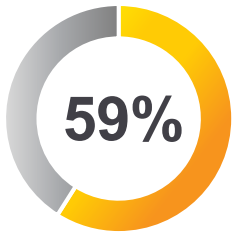


Subgroup: North Nashville/Bordeaux (37207, 37208, 37218, 37228)

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

- 45% Good restaurants, shopping, entertainment
- 33% Good outdoor rec., parks, green spaces
- 32% Creative gathering space for music, artists, etc.
- 27% Rich diversity of people and cultures
- 23% High quality colleges and universities

Top-5 Negatives in Nashville

Selection rate for the top 3 negatives among 13 options

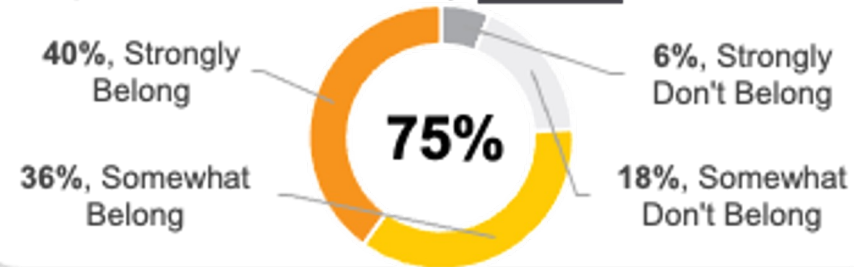
- 45% Traffic/congestion/it's hard to get around
- 45% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 38% High cost of living
- 33% Too much growth/not being managed well
- 28% Lack of public transportation

Top-2 Favorite Visions For Nashville

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

- 59% The Connected City
- 57% Nashville's Neighborhoods are its Stars
- 47% Nashville is Home... The Place of Inclusion and Belonging
- 19% Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Supercenter
- 15% Music and Arts Epicenter

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



Growth Impact on Nashville

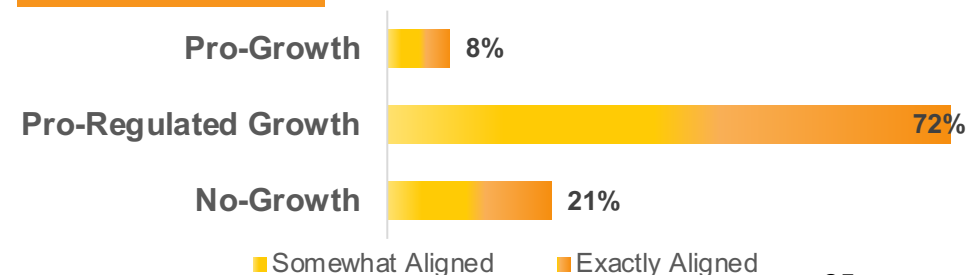


10 Very Important Neighborhood Features

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

- Grocery stores 72%
- Affordable housing options 70%
- Parks and green spaces 63%
- Sidewalks with good lighting on both sides of every street 61%
- 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 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**
- 46% **Ensure low-cost housing options are equally available to people of all walks of life**
- 43% **Ensure people can afford to stay in their homes and are not being forced out**
- 35% **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.)**
- 26% **Eliminate homelessness**

Housing Priorities

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

- 8.4 **Create more community partnerships and programs making more housing more affordable for more people**
- 8.4 **Provide more buyer/renter assistance and support to get people into housing and help them stay there**
- 8.3 **Increase affordable housing requirements and incentives for developers to make sure they generate more affordable housing options**
- 7.4 **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

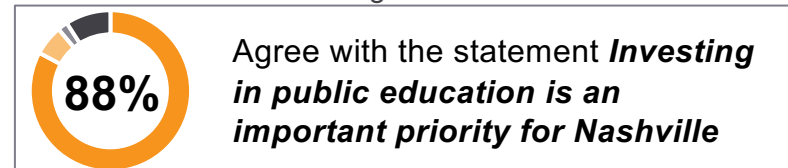
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 5 goals

- 67% **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 are well informed and able to engage in civic and political matters in their community**
- 29% **Ensure they have the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace**
- 12% **Ensure they are prepared for college**

Education Priorities

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

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



Mobility

Top-2 Goals For Mobility

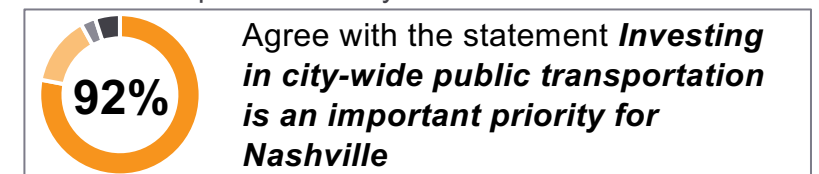
Selection rate for the most and second most important goals among 4 goals

- 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.**
- 36% **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

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)**
- 8.5 **Reduce traffic congestion**
- 8.2 **Improve road maintenance and operations on existing roads**
- 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.)**
- 7.5 **Promote flexible and remote work schedules to reduce the need and impact of commuting**
- 7.1 **Construct new street and highway improvements to better connect parts of the city**



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)*
- *Infrastructure growth that is sustainability-minded. A Marriage between renewable energy, art, and architecture. Imagine a solar array over a parking garage or a walkway in a park.*

Big Ideas

Comments

- *I would LOVE the option to be car-free in Nashville!! Wildest dreams*
- *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.*
- *More opportunities for people "in the middle". The financial programs and/or mentorships and opportunities seem to only be available for those right out of college/still in college, those making an incredibly low wage, or those of a very specific demographic*
- *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*
- *Activities for younger folks, especially teens, outside of school that don't require a lot of additional funds from parents.*
- *Have classes that teach kids real life, practical work skills in all fields. Include mentoring from established professionals, and regular exposure to them. Make all the arts important again---as important and valuable as sports, from Pre-K through 12.*