Welcome to Nashville

Our guide to the city’s neighborhoods—and all they have to offer.

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12th South

A mix of homes and small businesses nestled between the city and the suburbs, 12 South is one of Nashville’s most walkable neighborhoods. Along the main stretch of 12th Avenue South, you’ll find independent restaurants such as Burger Up and Epice, laid-back coffee shops such as Frothy Monkey, and cozy bars such as The Filling Station. The neighborhood has lots of sidewalks, which are perfect for families walking with dogs and strollers to nearby Sevier Park. The houses in this area are a mix of older Craftsman-style homes and brand new construction with all the modern amenities.
Belmont

A desirable, centrally located neighborhood, nestled between Hillsboro Village and 12 South, Belmont is rich in history and character. Belmont Boulevard is lined with large, beautiful Craftsman and Georgian Revival-style homes, some of which date back to the early 1900s. Much of this area has sidewalks and marked bike lanes, giving you easy access to coffee shops such as Bongo Java, salons such as Local Honey, and restaurants, including the world famous Martin’s Bar-B-Que. The neighborhood is also home to Belmont University, a private Christian school noted for its excellent visual and performing arts programs.

SEE MAP

Estimated Commute: 7–14min  
Average Rent: $2,600  
Average Home Price: $505,900  
School District: Davidson
Anchored by the historic Belle Meade Country Club, this is Nashville’s most expensive area. The neighborhood takes its name from the Belle Meade Plantation, which was built in 1807 and is now a popular spot for tourists and weddings. Multi-million dollar homes are the norm here, some newly built and others dating back to the 1920s. Cruise down scenic Belle Meade Boulevard any time of year and you’ll see walkers, joggers, and cyclists. There’s no shortage of green space, with Cheekwood Estate and Gardens and Warner Parks both located in the heart of the neighborhood. As for shopping, the nearby West Meade business district offers restaurants (Sperry’s), boutique clothing stores (The French Shoppe), and fitness studios (Swell Pilates). For more amenities, you’re just a short drive to Green Hills.
Brentwood

A suburban neighborhood located just outside Nashville City Limits in Williamson County, Brentwood features large homes with sprawling green lawns, many of them inside gated communities. Your commute to work might include driving past a horse farm, a country club, or a historic pre-war plantation. The area’s business district offers dozens of shopping and dining options, with a mix of major chains such as Del Frisco’s Grille, and independent stores such as Stacey Rhodes Boutique. You’ll need to drive around Brentwood to go shopping or out to eat, but head down any quiet residential street and you’re bound to see families pushing strollers or walking their dog.

Estimated Commute
16-35min

Average Rent
$2,525

Average Home Price
$598,700

School District
Williamson
Crieve Hall

Located about 15 minutes south of Nashville, this neighborhood has become popular due to its proximity to both downtown and the suburbs, as well as its relatively low home prices. It’s a quiet, community-focused neighborhood with 1950s-era ranch homes sitting on large lots with mature trees. If you can snag a fixer upper, it’ll pay off as home values continue to appreciate. The area is surrounded by green spaces including Whitfield Park, Radnor Lake, and the Ellington Agricultural Center. On Nolensville Pike, you can find tons of restaurants, from Israeli cuisine to authentic Mexican fare—and Prince’s Hot Chicken Shack is a famous Nashville mainstay. With grocery stores, movie theaters, and The Nashville Zoo nearby, Crieve Hall continues to be a popular choice for families.

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Estimated Commute
15min

Average Rent
$1,045

Average Home Price
$407,900

School District
Davidson
Donelson

While it’s just 10 minutes east of downtown, Donelson has its own personality and charm that sets it apart from other suburban neighborhoods. Not only does it offer a quiet community with single family homes, apartments, and townhouses, but it has tons of activities you may not find in Nashville. Whether it’s touring Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage home, bowling with the family, exploring Two Rivers Park, or shopping at Opry Mills Mall, this part of town is a lot of fun. And with so many restaurants making their way over to the suburbs, like Nectar Urban Cantina, Party Fowl, and BurgerIM, there’s plenty to eat as well. Need to get out of town for the weekend? The Nashville International Airport is nearby, but traffic and noise aren’t a major issue for people in the neighborhood.

SEE MAP

Estimated Commute
20min

Average Rent
$1,098

Average Home Price
$238,000

School District
Davidson
East Nashville

A lively area with a hipster vibe, East Nashville is quickly becoming one of the most popular neighborhoods in the city. Over the past decade, it’s experienced a major revitalization, and now it’s home to local restaurants such as Marché, Five Points Pizza, and Mas Tacos, record stores such as The Groove and Grimey’s, and bars and live music venues such as The 5 Spot, The Basement East, and The Cobra. There is so much to see and do around the neighborhood, you’ll never get bored. It’s great for young families, couples, and single professionals.

Estimated Commute
8–18min

Average Rent
$1,423

Average Home Price
$343,100

School District
Davidson

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Edgehill

Located near Music Row, the home of Nashville’s famous recording studios, the Edgehill neighborhood offers a lot to see and do. Grab a bite at Taco Mamacita or Barcelona Wine Bar, then wash it down with drinks at Old Glory. The area also has good shopping—J. Crew and Warby Parker—and despite its vibrant nightlife, is still a place many couples and families call home.

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Forest Hills

Forest Hills is a suburban residential community on the border of Davidson and Williamson counties. The tree-shaded streets are lined with large brick homes and wide, landscaped lawns. You’re just a short drive or bike ride from several popular green spaces, such as the Warner Parks, Radnor Lake State Natural Area, and Cheekwood Estate and Gardens. There are few sidewalks in Forest Hills, but there’s also very little traffic, so feel free to walk the dog or ride your bike along the quiet residential streets. You’ll probably need to drive to get to restaurants and stores, but it won’t take long; you’re just 10 minutes from Green Hills and about 15 minutes from Brentwood, two major retail hubs.

SEE MAP

Estimated Commute
20–35min

Average Rent
$1,972

Average Home Price
$672,500

School District
Davidson
Franklin

Once a tiny agricultural community, Franklin has experienced a boom over the past few decades and is now a sprawling suburb. The historic downtown is full of charm. This 15-block district is lined by Victorian buildings that house high-end clothing boutiques, antique stores, art galleries, and amazing restaurants, including Gray’s on Main, 55 South, and Biscuit Love. Puckett’s Grocery is a local favorite for live music and meat ‘n’ three dining (meat and three sides). Beautiful antebellum homes surround the square, but you’ll find many large, modern subdivisions (mostly new construction) outside the city center. This area has tons of family-friendly amenities, but the Williamson County school system is the main draw.
Germantown

Like Belmont, Germantown is an older neighborhood committed to maintaining its historic character. Head down Rosa Parks Boulevard, and you’ll see firsthand some of the beautiful Victorian homes and brownstones. The area also has some great restaurants— including Rolf & Daughters, Butchertown Hall, and City House, owned by James Beard and award-winning chef Tandy Wilson. Want dessert? Try Christie Cookie Co., the Cupcake Collection, or Tempered Cafe & Chocolate. And for a night out, catch a Sounds baseball game at First Tennessee Park or live music at The Back Corner. There’s always a lot going on here.

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Estimated Commute
5–12min

Average Rent
$1,689

Average Home Price
$410,900

School District
Davidson

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Green Hills is home to Nashville’s best upscale shopping and the world-famous Bluebird Cafe. You’ll also find popular chain restaurants such as Shake Shack and True Food Kitchen, plus a Trader Joe’s and Whole Foods. Just a few blocks away, large classical homes offer wide, green lawns on tree-shaded streets. The Mall at Green Hills has high-end stores such as Tiffany & Co, Louis Vuitton, and a flagship Restoration Hardware. And while there’s not a lot of nightlife here, you can always grab a pint at The Corner Pub. Because the area is popular, it can get pretty congested during rush hour, so even though there are sidewalks, it’s not the best for a casual stroll.

SEE MAP

Estimated Commute 10-24min
Average Rent $1,972
Average Home Price $672,500
School District Davidson
The Gulch

A trendy area with some of the city’s best restaurants and rooftop bars, the Gulch is a great place to enjoy a night out in Nashville. The neighborhood also has a lot of shopping and fitness options. You can walk to gyms such as Barry’s Bootcamp or Cyclebar, then head to some local stores like Two Old Hippies, Uncommon James, or Ruckle & Rye. Many people live here, too, most of them in highrise lofts and luxury apartments. The area tends to attract single professionals and couples without children.

Just a few blocks away, along Broadway downtown, you’ll find dozens of bars and honky tonks that play live music, and shops that sell cowboy boots. But you can also experience historic sites like the Ryman Auditorium—the “Mother Church of Country Music.” Downtown is popular among tourists, and if you love the energy of a big city, there are a few loft apartment buildings and highrises here, too.

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Hendersonville

Located about 20 miles northeast of downtown Nashville, Hendersonville has experienced rapid growth due to its combination of scenic beauty and city living. With 26 miles of shoreline on Old Hickory Lake and one of the best park systems in the state, people and families are drawn to the abundance of year-round outdoor activities here. There are also two shopping districts—the Streets of Indian Lake and River Oaks—which offer a mix of larger chain stores and specialty boutiques, along with good restaurants, including Sanders Ferry Pizza, where you can enjoy lake views while you eat. Great schools and an amazing new playground called Mary’s Magical Place also add to the draw.

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Estimated Commute 30min
Average Rent $1,124
Average Home Price $369,900
School District Sumner
Hillsboro Village

Many of the homes in this neighborhood are historic Craftsman-style cottages, but there’s no shortage of new construction. Located between Nashville’s two most prominent universities, Vanderbilt and Belmont, the main shopping area is home to dozens of independent local businesses. Tourists and locals alike line up early to eat at Nashville staples like Pancake Pantry and Fido, before visiting the eclectic mix of clothing stores, coffee shops, salons, and fitness studios. There’s also Fannie Mae Dees Park, a huge green space with a playground and tennis courts.

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Melrose

Melrose is a small but rapidly growing part of town with tons of new apartments, trendy restaurants, and retail stores. It’s a busy area, so parking may be hard to find unless you decide to live in the apartments or condos directly above Sinema or The Sutler. These popular spots are perfect to grab brunch or a drink, whether you’re feeling like beer, a fancy cocktail, or listening to bluegrass. Melrose is also very close to One Hundred Oaks Mall, where you can find more shopping and restaurants for the whole family, or just catch a movie.

Estimated Commute
8–18min

Average Rent
$1,496

Average Home Price
$511,000

School District
Davidson
Midtown / West End

Midtown is ideal for anyone who’s interested in nightlife, but could do without the honky tonks. It’s a walkable area with dozens of bars and restaurants, from upscale spots such as the Patterson House and Catbird Seat, to casual dining options like the San Antonio Taco Company and Hattie B’s. Housing primarily consists of condos and swanky high-rise apartments. Residents include a healthy mix of college students and young professionals. Nearby Centennial Park provides a large green space to enjoy outdoor activities and year-round festivals.

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Estimated Commute 10min
Average Rent $1,772
Average Home Price $322,500
School District Davidson
Mount Juliet

One of Nashville’s fastest-growing suburbs, Mount Juliet has become a popular area for families due to its highly-rated schools, affordable housing options, and kid-friendly activities. Many also value its relative proximity to downtown (it’s about 20 minutes away.) Long Hunter State Park and Charlie Daniels Park offer plenty of space for any kind of outdoor activity, and Providence Marketplace is a large shopping district with everything from boutiques to large retail chains. You can find some of the best BBQ in the region here—Martin’s Bar-B-Que and the Big Bad Wolf Smokehouse are local favorites. Most of the houses are fairly new, with more on the way. The only downside is traffic, particularly during rush-hour.

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The Nations

Over the past 10 years, the Nations has experienced renewal, growth, and business investment. Drive down any residential block and you’ll see brand new homes lining both sides of the street, complete with white picket fences and two-car garages. New restaurants and bars are popping up all the time, and it’s fairly walkable, with sidewalks and a well-marked bike lane along the main drag, giving you easy access to the neighborhood’s fitness studios, boutique clothing stores, and popular local breweries. You’re also just a few miles from Charlotte Avenue, another bustling business corridor.

SEE MAP

Estimated Commute
9–24min

Average Rent
$1,995

Average Home Price
$307,200

School District
Davidson
Sylvan Park

Located in West Nashville, Sylvan Park is a quaint, urban neighborhood with a strong sense of community. It was built mostly in the 1950s but has a mix of tudors, renovated Victorians, new construction, and Craftsmen-style homes. It's a walkable area with sidewalks, green spaces, and locally-owned coffee shops and places to eat—including Park Cafe, Vegan Vee, and Cafe Nonna’s. On the weekend, the neighborhood farmers market is also a popular gathering spot.

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Estimated Commute
15min

Average Rent
$1,139

Average Home Price
$507,450

School District
Davidson
Wedgewood-Houston

The Wedgewood-Houston neighborhood (or “WeHo”) gets its name from its central location in between Wedgewood Avenue and Houston Street. This area is great for young professionals because it’s only a few minutes south of Downtown Nashville. Several housing options are available here, including condos, apartments, and newly-built modern homes, including duplexes, and “tall skinneys.” More and more residences are being built every day, in part due to the new soccer stadium that’s coming to the Fairgrounds, an outdoor venue that hosts everything from flea markets and state fairs, to races at the Nashville Speedway. The area has trendy bars and restaurants such as Bastion, Smokin Thighs, Santa’s Pub, and Hemingway’s, and it’s very walkable.

SEE MAP

Estimated Commute 7-16min
Average Rent $1,781
Average Home Price $402,000
School District Davidson
West Nashville

This area is sprawling, ethnically-diverse, and offers a mix between city and suburban living. Ranch-style homes are common, but there’s also a bevy of apartments and condos. There are no sidewalks, but families enjoy the large lots and mature trees in the Hillwood and West Meade neighborhoods. And Bellevue is a popular, affordable place to live. There are plenty of restaurants in West Nashville (we recommend Miel and Bobbie’s Dairy Dip) as well as big-box stores, including Target and Costco. You’re also minutes from hiking in Warner Parks, canoeing the Harpeth, or walking on the greenway.

Estimated Commute
20min

Average Rent
$1,381

Average Home Price
$549,000

School District
Davidson
# Nashville’s best schools

(ranked by [Niche](https://www.niche.com))

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