incentives to businesses who invest in schools - not just financially but those that sit on school boards or actively participate in supporting schools*
- *After school activities, giving all kids the opportunity to participate in athletics teams, arts/performance, clubs.*
- *Investment in early childhood programs like transitional kindergarten*
- *Gun control*
- *Encouraging arts, increasing for the park system, sports, afterschool, daycare and parents day out programs will keep kids occupied and more engaged with their community.*



Household Income

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

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Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

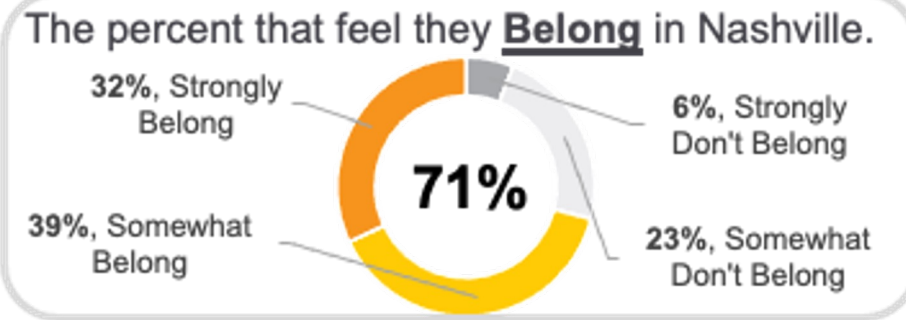
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 50% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 45% High cost of living
- 40% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 32% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 30% Lack of public transportation

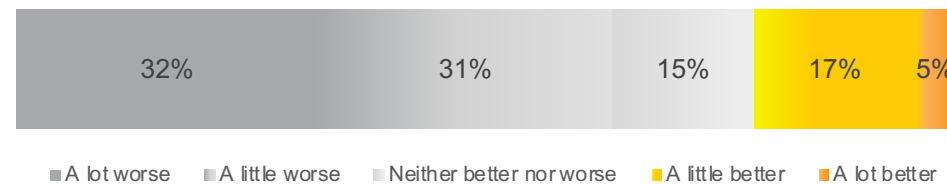
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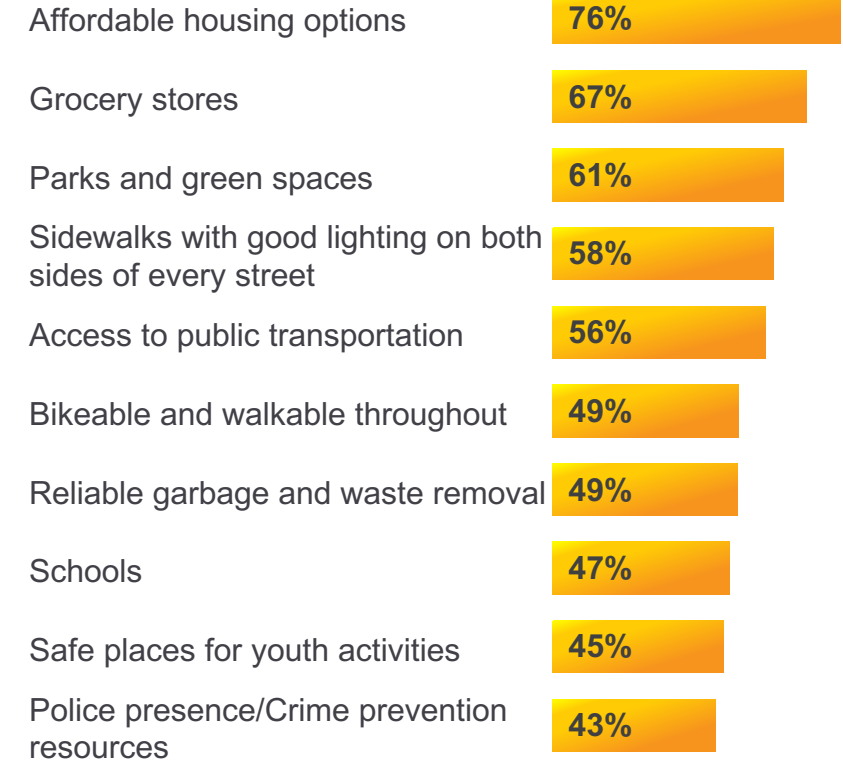


Growth Impact on Nashville

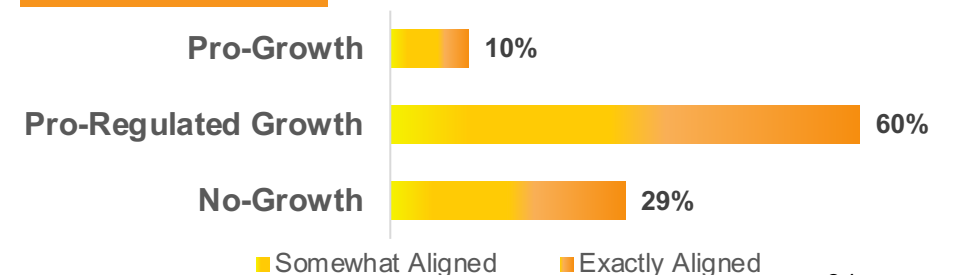


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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



Growth Orientation



Housing

Top-2 Goals For Affordability

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

- 49% Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 48% Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
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.)
- 41%
- 33% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 29% Eliminate homelessness

Affordability Priorities Importance

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
- 8.5 Provide more buyer/renter assistance and support to get people into housing and help them stay there
Create more community partnerships and programs making more housing more affordable for more people
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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

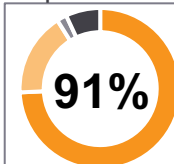
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Education Priorities Importance

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- 9.1 Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
- 9.0 Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
- 8.8 Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 8.7 Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare and early childhood education
- 8.6 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
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Agree with the statement **Investing in public education is an important priority for Nashville**

Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

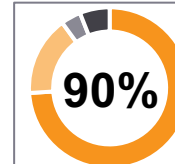
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 67% 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)
- 54% 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
- 37% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries

Mobility Priorities Importance

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- 9.1 Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
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Agree with the statement **Investing in city-wide public transportation is an important priority for Nashville**

Housing

Comments

- Decriminalize homelessness. Make sure any government-provided housing is livable. All people deserve quality shelter as a human right. The government is supposed to provide these services for the good of their people.
- Do not let corporations buy SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES
- Limiting NOO-STR's and promoting a higher % of tourism in hotels downtown rather than taking up space in neighborhoods and distorting housing development and ownership markets. Upzoning urban mixed-use corridors as defined in NashvilleNext [...]
- Renovate/rehab older buildings v. tearing them down. especially in midtown and downtown.
- Adjust tenant laws to be more balanced and fair for landlords and tenants. Currently, tenant laws so heavily favor landlords, it makes housing security for vulnerable people—or anyone—nonexistent. Rent increases any amount without warning [...]
- Converting spaces that are sitting vacant into affordable spaces for people to live long term or temporarily. Utilizing the spaces we have and honoring the past.
- Eliminate tall and skinnies, reduce the number of temporary housing permits (such as Airbnb), and ensure that there are programs in place for long-term residents to be able to stay [...]
- We need to put a cap on the corporate rental market. Companies buying up homes to artificially raise rent is wreaking havoc on our city.

Education

Comments

- All teachers that serve inner city youth should have training to get a better understanding of youth that have experienced trauma
- Better funding for Pre-K centers and preschools, especially the ones that need it the most and those in low-income areas.
- Bilingual/multilingual education needs to be available at all schools. Nashville needs to treat bilingualism/multilingualism as an asset rather than a deficit [...]
- Do NOT pay for charter schools with public school money. Instead, improve all public schools.
- Focus on fundamentals. Everyone can read at grade level by 3rd grade
- I work for MNPS. Our teachers are burnt out and the turnover rate is high. We need to adequately pay employees so they will be attracted to the school system and stay. TN is 44th in per-pupil funding in the state.
- Stop the rhetoric that everyone needs to go to college to get a 4 year degree. There should be more emphasis on trade and vocational schools. The concentration should be on being able to support yourself with meaningful work.
- 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.

Mobility

Comments

- Better promote routes, routes and how to use the existing public transportation
- Busses should be more reliable. When I used them frequently they were almost always late. Add more stops around the city.
- Change the laws concerning sidewalk and accessibility investments and budget more money for the state to be responsible for these things, and make sure they exist, everywhere!
- [...] getting the drag racing under control. There's entire areas in town that are dangerous to drive in after certain times.
- I'm severely disabled and live on SSDI only [...] I cannot drive and I also cannot access public transportation. I thought that there was a special bus service for the disabled but apparently I am wrong on that. I am desperate for accessible [transportation].
- Nashville needs dedicated bus lanes on West End Avenue, Broadway, Rosa Parks, Gallatin, Dickerson, Nolensville, Murfreesboro, Charlotte.
- We desperately need light rail and other similar options to reduce the use of fossil fuels. It needs to be easy to use and affordable.
- Decrease the number of party buses.
- Center the experiences people who rely on public transit (current bus riders, Nashvillians with disabilities, families with students who bus, etc)

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *A mix of people of various incomes and ages*
- *A place where you can walk to restaurants, small businesses, food services/grocery*
- *Affordability. It is imperative that nashville has neighborhoods on all sides of nashville that has affordable and safe housing.*
- *Community building events where people can feel more connected [...]*
- *More police patrols and visible presence in all neighborhoods & extra police presence in high crime areas.*
- *Neighbors who know each other, and support from metro council members to facilitate neighborhood connections.*
- *NO MORE SKINNY houses! I feel incentives should be given to those who would remodel the existing home*
- *Sidewalks and street lights*
- *Building a knowledge of who lives around you and developing positive relationships. My street is wonderful this way all different ages and we hang out together finding common bonds and being available [...]*
- *Community centers so that neighbors have the opportunity to learn trades, financial literacy programs, and political science.*

One Change

Comments

- *Accessible transportation for all 24/7 and walkable sidewalks with curb cuts*
- *Affordable housing and better wages*
- *Eliminate racism and support more jobs for everyone (translated from Spanish)*
- *Focus on the people who already live here, and not just those in wealthier, "hot" parts of the city.*
- *Add mass-transit, light rail system*
- *Homelessness - there are too many open spaces not to be using them to house the homeless*
- *I would make the cost of living much more affordable.*
- *Introducing gentle density to neighborhoods allowing more people to walk to retail and services.*
- *Listen to locals and hold on to what makes Nashville NASHVILLE. [...] It might look pretty, but it'll lose it's soul.*
- *Save local businesses. There is zero help in saving small businesses. There is no rent control. There is no community effort. [...]*
- *Education. I want Nashville's public schools to be of high quality and able to compete with private schools. [...]*
- *Housing for ALL*
- *Mass transit. Come on - it's time!!!!*

Big Ideas

Comments

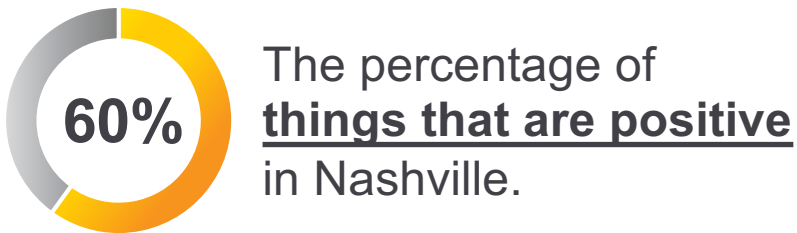
- *A more green city -- protection and investment in more green spaces, community gardens via land access policy restructuring.*
- *Cultural hubs and exploring our rich history*
- *Recycling centers increased in number and neighborhood centered with local resident partners/volunteers maintaining and educating regarding recycling.*
- *Historic preservation, interpretation, and celebration, especially our vanishing african american neighborhoods. Celebration and elevation of our visual arts community. Supporting our world class, but underfunded HBCUs*
- *Make this a safe place for LGBTQ+ people to exist.*
- *Mental health should be of the utmost importance. Mental health clinics should be bright and welcoming places. But there must also be an outreach to the community that can offer help [...]*
- *Sustainability. Nashville should explore and encourage carbon-neutral development and the promotion and protection of biodiversity.*
- *TRANSIT PLEASE. WE'RE BEGGING.*

Youth

Comments

- *Having parks programs and community centers that offer accessible and affordable sports teams, outdoor programming, arts engagement, and other extracurriculars.*
- *Options for employment after school and during the summer for older young people, opportunities within Metro and Metro-partners should be prioritized.*
- *Common sense gun laws. Get the guns off the street. More mentors and program supports for at risk youth and their families. Help the parents of these youth find affordable housing, secure jobs, and high quality, affordable child care options.*
- *Better mentoring programs, better community centers, more community activities for urban areas.*
- *Fund mental health services! Increase access to this and support the organizations already doing this*
- *Leadership opportunities at the civic level. Even more libraries.*
- *A push for music education being included and prioritized in every public school*
- *Daycare and afterschool care should be provided especially since parental leave isn't guaranteed*

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 45% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 36% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 34% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 27% Rich diversity of people and cultures
- 25% Vibrant downtown, Music City venues, events, and activities

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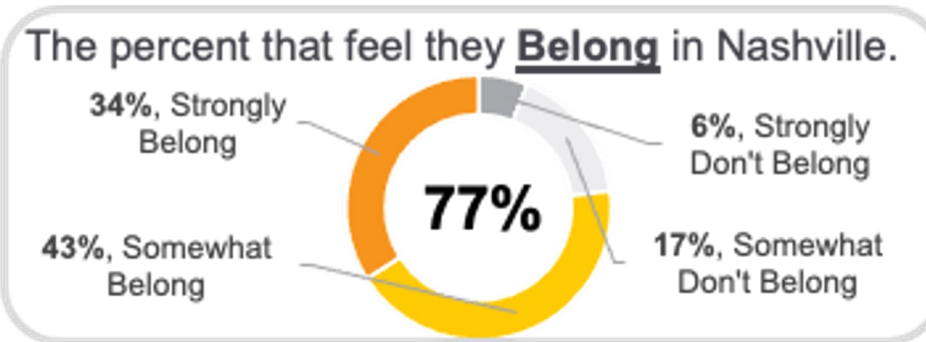
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- 32% Lack of public transportation

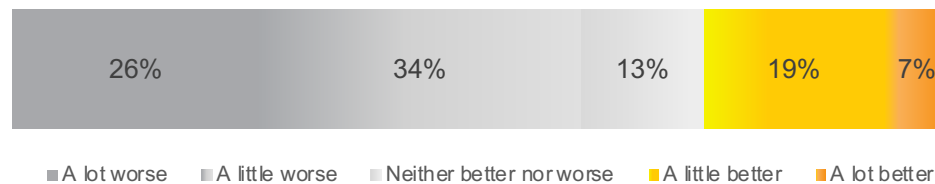
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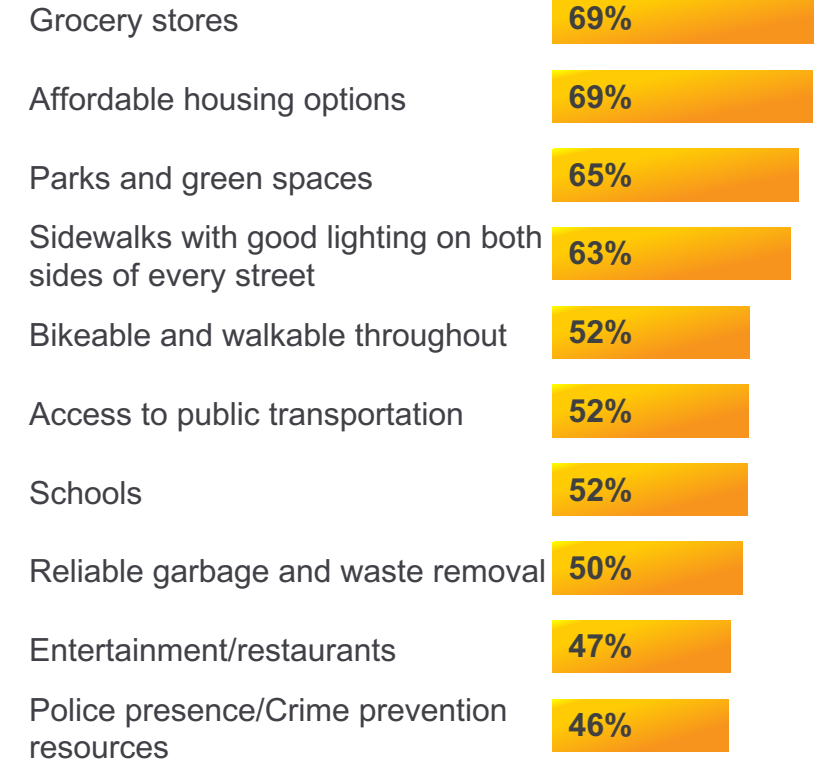


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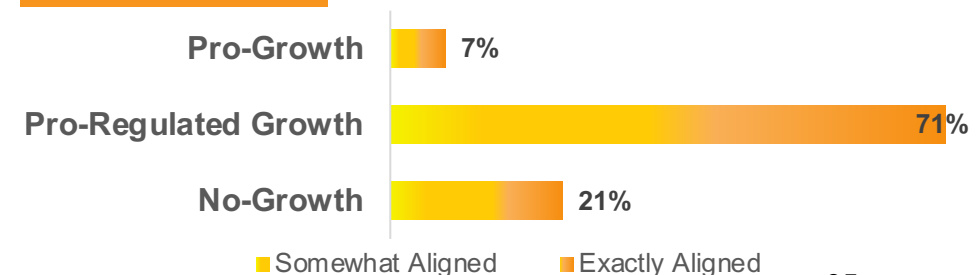


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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



Growth Orientation



Housing

Top-2 Goals For Housing

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- 43%** 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.)
- 39% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 24% Eliminate homelessness

Housing Priorities

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Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

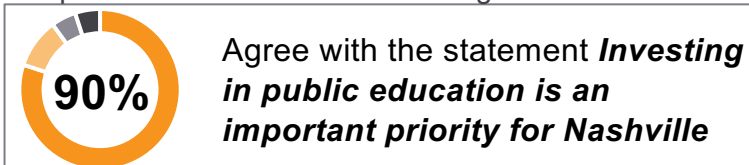
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Mobility

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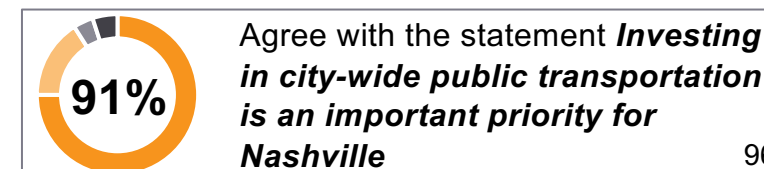
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- 78%** Make it easier to get around Nashville—to and from downtown and from one place to another in the region (connecting different parts of the City and Downtown better)
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Housing

Comments

- *Zoning reform! Eliminate all the single-family zoning (or make it more flexible). Allow for duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes. Fight the sentiment of NIMBYism through community outreach & education.*
- *We need to look closely at real ways to get our unhoused neighbors into 360 care and housing. We also need to ensure that there are options for people who make our city run and be unique -- musicians, artists, Metro workers.*
- *Tiny home villages can provide good affordable housing options. All apartment buildings, including "Luxury" developments, should be required to have affordable units.*
- *[...] instead of knocking down historic neighborhoods and homes in Nashville, make more efforts to partner with contractors that will restore homes/neighborhoods [...]*
- *Stop supporting the big corporations who are bidding on all the homes at outrageous prices. Middle class millennials are forecasted to not being able to buy homes for 5-10 more years forcing young families out of Nashville*
- *Stop building tall and skinnies.*
- *Rent stabilization after years at living in one location*
- *Pay the teachers, police, firefighters, nurses etc more-the average blue-collar workers are being pushed out because cost of living [...]*
- *Limit AirBnBs and other short-term rentals that lower supply and increase cost*

Education

Comments

- *Learn from and cooperate with successful charter schools. Focus on learning critical thinking and life skills. More project based/experiential learning and intern/externship.*
- *Affordable childcare and pre-K, better pay and benefits for teachers, give school leaders more latitude and funding to address the needs of their school community.*
- *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. [...]*
- *Increasing pay significantly for teachers.*
- *Offer more vocational tracks for students grades 10-12 so they get hands on experience and graduate with the opportunity to enter career force. Create smaller learning communities focused on certification.*
- *Parental involvement and teacher and school support is critical. Teachers, school admin and support personnel must and can be paid the highest possible. Providing diverse and rich options for after-care is key in early + k-5.*
- *Stop banning books and loosen the reins on teacher's creative abilities in their classrooms. Stop evaluating teachers based on students' test scores.*
- *School choice and education savings account (ESA). Students are not "one-size-fits-all" Fund students, not systems. [...]*

Mobility

Comments

- *Above ground or elevated train system. Put hubs in the various neighborhoods and suburbs.*
- *A focused look at each neighborhood and quality public input on what serves residents best with special focus on youth, seniors, [...]*
- *Airport to downtown transportation. Sidewalks on all streets - make it more walkable to get from one neighborhood to another.*
- *Better bus stops. A sign on the side of a busy street without a sidewalk or cover is unsafe and insufficient.*
- *Dedicated bus lanes are the #1 thing I want to see in Nashville. This would help make the bus arrival times more reliable since they would be less dependent on traffic, and it would incentive people to take the buses during rush hour [...]*
- *I would love to see more bike lanes and sidewalks so it feels safer to walk within neighborhoods. A bus lane down Gallatin Rd. — or even a transit line up and down Gallatin — would greatly improve my transportation experience in East Nashville.*
- *Increased rail, possibility of returning the streetcars or the possibility of an above ground line similar to the L in Chicago.*
- *Light rail is my top interest - and it needs to reach more areas via more arteries of access.*
- *Rethink the current traffic infrastructure. [...] only a complete reworking will help. Lights on major arteries need to be retimed for more consistent flow, and exit/turn lanes should be increased.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- A "third place" or somewhere people can gather and commune without being forced to spend money.
- A community center or place where people can gather for celebrations or workshops, or civil meetings.
- A reason to get out of our living spaces and interacting with neighbors. Block parties, holiday decorating contests, events at the park, group bike rides
- An honoring of the history of that area and the people who have lived there
- Bring back the village where everyone looked out for each other.
- Cutting crime. I've lived here my whole life and the crime scares me. I'm afraid to walk in the neighborhood.
- Elected officials holding monthly or quarterly town hall meetings with residents.
- Equitable access to create great neighborhoods.
- Feeling safe and secure in a well-maintained neighborhood.
- Green spaces. Green spaces are important for mental health and well being [...]

One Change

Comments

- An amazing transit system with busses and light rail 24/7, every 15 minutes and is a faster, more efficient option than driving
- A city-wide cap on rent, and/or more affordable housing options
- A more thoughtful, strategic plan for growth
- A rail system, less or no passenger style vehicles allowed in high walking areas like downtown. [...]
- Affordable housing for all who need it. The folks who serve and care for us cannot afford to live in the city that is so dependent on them. [...]
- Affordable housing for medium to low-income households
- Better greenway biking system. Would be nice to be able to bike to get groceries or to restaurants safely. Please no more bike lanes that have no protection against cars!!
- Center the voices of people who've lived in Nashville for generations. Growth is welcome, but the people from here are being pushed out.
- Education. Pay teachers more and fully fund public schools so that our children can be prepared for the real world and have real options available to them.

Big Ideas

Comments

- Become a nationwide leader in creative solutions to issues of transportation, connectivity, and housing
- A combination of making Nashville more connected, more creative and a realistically affordable place to live.
- A sustainability, green energy innovation leader in the south, if not the country.
- A sustainable local food system that thrives on locally sourced food.
- Better use of river front property in downtown/east/Germantown areas
- Connecting aging adults with children and youth
- Create paid opportunities for local artists to teach/mentor children and young adults in the arts.
- Major League Baseball
- Nashville NetZero? Be on the map for sustainability?
- There needs to be "Imagine Tennessee" to coordinate with "Imagine Nashville"
- We need to be a leader in tech, music & arts, and also have blue collar manufacturing jobs.
- The human city - A city that allows for development at a more human scale than city block by city block

Youth

Comments

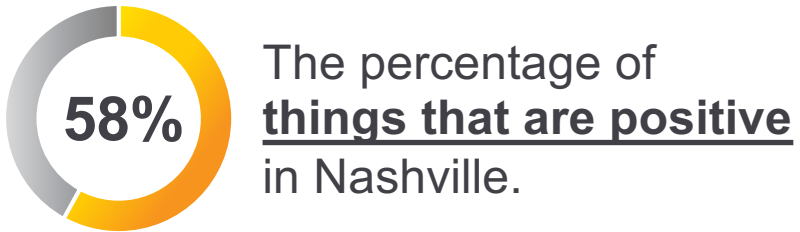
- Start asking them directly and act on those suggestions. Help them socialize and connect with the communities
- Non-virtual communal safe spaces. Like the free homework line: provide free mental health support for all (private, home and public school students to call and talk to someone. Safe zones for youth who need a safe place.
- Access to recreational facilities and green spaces
- 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 [...].
- Expanded focus on internship, job opportunities outside the traditional school space
- Getting them involved in their own community and neighborhood. Helping to improve it. They need to understand about Nashville's people and history and learn that their voice matters.
- More access to receiving emotional, food and basic needs support. Schools cannot sustain the amount of students and families who need these services AND provide high quality education.



Sexual Orientation / Gender Identity

Subgroup: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

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- 44% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
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- 41% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 29% Rich diversity of people and cultures
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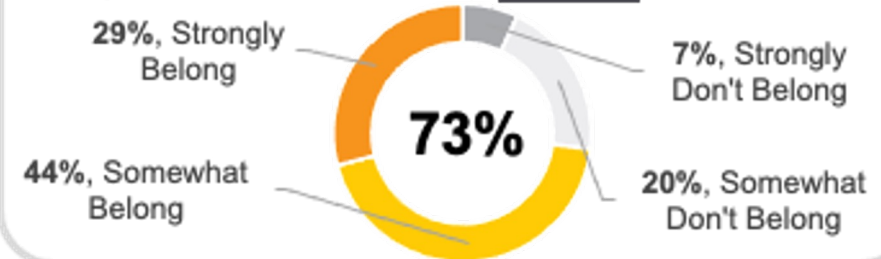
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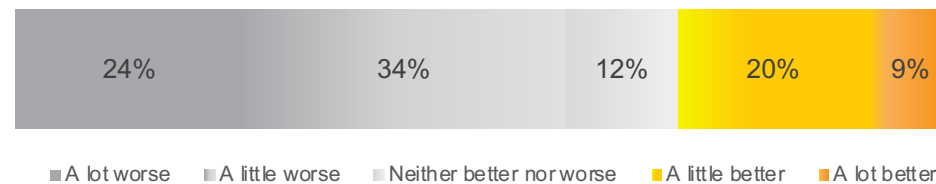
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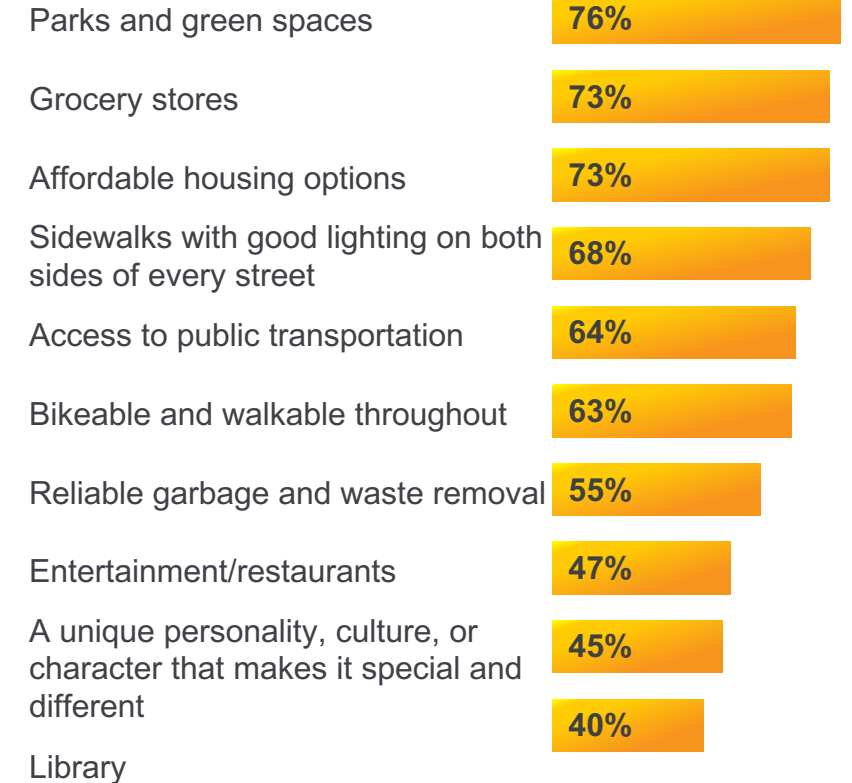


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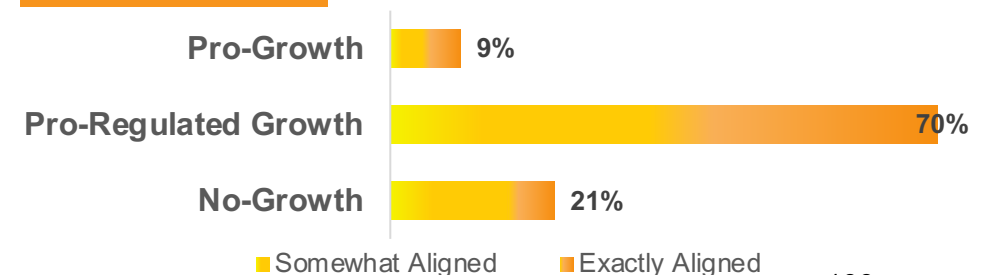


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Growth Orientation



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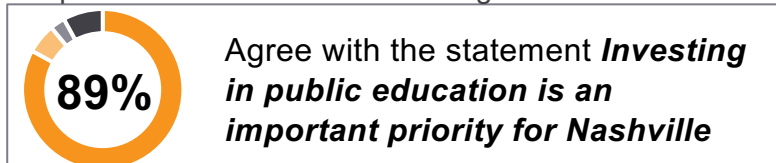
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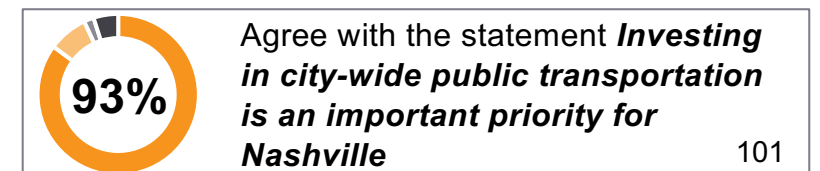
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Housing

Comments

- *A homeowner should not be forced from their home because its value makes the taxes unaffordable*
- *A significant pay increase for Metro workers or housing incentives so we can afford to live in the city we serve. We can cut our commute time significantly which would help the environment and reduce costs.*
- *Actually stick to our commitments to affordable housing and not let developers just cancel those*
- *address the "Missing Middle" housing shortage by up-zoning for gentle density (duplexes, fourplexes) in neighborhoods. 40% of the land in Davidson County being zoned for single and two-family development is unsustainable.*
- *Address the racial disparities in housing crisis, gentrification, and how decades of racist housing policies led to the wealth gap between Black people and white people, and INVOLVE the community in the decision-making process*
- *Any new multi-family construction above a certain size should be required to include have some percentage of affordable/rent-stabilized units*
- *Build more affordable housing in all zip codes. Developers need to be responsible for the roads they tear up and the future livability of the city. Time to rein them in and require fees for roads, sidewalks and green spaces.*
- *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.*

Education

Comments

- *As a teacher, it is wild how many teachers can't actually afford to live in Nashville [...] Teachers should make enough to live in the communities they teach in.*
- *Address the learning gap concerns at the end of Kindergarten or first grade (when considering retention) and not at the end of 3rd grade. Stop opening new charters. Invest in older schools to improve their quality.*
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- *Ensure that early childhood education and preschool is available to all students and families regardless of income. Provide more resources and services for low-income families and the schools that serve them.*
- *Double compensation for public school teachers; ensure school safety; eliminate standardized tests which creates "teaching to tests;" return teaching to the teachers and not to the legislature which knows little about teaching learning.*
- *I'm a teacher. I graduated from an MNPS high school and have lived in Nashville my whole life. After taxes, I bring home 33,000 a year. I can barely afford to live in Nashville. I need more support from parents too.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Creating a public transportation service specifically based out of Nashville to serve local & surrounding areas. Similar to Uber & Lyft yet offering more affordable rates for locals. Creating a private transportation service for disabled [...]*
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Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- Sidewalks, public transportation, community gardens, universal healthcare, affordable housing for all, streamline citizenships for all workers in the community, less fast-food restaurants, replace with quick access to healthy food options, free clothing
- A combination of business, entertainment, and residential that is VERY walkable.
- A culture of respect and dignity, feeling like government and policing agencies care and are listening to the citizens experience.
- A forum or strategy for citizens to work together to solve community issues
- A general sense of safety - not worried about people breaking into your car, not worried about leaving your door unlocked, not worried about walking in the dark, etc.
- Diversity - both racially and economically. Neighbors that differ from you and are still able to build community with each other.
- Human-centric instead of car-centric infrastructure and development

One Change

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- A city for residents, not tourists.
- A rail system, less or no passenger style vehicles allowed in high walking areas like downtown
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- Cost of living!!!! I had to move 40 minutes outside of the city because my teaching salary doesn't allow me to live in the city.
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- Aiming to grow as a city in areas like innovation and creativity will not succeed without proper infrastructure.
- Having more community-based programs that bring our youth & seniors together
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- Make this a safe place for LGBTQ+ people to exist.
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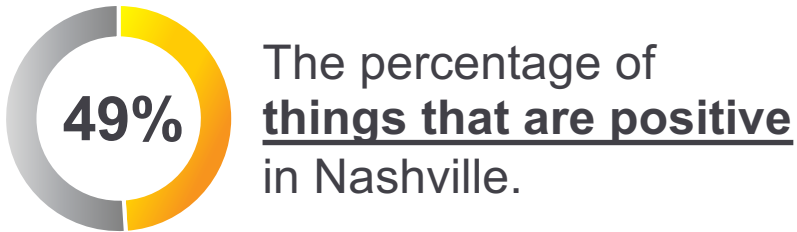
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Comments

- Youth can have safe places to gather in the community, especially teenagers who don't really have as many spaces designed specifically for them. They need safe ways to get around in their neighborhood and meaningful opportunities to engage with their community
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- There needs to be more third spaces for young people to congregate safely without having to spend money!
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- Thriving mentor-mentee relationships or multigenerational relationships in the city is key. When older generations scoff at younger ones, and younger ones ignore elders, it's not healthy.
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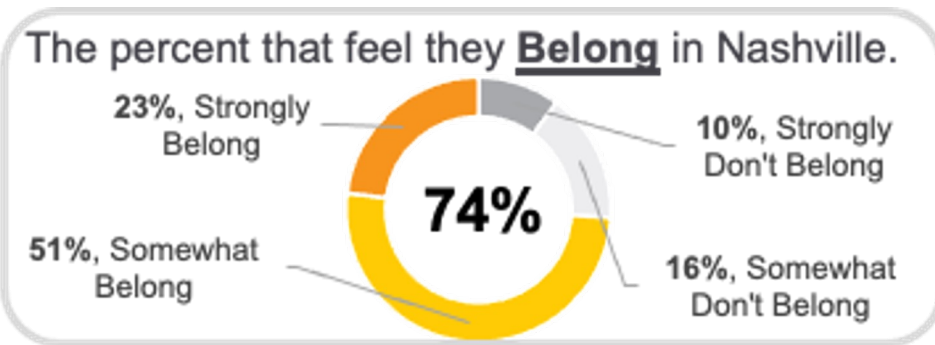
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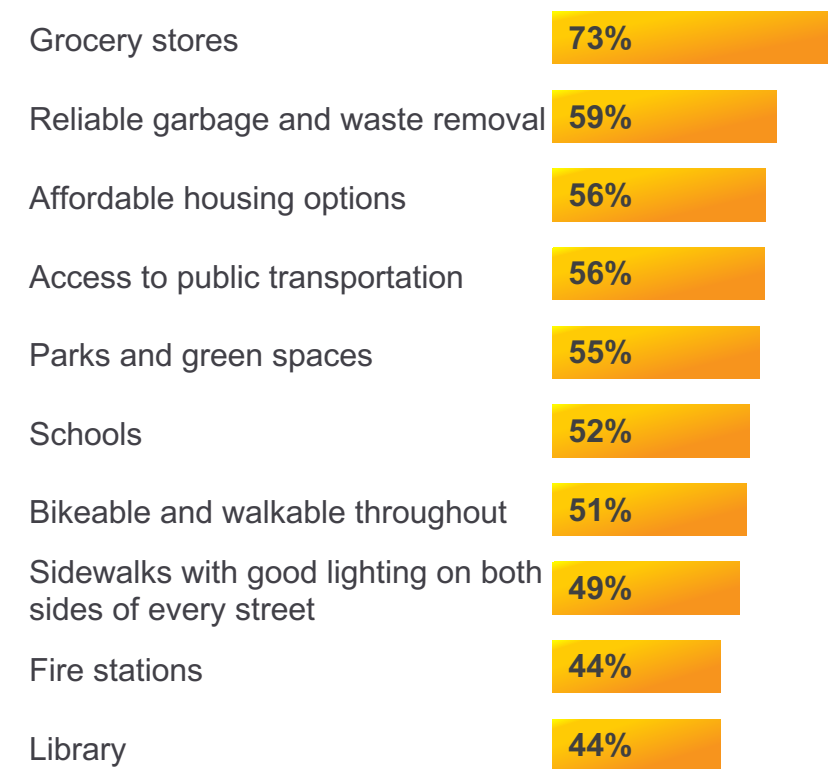


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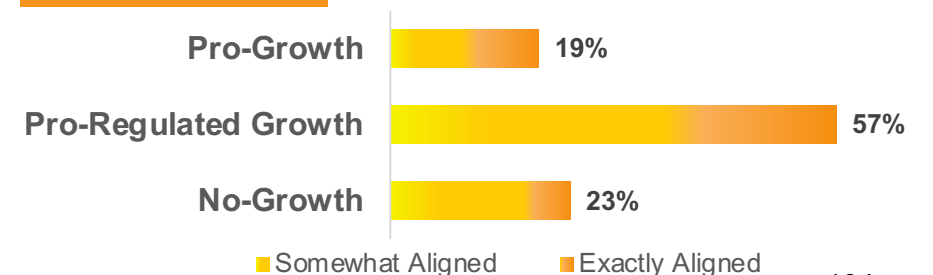


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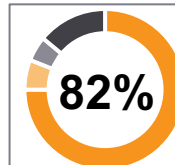
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- 54% Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 45% Ensure they are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community
- 28% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 14% Ensure they are prepared for college

Education Priorities Importance

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

- 8.5 Improve teacher quality through better recruitment, compensation, training, etc.
- 8.2 Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
- 8.1 Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare and early childhood education
- 7.9 Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 7.9 Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
- 7.8 Increase school safety
- 7.6 Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
- 7.5 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
- 6.5 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

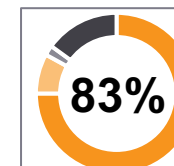
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 67% 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)
- 61% 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.
- 47% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live
- 26% 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

- 9.1 Improve and increase public transportation availability and options throughout the city (light rail, bus rapid transit, expanded bus service)
- 8.3 Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and infrastructure across the city and in the surrounding communities (bikeable streets, sidewalks, greenway and trail networks, etc.)
- 8.1 Reduce traffic congestion
- 8.0 Improve road maintenance and operations on existing roads
- 7.6 Promote flexible and remote work schedules to reduce the need and impact of commuting
- 7.0 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

- *Greed has no place in our city. Implement rent caps. Penalize landlords who price gouge & force people out of their homes. Create laws to protect tenants. Support renters' unions. No more than 5% rent increases should be allowed per year.*
- *Building energy efficient condos in a honeycomb formation. Electricity generated from the city using renewable power produced by the city.*
- *Perhaps community-based jobs that are work/live— provide housing as a benefit of employment. Rent control, or some restrictions on how much landlords can increase rent year-by-year.*
- *Stop developers from purchasing affordable housing, tearing them down and building high rent housing.*
- *Talk directly to the organizations already involved in serving the unhoused for ideas. They know the audience best and may have ideas of what could help.*
- *There are already a lot of places to live, but people are priced out of them. There should be steep taxes on units that are left to sit empty. The city also needs to provide more housing assistance to the homeless.*
- *We need a consistently enforced minimum proportion of affordable options in new development. None of this 95 market rent apartments and 5 affordable unit nonsense. Also, all new housing developments should include a mix of houses, condos, and apartments.*
- *We need to put a cap on the corporate rental market. Companies buying up homes to artificially raise rent is wreaking havoc on our city.*

Education

Comments

- *Equal resources for all students regardless of where they live. Incredible pay and benefits for teachers and school staff (not counting police— they already get enough)*
- *I work for MNPS. Our teachers are burnt out and the turnover rate is high. We need to adequately pay employees so they will be attracted to the school system and stay. TN is 44th in per-pupil funding in the state.*
- *Increasing after school programs and community centers throughout the city for low-income families*
- *Private schools are literally created to take away more resources from the already underserved. All money to public education abolish private schooling. Increase community involvement in all levels of education. Pay and provide for a robust staff.*
- *Stop funding charter schools and start funding public schools better. Pay teachers much more than they're making.*
- *We have to keep special education and intervention support high priority in Nashville.*
- *With the use of advanced technology systems such as AI in the school system. We can tailor each child's education to their specific learning framework for success. Enlisting a 24-hour tutor program to each student.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Again our city and state have more than enough resources to implement this. There should be FREE, robust, and accessible public transportation of all types nothing less.*
- *Again, accommodate the late-night business around Broadway and downtown--reduce the number of people driving drunk on the weekends by promoting alternative transportation, even possibly rideshare infrastructure*
- *DC uses "Smart Trip" which is payment used across buses, subway etc. It's super easy to use for both visitors and locals. Give locals deals to help make moving around the city equitable. Visitors can and will pay more.*
- *Encourage remote work/4-day work week/appropriate work-life balance/PTO/sick time.*
- *Our investment in city-wide mass transit is only as good as our investment and partnership in other counties in the region.*
- *Partially tax funded ride sharing services to similar parts of town*
- *Renewable energy trolley system. Sidewalks throughout Davidson County to start. An EV bridge with track that generates power via contact with wheel rotation. Cut down interstate traffic & power the cities affordable housing honeycomb design*
- *We need a more robust bus system, and possibly even a light rail system, and they should be easily affordable. This will encourage people to drive less, which will reduce traffic and pollution.*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- Sidewalks, public transportation, community gardens, universal healthcare, affordable housing for all [...]
- Community activity that is not just Christian faith based & is inclusive and diverse.
- Community based mindset when planning and growing the city
- Community building events where people can feel more connected to one another.
- LGBTQ+ safe spaces and resources.
- I would add a centralized source of information or community events and information— a newsletter or email list or even regular community meetings
- Less funding for police, more funding for schools and community services. Cops don't keep us safe, housing and education & community keep us safe.
- Noise ordinance for AirBNB people.
- We need diverse and affordable spaces in every neighborhood.
- The existence of “third places”—places outside of home or work, that aren't necessarily commercial (they're not motivated by profit), they simply exist to facilitate community and provide a place for gathering.
- Small businesses

One Change

Comments

- Allow the minimum wage catch up to the high influx of tourism & cost of living.
- Become an LGBTQ+ friendly place. Stop putting so many bills to the state assembly that limit people from being their authentic, beautiful selves.
- Enhanced public transportation— a light rail around the city and a robust bus system to support it connecting the entire metropolitan area
- Have better transportation, affordable housing, legislature staying out of our schools and off our bodies so everyone feels accepted and safe and more money into homelessness.
- I imagine for Nashville a mecca of hope and humanity. Affordable eco energy efficient housing for all humans. Access to healthcare for all and streamline citizenships for all our hard workers
- I'd like to be able to afford to live in the city I was born in.
- More opportunities for people in public housing. The ratio of police vs opportunities doesn't sit right with me.
- To make it more queer friendly and inclusive.
- We need rent caps and for the people with roots in Nashville to be prioritized rather than corporations and wealthy transplants.

Big Ideas


Comments

- Emergency services/ health care transit opportunities? Connecting everyone to preventative and sick care could lower costs of "waited til it was bad enough" care. Vanderbilt would partner.
- End non-owner-occupied AirBnBs. They are a cancer that sucks the life and livability out of our community.
- I know many are frustrated with the city butting heads with the state but we need to continue to stand our ground when it comes to inclusion and peoples rights. I'm not sure what that would look like for the city
- If we could pilot a universal basic income for households that make under 100k a year, I think we would see innovation and the economy skyrocket. We could be a leader in investing in our communities, ending hunger and homelessness for all Nashvillians.
- Make this a safe place for LGBTQ+ people to exist.
- Renewable and self-sustaining energy within the city. Access to all updated plumbing. I can taste a building's plumbing such as chemicals/ metals in the water. A healthier community supported by Nashville is the ultimate goal.

Youth

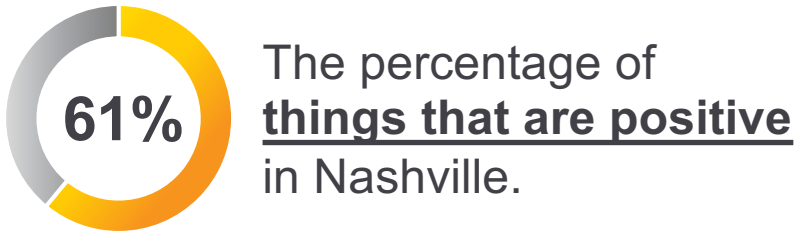
Comments

- Allow trans children to be themselves.
- Community Centers that focus on proper human growth and development of children.
- Free transit would most likely get kids to anywhere they're growing minds take them. Libraries and community spaces related are always a great spot to let their minds expand and create. Just returning autonomy to people's lives has an incredible impact on
- Improving transit, affordable housing, and food justice all definitely intersect with prioritizing young people by creating more stability for families and allowing students to focus on learning instead of survival. Cultivating safe spaces in the community
- More social things to do that don't center around alcohol
- Nature based education (farming, gardening, recreation, hiking, etc)
- Public transportation that is safe, parks that are accessible, programs where kids can safely socialize without steep costs
- We need more free programming for kids. Especially in rough area codes. We need mentorship and skill-building programs. Kids need to know they can thrive and how to get there



65+

Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 48% High quality healthcare and hospitals
- 37% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 32% Rich diversity of people and cultures
- 27% High quality colleges and universities
- 26% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

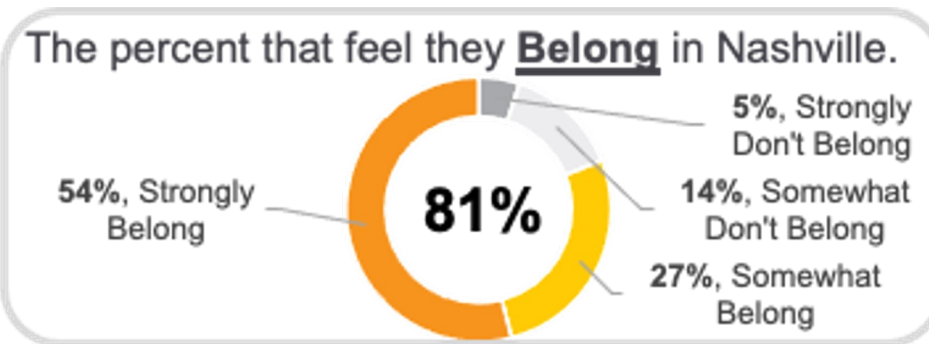
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 55% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 47% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 35% Increased crime/neighborhoods are less safe
- 33% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 29% Increased tension/fighting between state and the City

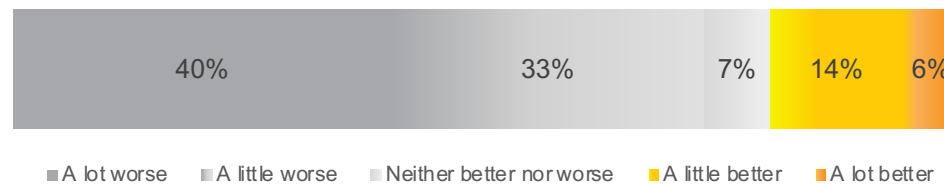
Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 55% The Connected City
- 54% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 44% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 28% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 19% Music and Arts Epicenter

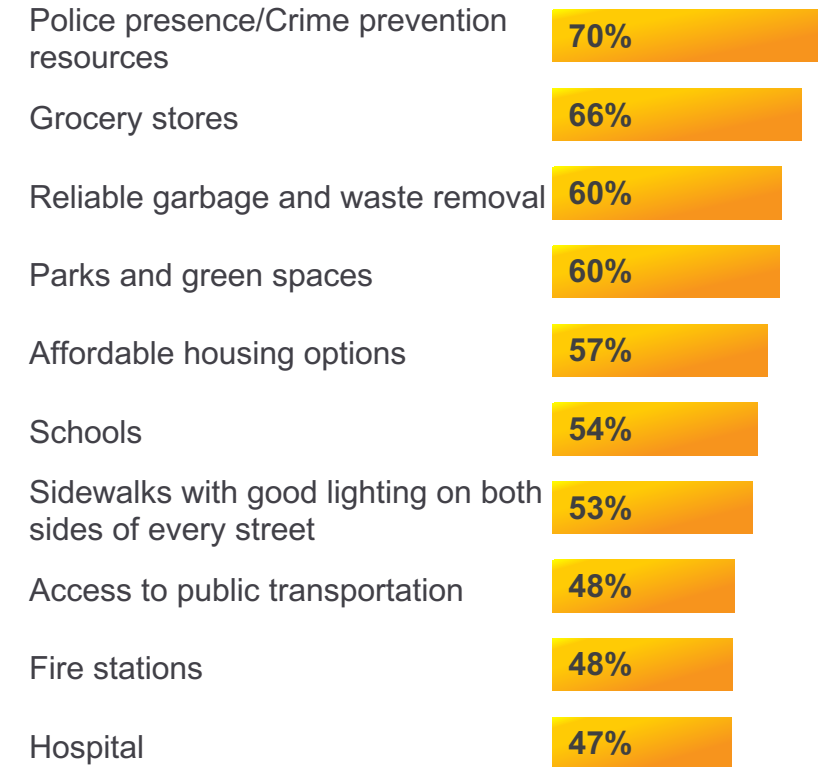


Growth Impact on Nashville

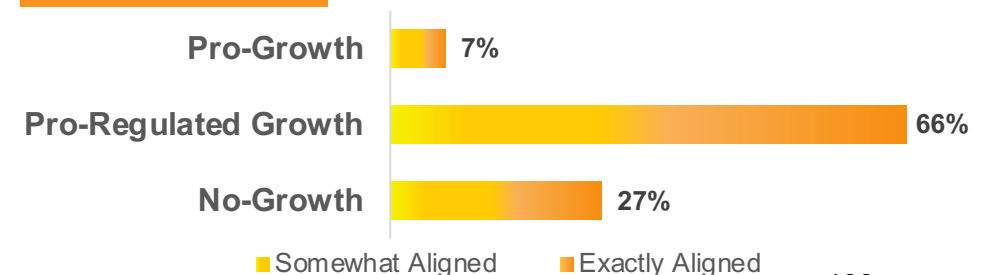


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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



Growth Orientation



Housing

Top-2 Goals For Affordability

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

- 48%** 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
- 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.)
- 40% Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
- 22% Eliminate homelessness

Affordability Priorities Importance

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

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

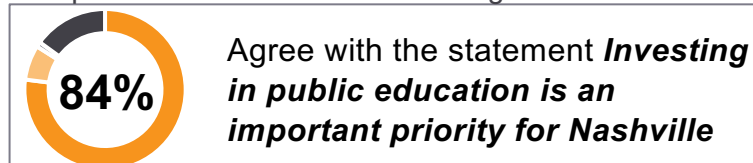
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Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

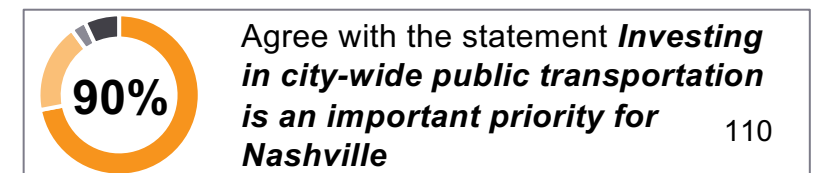
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Mobility Priorities Importance

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



Housing

Comments

- *Get rid of AirBnB. Make short term rentals ADA compliant. De-incentivize short term rentals. Build more modest homes. Death to the tall and skinny!*
- *Tiny home communities*
- *Affordable housing for seniors that are not ready for assisted living or nursing homes. Specifically seniors that are still able to work.*
- *Having more COMPACT housing should not be considered. Crowding people together causes big problems. You should have space between you and neighbors. However, lower cost housing should be available.*
- *Help with property taxes for seniors that isn't impossible to meet*
- *Utilizing local government-owned land to foster affordable and economically diverse housing development. Consider multi-family development options where all families pay 30% of income for rent regardless of income.*
- *Expand accessory dwelling opportunities in our older and denser neighborhoods. Increased density promotes diversity in neighborhoods and also helps support more viable public transit.*
- *More participatory planning process for development and stricter controls on preserving existing housing and neighborhoods*
- *Decriminalize homelessness. Focus on subsidized restoration of older homes to preserve housing stock, not just development of new housing. Intensive focus on more affordable rental units.*
- *Private & public developers working together.*

Education

Comments

- *Impossible dream: to have ONLY public schools, which would immediately improve every school with more money, excellent faculty, curricula choices, and parent involvement.*
- *Focus on funding public schools, not charter schools or voucher programs*
- *Good leadership is most important. Make sure each school has a principal who can create a welcoming, successful school climate.*
- *Stop the rhetoric that everyone needs to go to college to get a 4 year degree. There should be more emphasis on trade and vocational schools. The concentration should be on being able to support yourself with meaningful work.*
- *Double compensation for public school teachers; ensure school safety; eliminate standardized tests which creates "teaching to tests;" return teaching to the teachers and not to the legislature which knows little about teaching learning.*
- *Increase teacher pay, reduce number of students per class*
- *Teach the full history of our nation and world. Do not ban books. Help children to be critical thinkers and lifelong learners regardless to whether they go to college or enter the workforce. Provide black and brown children equal opportunities [...]*
- *Vouchers for all students to go to school their parents choose.*

Mobility

Comments

- *Commuter trains and going back to the trolley system where people in all areas of Nashville and suburbs would not consider it to be demeaning. Less traffic and free up parking space.*
- *Create more cross city routes, not requiring a trip to the central bus terminal.*
- *Nashville needs dedicated bus lanes on West End Avenue, Broadway, Rosa Parks, Gallatin, Dickerson, Nolensville, Murfreesboro, Charlotte*
- *There are too many cars on the road, but people will not change to public transport unless it is safe, comfortable and convenient.*
- *I don't like to go downtown because of the so called "party" vehicles. They are dangerous and a major annoyance!*
- *Make downtown a walkable pedestrian zone. Do anything to get more cars off the road in the entire area.*
- *Light rail or trams to connect neighborhoods, and greenways so that people can safely get to schools and grocery stores without owning a car.*
- *Sidewalk equitably*
- *Address the traffic light timing.*
- *Safer crosswalks. More multi-mobile streets.*
- *Require all new developments to include sidewalks with no exceptions*
- *To include handicapped accessible transportation*

Ideal Neighborhood

Comments

- *Community centers are important, as are green spaces for people to be on. Having easy access to groceries, and drugstores. Having things for senior citizens is very important as well. I still feel that we need a rail system [...]*
- *A person needs to feel safe at home and to feel like they belong there. there should be a sense of community.*
- *Residents have to be able to afford to live here*
- *Management of tree canopy and stormwater, significant problems caused by overgrowth of construction/decrease in green space. Negatively impacts physical environment and wellbeing of people*
- *I feel an essential ingredient would be a community that children and seniors could be safe and trust that they could go in and out and walk on their own streets without fear of violence.*
- *Front porches create a sense of community by providing a place from which to greet neighbors, share a cup of coffee, adult beverage, stories...*
- *Safety, good lighting, sidewalks, and safe community parks for exercise and recreation. Less tourism and better relations with state government.*
- *A sense of community*

One Change

Comments

- *Focus on Nashvillians rather than visitors*
- *More affordable housing for low income and middle income people*
- *More affordable housing for seniors*
- *A safe, modern citywide and regional train system.*
- *Address/solve systemic issues causing poverty, including affordable housing, a living wage, transportation, racism.*
- *Before a project is planned for any neighborhood, the zoning and city council should take the opinions of the neighborhood much more as a deciding factor than they do right now*
- *Exceptional public education for all*
- *Fix the damn potholes!*
- *Homelessness: I would identify some government surplus properties that would be suitable for transforming into shelters for extended housing to provide wrap-around services to get people back on their feet and moving toward becoming productive citizens*
- *Easier to get around in a healthy way - Sidewalks, more bike lanes, greenways.*
- *Stronger focus on infrastructure and retention/maintenance/repurposing of existing structures rather than tearing down! We have lost the "feel" of Nashville and I'm a lifelong resident of 65 years.*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *Get away from the ideology of growth, and focus on the quality of life here as a mature city of moderate size.*
- *Neighborhoods in which there are all ages of people, a variety of people with different financial and educational backgrounds, neighborhoods where there is affordable downsizing housing available [...]*
- *People in a way adopting other people, assisting with their personal roadblocks, giving their time, calling [...]* Advocates, like family. Nobody should have to be or feel alone.
- *Evidence-based strategies such as planting trees in urban areas to reduce heat and crime; multi-generational neighborhood cooperatives to support childcare and combat loneliness; a pedestrian downtown*
- *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 [...]*
- *Nashville needs to be an example of The Beloved Community. We have the resources to do it. We just need to prioritize people over politics, greed, and a quest for notoriety. We don't have to be a slick city - we need to be a loving city.*

Youth

Comments

- *Leadership opportunities at the civic level. Even more libraries.*
- *Childcare/preschool for every child and after school sports/work/arts opportunities for every youth. Summer work opportunities for youth that provide pocket money along with money management skills.*
- *County-wide FREE after-school programs that focus on learning (helping with homework, individual tutoring, etc. to eliminate childcare costs and increase student knowledge and understanding.*
- *There should be positive experiences with local leaders and police. Youth centers where they can congregate are important.*
- *Activities and gathering places (with knowledgeable, skilled, caring adults) to give young people more grounding, a sense of purpose, and community.*
- *Educate the kids who are not going to college. Increase technology offerings in ALL public schools. Look at more vocational education that lines up with jobs available in Middle Tennessee.*
- *Create family resource centers in key marginalized areas of the city to offer 24/7 services that tend to be missing [...].*