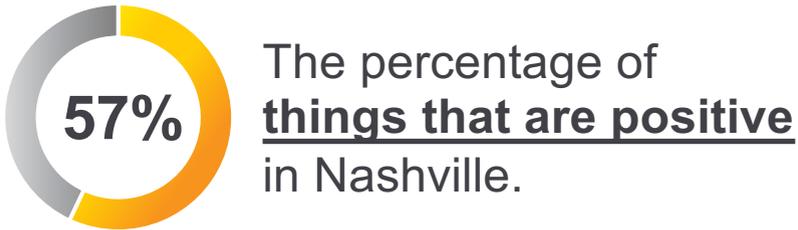


# Subgroup: Madison/Goodlettsville (37072, 37115, 37116)

## 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

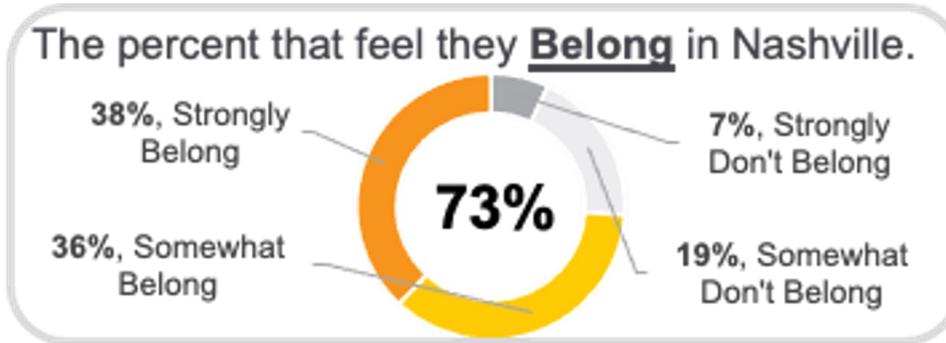
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 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

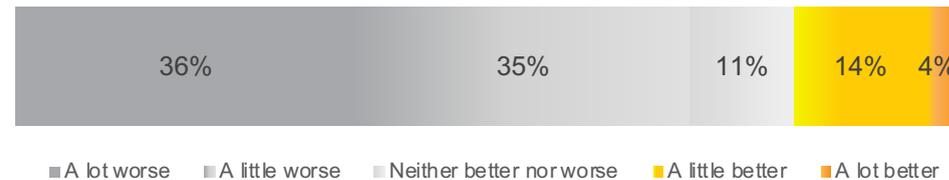
## Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 62% The Connected City
- 51% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 47% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 22% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 19% Music and Arts Epicenter

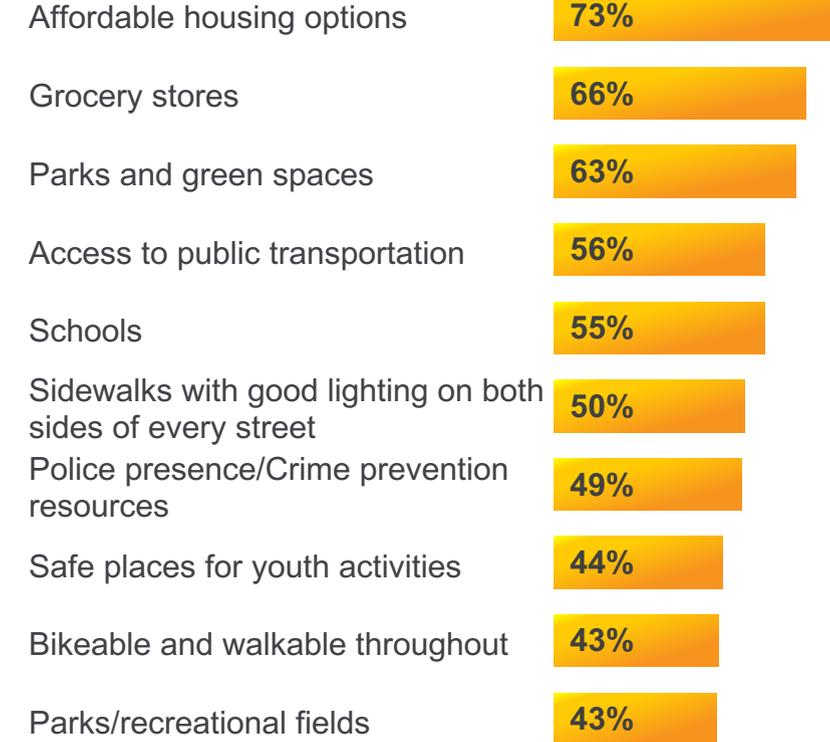


## Growth Impact on Nashville

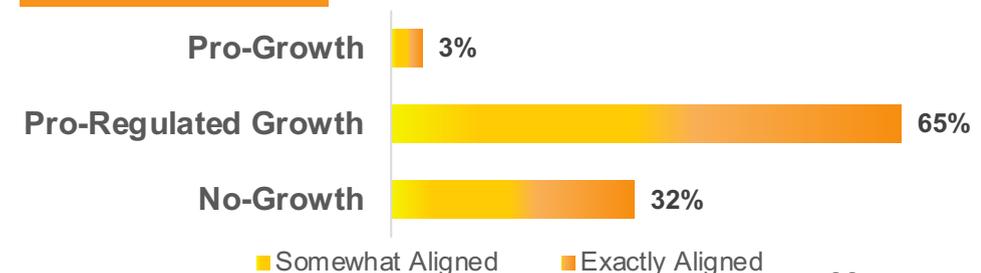


## 10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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

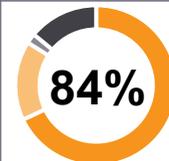
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 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



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

## Mobility

### Top-2 Goals For Mobility

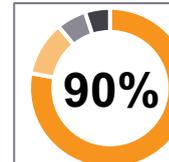
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)**
- 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



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

## 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.*