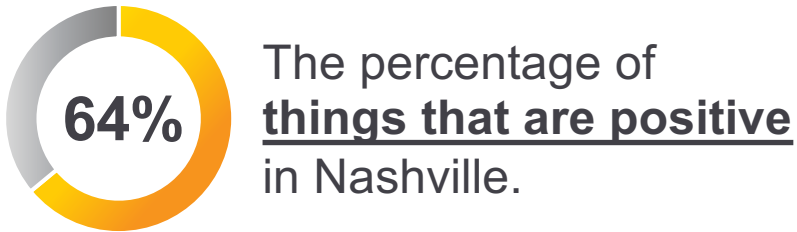


Positives and Negatives in Nashville



Top-5 Positives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 positives among 16 options

- 47% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 37% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 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

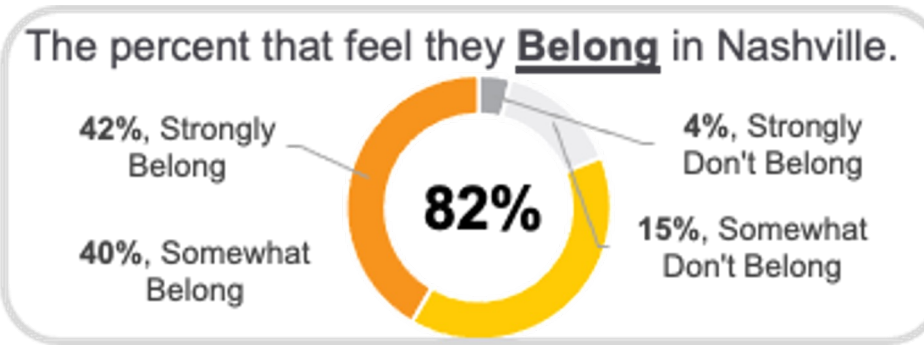
Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

- 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

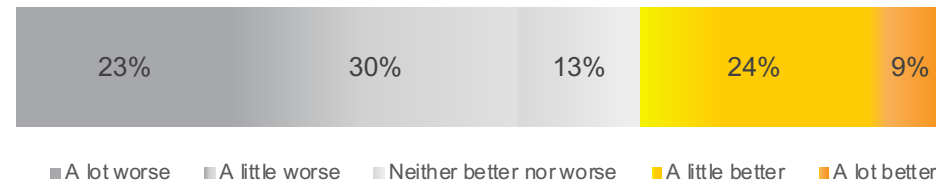
Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 61% The Connected City
- 50% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 48% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 23% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 19% Music and Arts Epicenter

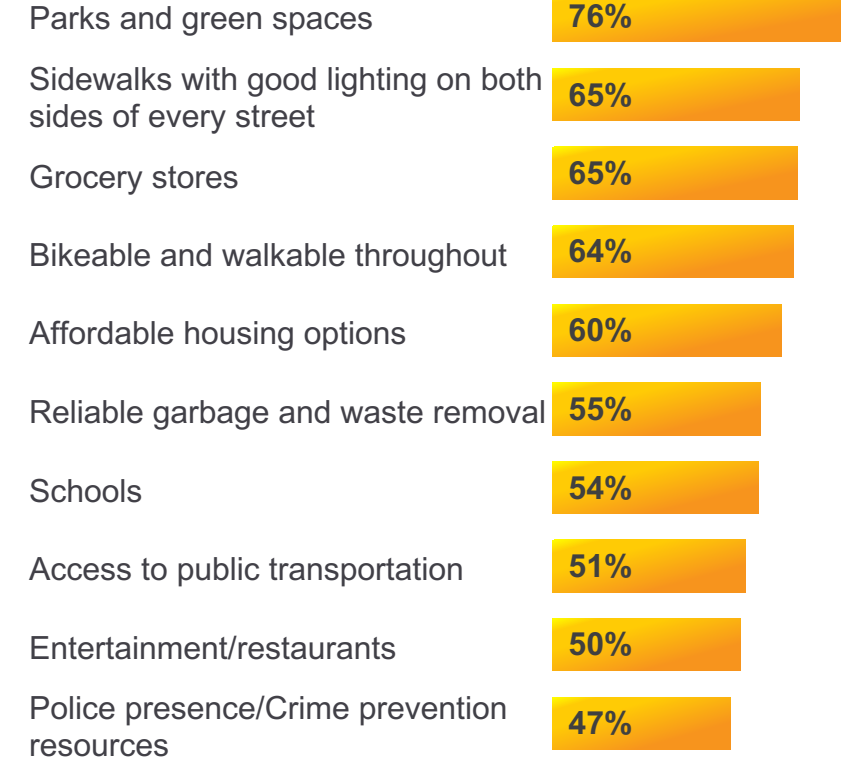


Growth Impact on Nashville

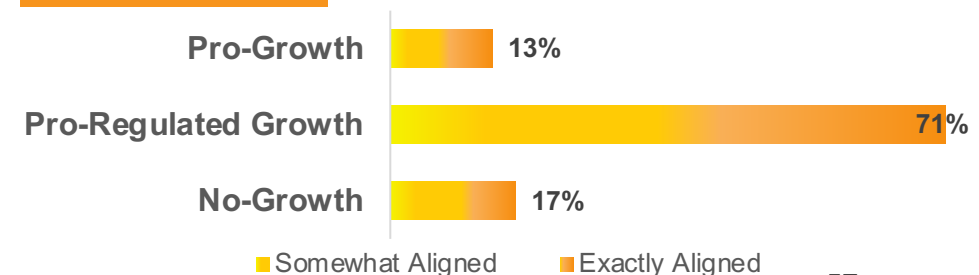


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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

- 50%** Ensure we are building a variety of housing options in all our neighborhoods to reduce housing shortages and lower housing costs
- 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
- 22% Eliminate homelessness

Affordability Priorities Importance

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
- 7.5** 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
- 7.0 Build more compact and less expensive housing closer to where people live, work, and play
- 6.8 Build more homes to increase the housing supply which will bring down housing prices and help meet demand

Education

Top-2 Goals For Education

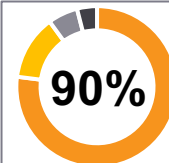
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 62%** Ensure they can support themselves as an adult in the real world
- 49%** Provide a way to lift children out of poverty and level the playing field for their future
- 37% Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace
- 35% 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.
- 8.7** Focus on early childhood health and education—without a good start, chances for success go way down
- 8.7** Increase funding for public education (per pupil spending is way below comparable cities)
- 8.5 Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare and early childhood education
- 8.1 Increase school safety
- 8.0 Focus on failing schools to do whatever is needed to turn them around
- 8.0 Focus on modernizing our school facilities and materials—every child deserves a clean and up-to-date place to learn
- 7.8 Increase personalized student focus and support to teach kids in ways that best fit their individual needs
- 6.1 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

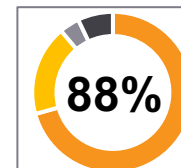
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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)
- 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
- 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

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



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

Housing

Comments

- *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?*