

Vanderbilt University
2025 Nashville/Davidson County Survey
Topline Results: March 26, 2025

Total n= 1,008 Nashville/Davidson County, TN residents ages 18+
Margin of Error: \pm 3.8 percentage points for results based on Total [N=1,008]
Field Dates: February 21-March 16, 2025
Interview language: English
Interview Mode: Web, Telephone

WEB INTRODUCTION

WS1. Thank you for participating in this survey for the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (CSDI) at Vanderbilt University. As a thank you for participating, we can send you a \$10 gift card upon completion of the survey.

To ensure our poll is representative of the Nashville Metro area, we ask that the adult (age 18 or older) in your household who has the next birthday is the person who completes this survey.

Please enter your passcode and press START to continue to the survey:

CATI INBOUND INTRODUCTION

Hello, my name is _____. Thank you for calling to participate in this survey for Vanderbilt University. This call will be monitored or recorded for quality assurance.

- S3. Are you calling from a landline or cell phone?
S4. Are you now driving a car or doing any activity requiring your full attention?

CATI OUTBOUND INTRODUCTION

Hello, my name is ____ and I'm calling from SSRS on behalf of Vanderbilt University. We're conducting a survey about some important issues facing the Nashville community today. This is not a sales call. This call will be monitored or recorded for quality assurance.

- S1. May I please speak with the YOUNGEST [RANDOMIZE: (MALE / FEMALE)], age 18 or older, who is now at home?
S2. Then may I please speak with the YOUNGEST [RANDOMIZE: (FEMALE / MALE)], age 18 or older, who is now at home?
SCA1. Are you currently living at: (INSERT ABS SAMPLE ADDRESS)?
SCA2. We are sorry but only someone living at this address that we sent the survey invitation to is qualified to participate. Is this person available to complete the survey? [CONTINUE IF PERSON IS AVAILABLE]

MAIN SCREENING INTERVIEW

[SHOW TO ALL:] First, just a few background questions...

- AGE. What is your age? [CONTINUE IF 18 OR OLDER]
AGEREF. [IF AGE=DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED:] Keeping in mind that this is a completely confidential survey... Could you please tell us if you are under 18, 18 to 24, 25 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64, or 65 or older? [CONTINUE IF 18 OR OLDER]
RDCOUNTY. Do you currently in Davidson County, Tennessee? [CONTINUE IF DAVIDSON COUNTY]

TREND INFORMATION

2024 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2024 Nashville-Davidson County Poll” conducted under the direction of SSRS from March 1-March 21, 2024 among 1,014 Nashville/Davidson County, TN residents, age 18 or older. Surveys were administered in English by web and telephone.

2023 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2023 Nashville-Davidson County Poll” conducted under the direction of SSRS from March 13-April 6, 2023 among 1,016 Nashville/Davidson County, TN residents, age 18 or older. Surveys were administered in English by web and telephone.

2022 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2022 Nashville-Davidson County Poll” conducted under the direction of SSRS from March 18-April 16, 2022 among 1,008 Nashville/Davidson County, TN residents, age 18 or older. Surveys were administered in English by web and telephone.

2021 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2021 Nashville-Davidson County Poll” conducted under the direction of SSRS from March 8-30, 2021 among 1,006 Nashville/Davidson County, TN residents, age 18 or older. Surveys were administered in English by web and telephone.

2020 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2020 Nashville-Davidson County Poll” conducted under the direction of SSRS from April 9-May 10, 2020 among 1,036 Nashville/Davidson County, TN residents, age 18 or older. Surveys were administered in English by web and telephone.

2019 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2019 Nashville-Davidson County Poll” conducted under the direction of SSRS from March 5-April 3, 2019 among 910 Nashville/Davidson County, TN residents, age 18 or older. Surveys were administered in English or Spanish by telephone, web, or mail.

2018 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2018 Nashville-Davidson County Poll” conducted under the direction of SSRS from February 08-19, 2018 among 800 Nashville/Davidson County, TN residents, age 18 or older, reached on either a landline or cell phone. Interviews were conducted in English.

2017 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2017 Nashville-Davidson County Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from February 27-March 19, 2017 among 1,106 Nashville/Davidson County, TN residents, age 18 or older, reached on either a landline or cell phone. Interviews were conducted in either English or Spanish.

2015 trends are from the Vanderbilt University “2015 Nashville-Davidson County Poll” conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI) from September 14-27, 2015 among 1,000 Nashville/Davidson County, TN residents, age 18 or older, reached on either a landline or cell phone. Interviews were conducted in either English or Spanish.

Notes: Because percentages are rounded, they may not total 100%.

An asterisk () indicates less than 0.5%.*

Data collection was conducted via web and telephone. Verbiage in this topline reflects web wording.

Telephone wording may differ slightly due to interviewer-administered data collection.

Question text in parentheses was rotated or randomized.

MAIN INTERVIEW

QNEWS. In general, how closely, if at all, do you follow news about politics and other issues related to the Nashville area? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CLOSELY	SOMEWHAT CLOSELY	NOT TOO CLOSELY	NOT AT ALL CLOSELY	(VOL.) DK ¹	(VOL.) REF ²
2025	18	53	25	4	0	0
2024	20	46	22	11	0	0
2023	18	51	25	5	0	0

2. All things considered, how much do you like living in Nashville?

	I LOVE IT	I LIKE IT	I AM INDIFFER- ENT	I DISLIKE IT	I HATE IT	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	32	50	12	6	1	0	0
2024* ³	28	50	15	5	1	0	0

**Asked of a half sample.*

3. In general, do you think the growth and changes in Nashville over the past few years have made your day-to-day life: [OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

(Please think about the growth and changes in Nashville since you moved to the area.)

	BETTER	WORSE	NOT HAD MUCH IMPACT ON YOUR DAY-TO-DAY LIFE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	25	43	32	*	0
2024	25	47	28	*	*
2023	24	47	29	*	0
2020	25	37	37	0	0
2019	26	36	38	*	*
2018	27	32	41	*	*
2017	36	25	37	2	*

¹ The abbreviation DK stands for "Don't know".

² The abbreviation REF stands for "Refused" or "Web skip".

³ In 2024, response options were in order for half/in reverse order for half.

4. We'd like your views on some government organizations and public officials. For each, please indicate if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job. [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]

		APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL ⁴	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a.	The job the Metro Nashville Council is doing ⁵					
	2025	57	39	3	1	1
	2024	60	38	*	*	1
	2023	57	40	2	1	*
	2022	54	42	1	2	*
	2021	63	36	1	0	*
	2020	70	28	1	*	0
	2019	57	34	5	4	*
	2018	59	25	2	12	2
	2017	59	21	3	16	1
	2015	58	21	2	18	1
b.	The job the Metro Nashville School Board is doing					
	2025	55	39	5	1	1
	2024	57	40	0	1	2
	2023	51	45	2	1	1
	2022	54	42	2	1	*
	2021	60	37	2	0	1
	2020	68	30	1	*	0
	2019	37	52	5	5	*
	2018	51	30	3	14	2
	2017	49	32	3	15	1
	2015	43	37	1	18	1
c.	The job Freddie O'Connell is doing as Mayor					
	2025	67	29	3	*	*
	2024	71	27	*	*	1
	<u>John Cooper trends:</u>					
	2023	59	40	1	0	*
	2022	56	43	*	1	*
	2021	57	43	*	0	0
	2020	80	20	1	0	0
	<u>David Briley trends:</u>					
	2019	66	27	4	3	*
	<u>Megan Barry trends:⁶</u>					
	2018	61	33	1	3	1
	2017	72	16	2	9	*
	2015	41	12	27	20	1

⁴ Starting in 2019: response option shown for web and volunteered for phone.

⁵ 2015: "The job the Metro City Council is doing"

⁶ 2017 and 2018: "The job Megan Barry is doing as Mayor". 2015: "The job Megan Barry is doing as the newly elected Mayor"

4. We'd like your views on some government organizations and public officials. For each, please indicate if you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job. [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]
(CONTINUED)

		APPROVE	DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) NEED TO WAIT AND SEE / TOO EARLY TO TELL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
d.	The job Adrienne Battle is doing as Director of Metro Nashville Public Schools					
	2025	60	31	7	1	1
	2024	66	30	*	2	2
	2023	61	35	3	1	1
	2022	65	30	3	2	1
	2021	72	25	2	0	1
	2020	79	18	2	*	*
	<u>Dr. Shawn Joseph trends:</u>					
	2019	33	54	6	7	*
	2018	46	25	3	23	2
e.	The job the Metro Nashville Police Department is doing					
	2025	68	29	2	0	*
	2024	73	26	0	*	1
	2023	70	28	1	0	1
	2022	68	30	1	1	*
	2021	74	25	1	0	*
	2020	86	14	*	0	0
	2019	75	23	2	*	*
	2018	84	13	*	2	1
	2017	80	15	1	4	*
f.	The job the Metro Nashville Fire Department is doing					
	2025	96	2	2	*	*
	2024	97	3	0	0	*
	2023	97	2	1	0	*
	2022	95	5	*	*	*

5. 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?

	RIGHT DIRECTION	WRONG TRACK	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025	58	42	0	0	(1,008)
2024	53	47	*	*	(1,014)
2023	44	56	*	*	(1,016)
2022	47	53	*	*	(1,008)
2021	59	40	0	*	(1,006)
2020	63	36	*	0	(1,036)
2019	53	45	1	1	(910)
2018*	61	36	2	*	(408)
2017*	68	26	5	1	(560)
2015	72	22	6	*	(1,000)

**Asked of a half sample.*

- ECONNASH. How would you rate the condition of the Nashville economy these days? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY GOOD	FAIRLY GOOD	FAIRLY BAD	VERY BAD	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025	12	54	26	8	0	0	(1,008)
2024	14	54	22	10	*	*	(1,014)
2023	13	53	25	9	0	*	(1,016)
2022	16	48	25	10	*	*	(1,008)
2021	12	59	23	7	0	0	(1,006)
2020	12	50	26	12	*	0	(1,036)
2019	32	50	13	5	*	*	(910)
2018*	35	51	8	4	1	*	(408)
2017*	32	54	8	4	2	*	(560)
2015*	20	63	8	7	2	0	(502)

**Asked of a half sample.*

7. How much of a priority do you think [ITEM] should be for Nashville Mayor Freddie O'Connell? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]

		TOP PRIORI- TY	IMPT., LOWER PRIORI- TY	NOT TOO IMPT.	SHOULD NOT BE DONE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
a.	Improving public education							
	2025*	74	22	3	*	0	0	(389)
	2024*	67	26	6	*	0	*	(390)
	2023*	74	22	2	1	1	1	(518)
b.	Improving public transportation							
	2025*	49	36	12	3	0	0	(384)
	2024*	52	36	10	2	0	*	(390)
	2023*	47	41	10	2	0	0	(515)
c.	Reducing traffic							
	2025*	60	35	4	1	0	0	(390)
	2024*	59	33	7	1	0	0	(390)
d.	Supporting small and local businesses							
	2025*	49	46	5	0	0	0	(389)
	2024*	45	48	6	*	0	1	(390)
e.	Taking steps to ensure the city's long-term financial health							
	2025*	62	35	3	0	0	0	(388)
	2024*	60	36	4	*	0	*	(390)
	2023*	58	37	5	0	0	*	(511)
f.	Reducing crime							
	2025*	64	31	5	0	0	0	(388)
	2024*	71	26	2	1	0	0	(390)
	2023*	64	32	3	1	1	*	(508)
g.	Dealing with homelessness							
	2025*	55	41	3	0	0	0	(386)
	2024*	52	39	6	2	0	1	(389)
	2023*	58	39	2	1	0	*	(468)

7. How much of a priority do you think [ITEM] should be for Nashville Mayor Freddie O'Connell? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER] (CONTINUED)

		TOP PRIORI- TY	IMPT., LOWER PRIORI- TY	NOT TOO IMPT.	SHOULD NOT BE DONE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
h.	Working on the problems low-income people face ⁷							
	2025*	69	28	3	1	0	0	(388)
	2024*	54	36	8	2	0	*	(391)
	2023*	62	32	5	*	0	0	(512)
i.	Bringing new companies to the city ⁸							
	2025*	18	50	26	6	0	0	(388)
	2024*	24	42	28	5	0	1	(390)
	2023*	28	41	20	9	1	*	(521)
j.	Increasing the reliability of city services, like trash and utilities							
	2025*	38	57	5	*	0	0	(387)
	2024*	41	46	12	*	0	1	(391)
k.	Making rents in Nashville more affordable ⁹							
	2025*	67	25	6	1	0	0	(389)
	2024*	63	26	7	3	0	1	(390)
	2023*	62	29	5	3	0	1	(508)
l.	Making home buying in Nashville more affordable ¹⁰							
	2025*	61	30	7	1	0	0	(389)
	2024*	62	27	8	3	0	*	(390)
	2023*	62	29	5	3	0	1	(508)
m.	Dealing with the state Legislature							
	2025*	41	47	11	1	0	0	(386)
	2024*	36	47	13	2	*	1	(389)
	2023*	45	44	8	1	0	2	(507)

*Each respondent received a random set of five items.

⁷ In 2023, this item was "Dealing with the problems of low-income people and those in need."

⁸ In 2023, this item was "Bringing new companies and jobs to the city."

⁹ In 2023, items K and L were just one item "Increasing the amount of affordable housing in Nashville."

¹⁰ In 2023, items K and L were just one item "Increasing the amount of affordable housing in Nashville."

8. Given past disagreements¹¹ between Nashville's elected officials and the state legislature, which statement comes closest to your view: [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	NASHVILLE'S ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD CHALLENGE THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S AND GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS THAT AFFECT NASHVILLE	NASHVILLE'S ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD TRY TO WORK WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT NASHVILLE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	54	45	0	*
2024	47	53	*	*

[SHOW TO ALL:] On a different subject...

9. Overall, how welcoming do you think Nashville is to people who are moving to the area? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY WELCOMING	SOMEWHAT WELCOMING	SOMEWHAT UN- WELCOMING	VERY UN- WELCOMING	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025 ¹²	40	45	11	4	0	0
2024*	44	46	6	3	*	0
2023	42	45	9	3	*	*
2022	48	40	9	3	0	0
2021	37	51	9	2	1	0
2020	57	38	4	1	*	0
2019	52	39	5	3	*	*
2018	58	36	6	1	*	*
2017	63	31	4	1	1	0
2015 ¹³	70	23	3	2	2	*

*Asked of a half sample.

10. Do you think Nashville's population is growing: [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	TOO QUICKLY	ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT	NOT QUICKLY ENOUGH	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025	78	21	1	0	0	(1,008)
2024	80	20	1	0	0	(1,014)
2023	79	20	1	0	*	(1,016)
2022*	81	17	2	*	0	(505)
2021*	73	25	1	0	0	(504)
2020*	79	20	1	0	*	(520)
2019	78	20	1	*	*	(910)
2018*	75	23	2	*	1	(405)
2017*	65	32	3	*	0	(568)
2015*	50	44	5	1	*	(523)

*Asked of a half sample

¹¹ In 2024, this text read "Given the recent disagreements."

¹² Starting in 2025, response options were in order for half/in reverse order for half.

¹³ 2015 question wording: "Overall, how welcoming do you think Nashville is to people who are thinking about moving to the area?"

11. Thinking about the city investing in new neighborhoods, do you think any of the following should be a **top** priority? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]

		YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
a.	Creating a greater number of high paying jobs				
	2025	84	16	0	*
b.	Building more affordable housing				
	2025	89	11	0	*
c.	Bringing new businesses to town				
	2025	58	42	0	0
d.	Supporting professional sports, such as soccer, football, hockey, and baseball				
	2025	40	60	0	*
e.	Expanding the tourism in the city				
	2025	32	68	0	0
f.	Supporting the arts and theater				
	2025	69	31	0	*

12. Which of the following statements about multifamily housing, such as duplexes, townhouses, and apartment buildings, comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	MULTIFAMILY HOUSING SHOULD BE ALLOWED EVERYWHERE IN MY CITY TO REVITALIZE NEIGHBORHOODS AND LOCAL ECONOMIES	MULTIFAMILY HOUSING SHOULD BE ALLOWED ONLY IN DENSE AREAS OF MY CITY TO PRESERVE THE CHARACTER OF LESS POPULATED NEIGHBORHOODS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	56	44	*	*

13. Imagine there is a proposal for a new housing law. One law says that a homeowner can decide for him/herself whom to sell his house to, even if he prefers not to sell to African Americans or Latinos. The second law says that a homeowner cannot refuse to sell to someone because of their race, ethnicity, or color. Which law would you be more willing to support?

	HOMEOWNER DECIDES	HOMEOWNER CANNOT REFUSE BASED ON RACE	DON'T KNOW	(VOL.) REF
2025	15	79	6	0

[SHOW TO ALL:] Thinking about how you get around Nashville...

14. How often, if ever, do you use private ride-share services like Uber or Lyft in Nashville?

	ALMOST EVERY DAY	A FEW TIMES A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ABOUT ONCE A MONTH	A FEW TIMES A YEAR	NEVER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	2	5	15	11	39	28	0	0	(501)
2024*	2	9	14	8	40	28	0	0	(515)
2023*	2	4	11	11	38	33	0	0	(508)
2017*	3	6	10	6	14	60	*	1	(553)

*Asked of a half sample.

15. How often, if ever, do you use public transportation in Nashville?

	ALMOST EVERY DAY	A FEW TIMES A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ABOUT ONCE A MONTH	A FEW TIMES A YEAR	NEVER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	3	4	2	*	13	78	0	0	(504)
2024*	4	3	3	2	9	79	0	0	(499)
2023*	2	3	2	2	11	80	0	*	(508)
2017*	3	3	5	3	15	71	*	0	(553)

*Asked of a half sample.

16. On a typical day, how do you usually commute to work?¹⁴

2025*		2024*	2023*	2017	2015
67	Drive yourself	59	57	68	69
2	Ride with someone else	2	4	6	6
2	Walk or bike	3	3	2	1
3	Take public transportation	4	3	3	4
3	Or something else	*	3	2	2
11	Work at home ¹⁵	15	15	3	2
12	Do not have a job/Not employed ¹⁷	15	15	16	16
0	(VOL.) Don't know	0	0	*	*
0	(VOL.) Refused	1	0	1	*
(n=480)		(n=542)	(n=508)	(n=1106)	(n=1000)

*Asked of a half sample.

¹⁴ In both 2017 and 2015, respondents who indicated in a previous question that they work at home or are not employed were not asked this question. Results have been recalculated based on Total respondents. For these two polls, "Work at home" was a volunteered option.

¹⁵ Response option shown for web and volunteered for phone.

17. On a typical **weekday**, how much total time do you spend in traffic?

	LESS THAN A HALF HOUR	A HALF HOUR TO UNDER AN HOUR	ONE HOUR TO UNDER AN HOUR AND A HALF	AN HOUR AND A HALF TO UNDER 2 HOURS	2 HOURS OR MORE	(VOL.) DO NOT DRIVE**	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	32	31	19	10	8	n/a	0	*	(528)
2024*	31	30	18	11	9	n/a	0	1	(472)
2023*	31	31	15	8	14	n/a	*	*	(508)
2017*	24	31	23	9	8	4	*	*	(532)
2015*	25	34	18	9	11	2	1	*	(500)

**Asked of a half sample.*

***Not an option in 2023, 2024, or 2025.*

18. All things considered, how safe do you feel living in Nashville? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	EXTREMELY SAFE	SOMEWHAT SAFE	SOMEWHAT UNSAFE	EXTREMELY UNSAFE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	14	62	20	4	0	0

19. How much do you approve of the use of scooters to get around Nashville? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025*	12	41	26	21	0	0

**Asked of a half sample.*

20. When driving in Nashville, how often do you come across “road rage” – instances in which other drivers are operating their vehicles in aggressive and unsafe ways?

2025*	
31	More than once a week
12	Once a week
22	A few times a month
8	Once a month
14	A few times a year
9	Almost never
4	Never
0	(VOL.) Don't know
0	(VOL.) Refused

(n=497)

**Asked of a half sample.*

[SHOW TO ALL:] Thinking about downtown Nashville...

21. How often do you spend time downtown for entertainment?

	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	ONCE A MONTH	A FEW TIMES A YEAR	ALMOST NEVER	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	2	4	13	13	36	32	0	0
2024	2	4	12	13	35	33	0	*

22. When you spend time downtown for entertainment, what is the **biggest** reason you do so? [RESPONSES SHOWN IN RANDOM ORDER]

	TO GO TO A CONCERT, SHOW, OR NON- SPORTING EVENT	TO GO TO A SPORT- ING EVENT	TO GO TO THE HONKY TONKS	TO GO TO A MUSEUM	TO GO SHOP- PING	TO GO FOR A MEAL	SOMETHIN- G ELSE (SPECIFY)	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	41	13	5	5	4	21	10	*	1
2024	43	13	5	5	3	21	10	*	*

23. Of the following, what is the biggest reason why you do not spend time downtown? [RESPONSES SHOWN IN RANDOM ORDER]

	TOO MANY TOUR- ISTS	HEAVY TRAFFIC TO AND FROM DOWN- TOWN	FINDING AFFORD- ABLE PARKING	CONCERN- S ABOUT SAFETY	TOO EXPENSIV- E	SOME- THING ELSE (SPECIFY)	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	19	18	28	4	20	11	*	*
2024	19	22	28	6	16	9	*	*

[SHOW TO ALL:] Next, we'd like to get your views on public education.

24. Thinking about education in Nashville... what grade would you give the performance of public preschools, kindergartens, and elementary schools in your school district?

	A, EXCEL- LENT	B, GOOD	C, AVERAGE	D, BELOW AVERAGE	F, FAILING	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025**	12	28	40	16	2	*	1	(341)
2024**	10	24	45	15	4	1	1	(346)
2023**	7	20	44	20	6	2	1	(339)
2022**	5	26	44	14	7	3	1	(355)
2021**	4	30	40	18	7	0	*	(335)
2020**	15	36	37	9	2	1	*	(364)
2019	9	32	36	12	4	6	1	(910)
2018	9	31	32	14	3	9	2	(800)
2017*	10	29	35	11	3	11	1	(548)
2015*	10	34	32	7	3	13	*	(500)

*Asked of a half sample.

**Asked of a third sample.

25. Thinking about education in Nashville... What grade would you give the performance of public middle schools in your school district?

	A, EXCEL- LENT	B, GOOD	C, AVERAGE	D, BELOW AVERAGE	F, FAILING	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025**	5	24	50	15	4	*	1	(322)
2024**	4	24	44	18	7	1	3	(326)
2023**	3	18	46	22	8	1	3	(339)
2022**	3	21	43	19	8	3	3	(333)
2021**	6	21	49	19	6	0	0	(335)
2020**	8	27	45	16	3	0	*	(320)
2019	4	24	44	16	6	5	*	(910)
2018	6	24	38	16	5	9	2	(800)

**Asked of a third sample.

26. Thinking about education in Nashville... What grade would you give the performance of public high schools in your school district?

	A, EXCEL- LENT	B, GOOD	C, AVERAGE	D, BELOW AVERAGE	F, FAILING	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025**	9	28	37	20	4	1	2	(345)
2024**	4	25	43	20	7	1	1	(342)
2023**	3	20	41	19	14	*	2	(338)
2022**	6	20	44	19	8	2	1	(320)
2021**	3	23	42	24	8	0	0	(336)
2020**	5	30	41	18	5	0	*	(352)
2019	5	18	38	24	10	4	*	(910)
2018	5	18	33	21	13	9	1	(800)

**Asked of a third sample.

27. Nashville's public high schools currently start classes at 7am - the earliest in the nation. Would you support shifting the public school day to start and end later? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	STRONGL- Y SPPORT	SOMEWH- AT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOMEWH- AT OPPOSE	STRONGL- Y OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	32	19	25	9	6	8	0	(512)

*Asked of a half sample.

28. The State Legislature recently approved Governor Lee's plan to expand the use of school vouchers in the state of Tennessee and provide vouchers for 20,000 students worth \$7,200 each. Do you support or oppose this new law? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	STRONGL- Y SPPORT	SOMEWH- AT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOMEWH- AT OPPOSE	STRONGL- Y OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	20	12	14	9	36	9	0	(496)

*Asked of a half sample.

[SHOW TO ALL:] On a different subject...

29. Even if none perfectly represents your views, which of the following would you say **best** represents you and your interests? [RESPONSES SHOWN IN RANDOM ORDER]

	THE METRO COUNCIL	MAYOR O'CONNELL	STATE LEGISLATURE	GOVERNOR LEE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	25	44	12	17	1	1
2024	26	38	13	21	1	1

30. There are several options for revitalizing the portion of the Nashville Fairgrounds that contains the racetrack. Which of the following options do you **most** support? [RESPONSES 1-3 SHOWN IN RANDOM ORDER]

	HAVE THE CITY ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH BRISTOL MOTOR SPEEDWAY TO RENOVATE THE TRACK AND BRING NASCAR AND OTHER BIGGER RACES TO THE FAIRGROUNDS	HAVE THE CITY DEVELOP A PLAN THAT PRESERVES RACING WHILE CREATING HOUSING UNITS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE	LEAVE THE TRACK AS IT IS TODAY, WITH NO ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT BY THE CITY	I HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH ABOUT THIS TO HAVE AN OPINION	(VOL.) REF
2025	18	29	11	42	0

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	HAVE THE CITY ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH BRISTOL MOTOR SPEEDWAY TO RENOVATE THE TRACK AND BRING NASCAR AND OTHER BIGGER RACES TO THE FAIRGROUNDS	HAVE THE CITY DEVELOP A PLAN THAT PRESERVES RACING WHILE CREATING HOUSING UNITS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE	LEAVE THE TRACK AS IT IS TODAY, WITH NO ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT BY THE CITY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2024	31	49	19	*	1

31. When thinking about funding the Metro Police, what should the **highest** priority be: [RESPONSES SHOWN IN RANDOM ORDER]

	NEW AND BETTER EQUIPMENT FOR OFFICERS	HIRING MORE OFFICERS	DEESCALATION TRAINING FOR OFFICERS	INCREASING OFFICERS' SALARIES	SOMETHING ELSE? (SPECIFY)	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	7	32	40	13	8	*	*
2024	8	34	33	16	8	*	1

32. Would you support allowing Metro Police to use roadside cameras to identify vehicles tied to violent crimes, stolen vehicles, and missing persons if they are tied to strict limitations on use and data protection?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	83	16	*	*	(496)

*Asked of a half sample.

33. Would you support allowing Metro Police to use roadside cameras to identify and cite vehicles that speed through active school zones if they are tied to strict limitations on use and data protection?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	67	33	0	0	(512)

*Asked of a half sample.

34. How much do you (approve) or (disapprove) of the way the state legislature handles laws that affect the LGBTQ community in Tennessee? Do you: [OPTIONS AND TEXT IN PARENTHESES IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOME- WHAT APPROVE	SOME- WHAT DIS- APPROVE	STRONGLY DIS- APPROVE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025	10	25	22	42	*	1	(1,008)
2024	13	26	23	36	*	2	(1,014)
2023*	12	23	19	45	1	1	(508)

*Asked of a half sample.

[SHOW TO ALL:] Next...

- 35a. How much do you support or oppose deporting individuals who are living in the United States illegally back to their home countries if they have a criminal record unrelated to their immigration status? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	STRONG- LY SUPPORT	SOME- WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME- WHAT OPPOSE	STRONG- LY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	34	27	17	11	10	0	*	(479)

*Asked of a half sample.

VANDERBILT UNITY POLL TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	STRONG- LY SUPPORT	SOME- WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME- WHAT OPPOSE	STRONG- LY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Feb. 2025* ¹⁶¹⁷	53	22	14	8	3	0	0	(513)

*Asked of a half sample.

VANDERBILT STATEWIDE POLL TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOME- WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME- WHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec. 2024* ¹⁷	70	14	6	6	3	0	*

*TN Statewide Poll of Registered Voters, Asked of full sample.

¹⁶ The Feb 2025 Unity Poll survey was conducted via web (n=1,007) and telephone (n=30) and administered in English (n=1,011) and Spanish (n=26) on the SSRS Opinion Panel Omnibus. Data are weighted to represent the target population of U.S. adults ages 18 or older.

¹⁷ Question wording: How much do you support or oppose deporting individuals who are living in the United States illegally back to their home countries if they have a criminal record?

- 35b. How much do you support or oppose deporting individuals who are living in the United States illegally back to their home countries even if they have no criminal record unrelated to their immigration status? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	STRONG- LY SUPPORT	SOME- WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME- WHAT OPPOSE	STRONG- LY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	15	11	14	17	43	0	0	(529)

*Asked of a half sample.

VANDERBILT UNITY POLL TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	STRONG -LY SUPPOR T	SOME- WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME- WHAT OPPOSE	STRONG- LY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
Feb. 2025* ¹⁸¹⁹	23	27	13	17	20	0	0	(518)

*Asked of a half sample.

VANDERBILT STATEWIDE POLL TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOME- WHAT SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSE	SOME- WHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
Dec. 2024*	36	15	14	15	20	*	1

*TN Statewide Poll of Registered Voters, Asked of full sample.

36. Some cities are pledging to resist potential efforts by the federal government to deport immigrants who are here illegally, and others are pledging to assist such efforts. What view comes closest to what you think Nashville should do, if anything: [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	ACTIVELY RESIST EFFORTS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT DEPORTATIONS	DO NOTHING AND ALLOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENFORCE FEDERAL LAWS	ACTIVELY ASSIST EFFORTS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT DEPORTATIONS	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	43	35	22	*	1

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¹⁹ Question wording: How much do you support or oppose deporting individuals who are living in the United States illegally back to their home countries even if they have no criminal record?

[SHOW TO ALL:] On a different subject...

37. Is there any area near where you live -- that is, within a mile or so -- where you would be afraid to walk alone at night?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	63	36	*	*
2024	63	37	0	*
2023	63	37	*	*
2022	60	40	0	0
2021	63	37	*	0
2020	53	47	0	0
2019	59	41	*	*
2018	46	53	1	0

38. How much of a problem, if at all, do you think the issue of race relations is for the city of Nashville?
[OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	AN EXTREMELY LARGE PROBLEM	A LARGE PROBLEM	A SMALL PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025	8	38	42	11	0	*	(1,008)
2024	11	37	37	14	0	1	(1,014)
2023	11	45	36	8	*	*	(1016)
2022*	18	39	33	9	0	*	(505)
2021*	23	46	25	6	0	*	(502)

*Asked of a half sample.

[SHOW TO ALL:] On a different subject...

- LOCALVOTE. Did you vote in your community's last local election (such as for mayor, city council, or school board)?

	YES	NO	I DON'T REMEMBER	(VOL.) REF
2025	61	30	9	0

- PARTY. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a: [OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	INDEPENDENT	SOMETHING ELSE	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	44	16	26	14	0	*

PTYMAGA. When it comes to political matters, do you consider yourself to be: [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	MORE OF A SUPPORTER OF THE MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN OR MAGA MOVEMENT	MORE OF A SUPPORTER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025	45	54	0	1	(249)

**Asked of Republican/Republican-leaning independents.*

PTYPROG. When it comes to political matters, do you consider yourself to be: [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	MORE OF A SUPPORTER OF PROGRESSIVE CAUSES AND THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT	MORE OF A SUPPORTER OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025	54	46	0	*	(570)

**Asked of Democrat/Democrat-leaning independents.*

IDEO5. How would you generally describe your views on most political matters? [OPTIONS IN ORDER FOR HALF / IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	VERY CONSERVA- TIVE	CONSERVA- TIVE	MODERATE	LIBERAL	VERY LIBERAL	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF
2025	5	16	41	24	13	*	*

[SHOW TO ALL:] A few last questions for statistical purposes only...

ABLETOBUY1. Do you plan to buy a house in Davidson County?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	38	62	*	0	(238)

**Asked of a half sample. Asked if rent, live with parents, or some other type of arrangement.*

ABLETOBUY2. Can you afford to buy a house in Davidson County?

	YES	NO	(VOL.) DK	(VOL.) REF	(N)
2025*	11	89	0	0	(239)

**Asked of a half sample. Asked if rent, live with parents, or some other type of arrangement.*

THE REMAINING DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS ARE NOT REPORTED IN THIS TOPLINE.

THANK AND END INTERVIEW: That is the end of the survey! Have a great day/evening!