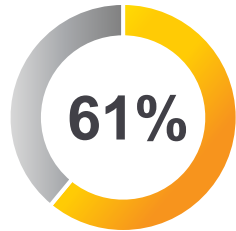


Positives and Negatives in Nashville



The percentage of things that are positive in Nashville.

Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 37% Good and affordable housing options
- 35% High quality colleges and universities
- 32% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 31% Good outdoor rec., parks, and green spaces
- 28% Creative gathering place for music, artists, etc.

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

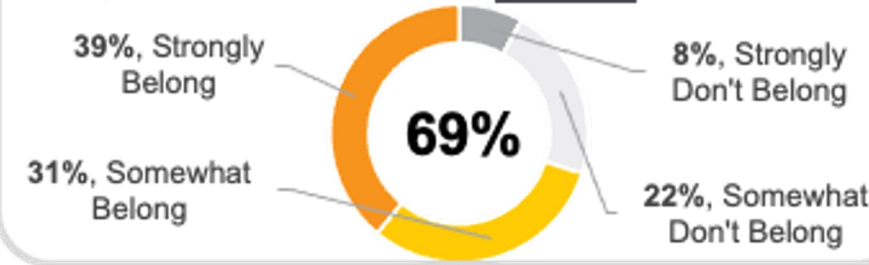
- 53% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 51% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 34% High cost of living
- 28% Lack of affordable housing/shortage/cost
- 25% Increased crime/neighborhoods are less safe

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

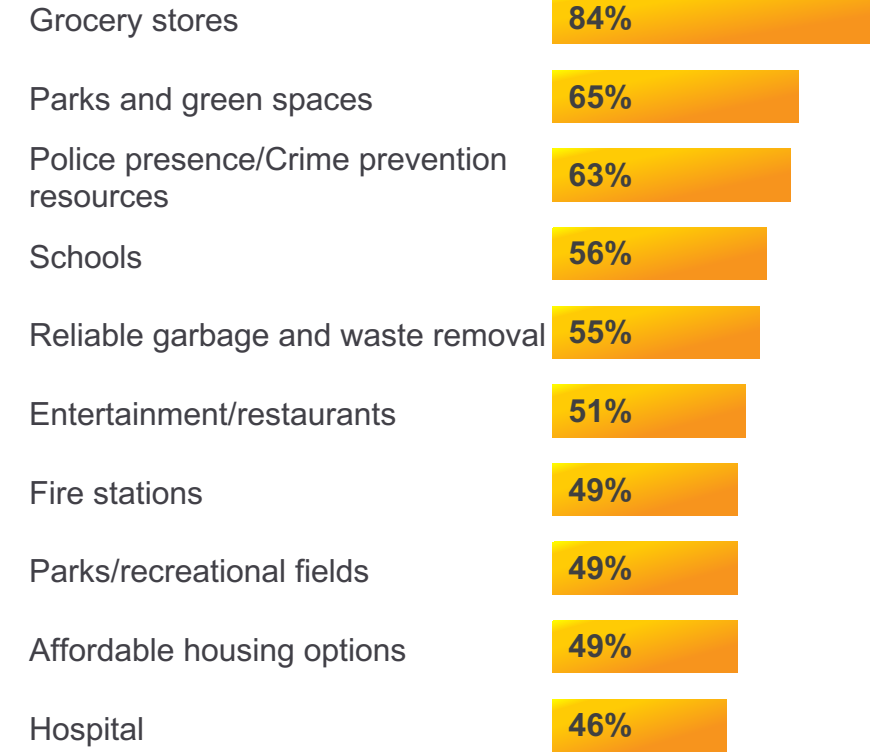
- 52% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 41% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 39% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 34% The Connected City
- 33% Music and Arts Epicenter

The percent that feel they Belong in Nashville.

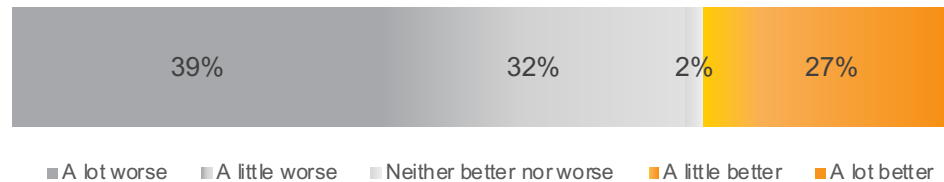


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

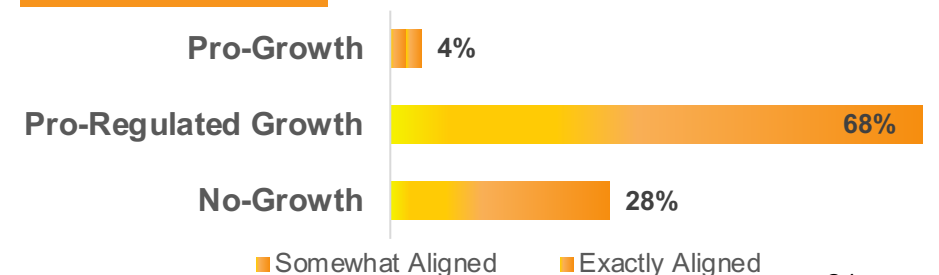
Selection rate for the top 10 out of 15 respondent-selected features



Growth Impact on Nashville



Growth Orientation



Housing

Top-2 Goals For Housing

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

- 64%** Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life
- 62%** Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out
 - 31% 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.)
 - 23% Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
 - 21% Eliminate homelessness

Housing Priorities

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

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

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

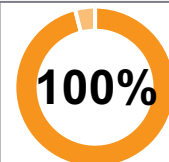
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 72%** 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
 - 40% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
 - 19% 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.
- 8.4** Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 8.4** Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
 - 8.2 Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare and early childhood education
 - 8.2 Increase school safety
 - 8.0 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
 - 8.0 Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
 - 8.0 Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
 - 6.4 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

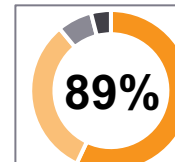
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 86%** 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.
 - 43% Improve transportation safety and reduce crashes and personal injuries
 - 11% Make it easier to get around inside the neighborhoods and communities where people live

Mobility Priorities

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

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

- *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 this 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*
- *I've had a vision of a one stop place for the homeless. This place would have safe housing jobs help with GED or graduations help with a small clinic its inclusive transportation system and job center.*
- *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.*