Vanderbilt University Poll: Nashville Edition

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1,106 residents of Davidson County, TN MoE: +/- 3.50 percentage points
Approval of Nashville’s Elected Officials & Institutions

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  * February/March 2017 *  N= 1,106; MoE: +/- 3.50%
Approval of Nashville’s Elected Officials & Institutions by Party Identification

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Approval of Nashville’s Elected Officials & Institutions by Race and Ethnicity

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Approval of Mayor Barry by Party Identification

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Approval of Mayor Barry by Race and Ethnicity

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Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  *  February/March 2017 *  N= 1,106; MoE: +/-3.50%
Approval of Metro Nashville Police Department by Race and Ethnicity

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  *  February/March 2017  *  N= 1,106;  MoE: +/- 3.50%
Support for Body Cameras for Police

Do you support or oppose the use of body cameras by police that record their interactions with the public?

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Support for Body Cameras by Race and Ethnicity

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  *  February/March 2017 *  N= 1,106; MoE: +/- 3.50%

- **White**: 94% Support, 4% Oppose
- **Black**: 95% Support, 4% Oppose
- **Hispanic**: 87% Support, 12% Oppose

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Approval of President Trump

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Approval of President Trump by Party Identification

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N= 1,106; MoE: +/- 3.50%

- **Republicans**
  - Approve: 84%
  - Disapprove: 8%
  - Need to wait and see: 3%
  - Don't know: 3%

- **Democrats**
  - Approve: 85%
  - Disapprove: 7%
  - Need to wait and see: 5%
  - Don't know: 2%

- **Independents**
  - Approve: 58%
  - Disapprove: 30%
  - Need to wait and see: 8%
  - Don't know: 2%

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Approval of President Trump by Race and Ethnicity

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![Approval Graph]
Nashville, Right Direction or Wrong Track?

Do you think things in the Nashville area are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  *  February/March 2017

2017 N=560  *  2015 N=1,000

72%  
68%

22%  
26%

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  *  February/March 2017  *  2017 N=560  *  2015 N=1,000
“Top Priorities” For Mayor and City Council

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  
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- Improving public education: 86%
- Reducing crime: 77%
- Taking steps to ensure the city's long-term financial health: 73%
- Dealing with the problems of the poor and people in need: 73%
- Increasing the amount of affordable housing in Nashville: 64%

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Other “Top Priorities” for Mayor & City Council

- Improving public transportation systems: 63%
- Encouraging people to create and develop new small businesses: 55%
- Improving local neighborhoods outside of downtown Nashville: 54%
- Bringing new businesses to the city: 47%
- Encouraging more recycling in Nashville's neighborhoods: 45%
- Supporting music, arts and culture in general: 38%
- Building more sidewalks and bike lanes: 36%
- Limiting new construction downtown: 29%
- Supporting professional sports teams like the Titans, Predators and Sounds: 16%

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N= 1,106; MoE: +/- 3.50%
Opinion on Nashville’s Population Growth

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  *  February/March 2017  *  2017 N= 568 * 2015 N=523

50%  65%  44%  32%  5%  3%  0%

2015  2017

Too quickly  About the right amount  Not quickly enough

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  *  February/March 2017  *  2017 N= 568 * 2015 N=523
Opinion on Construction of New Buildings and Properties in Nashville

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  *  February/March 2017  *  2017 N= 538  *  2015 N= 477

- 2015:
  - Too quickly: 47%
  - About the right amount: 42%
  - Not quickly enough: 9%

- 2017:
  - Too quickly: 60%
  - About the right amount: 33%
  - Not quickly enough: 5%

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  *  February/March 2017  *  2017 N= 538  *  2015 N= 477
On a typical day how much total time do you spend in traffic?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * 2017 N=532 * 2015 N= 500
Support for City-wide Referendum on Public Transportation

Do you support or oppose holding a city-wide referendum that allows voters to decide by popular vote whether Nashville should make more funding available for improving public transportation?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N= 1,106; MoE: +/-3.50%
Support for 25 Cent Sales Tax Increase for Public Transportation Improvements

Would you be willing or not willing to pay 25 cents more in sales tax for every 100 dollars you spend if the money went towards improving public transportation in Nashville?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N= 556
Support for 50 Cent Sales Tax Increase for Public Transportation Improvements

Would you be willing or not willing to pay 50 cents more in sales tax for every 100 dollars you spend if the money went towards improving public transportation in Nashville?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  * February/March 2017 * N= 550

Yes, willing: 68%
No, not willing: 30%

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  * February/March 2017 * N= 550
Support for Legalization of Marijuana
Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  * February/March 2017 *  N= 554
Support for Online Home-Sharing Services

Thinking about online home sharing services – such as Airbnb, VRBO or HomeAway – that allow investors to rent out private homes to travelers for a fee, would you say you support or oppose allowing these online home-sharing services to operate in your neighborhood?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N=544
Support for New Pro Soccer Stadium in Nashville

As you may have heard, there has been some discussion about building a brand new pro soccer stadium at the Fairgrounds in Nashville. Construction of the new stadium would be led by a public-private partnership aimed at bringing a Major League Soccer team to Nashville. In general would you support or oppose this proposal?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N=552
Thinking about the issue of immigration...
Which comes closest to your view about undocumented immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N= 1,106; MoE: +/-3.50%
Support for increasing deportations of undocumented immigrants who are currently living in the country but whose children are U.S. citizens?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N= 1,106; MoE: +/-3.50%
Do you think local governments should or should not be required to use local resources to enforce federal immigration laws?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N= 1,106 ; MoE: +/- 3.50%
There are already enough charter schools in Nashville
There should be more charter schools opened in Nashville
Don't know

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll *  February/March 2017 * 2017 N=562 * 2015 N=483
Opinion on Performance of Nashville Public Preschools, Kindergartens and Elementary schools

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  * February/March 2017 *
2017 N = 548  * 2015 N = 500

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  * February/March 2017  *  2017 N = 548  *  2015 N = 500
Opinion on Performance of Nashville Public Junior and High Schools

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  *  February/March 2017 *
2017 N = 558 * 2015 N = 500

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Do you think most of the people in Nashville who are homeless for extended periods of time are homeless because of circumstances beyond their control or within their control?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N=539
Which of the following groups do you think should be most responsible for addressing the issue of homelessness in Nashville?

- The homeless themselves: 12%
- Family or friends of the individuals: 9%
- State government: 10%
- Metro Nashville government: 21%
- Federal government: 20%
- Private organizations and charities: 11%
- Religious organizations: 6%

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N=567
How often, if ever, do you use public transportation in Nashville?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N=553
How often, if ever, do you use private ride-share services like Uber or Lyft in Nashville?

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll * February/March 2017 * N=553