

NASHVILLE, TN

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EUROPEAN SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

MUSIC

- Known worldwide for its musical heritage
- Large recording industry with a focus on country, but gospel and bluegrass are big genres here too
- Music Row deeply integrates music into resident night life
- Tourism centered around music with performance venues, museums, and Country Hall of Fame

RELIGION

- Religious institutions and places of worship have shaped Nashville's cityscape
- Headquarters for United Methodist Church and Southern Baptist Convention
- The many churches have influenced the music scene, lots of gospel influences especially in the early days of the industry
- Home to Ohabai Shalom, the oldest and largest Jewish congregation in Tennessee

EDUCATION

- Before music was dominant, Nashville was known for its many prestigious schools
- Vanderbilt, respected institution and a household name
- Belmont and Lipscomb, private Christian universities
- Fisk and TSU, private and public historically black universities

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

GEOGRAPHY

- Nashville lies along the Cumberland River, providing port access and establishing it as a trading hub
- Surrounding fertile farmland attracted new residents with economic opportunity
- Located near the Highland Rim, which brought huntable game to its salt licks

INDUSTRIES

- Music is the biggest industry in Nashville by far. Recording studios, restaurants, and venues attract not only musicians but fans of music as well, leading to a vibrant nightlife and culture that highly values artistic expression
- High rates of tourism drive a mostly service-dominated industry, with hotels, restaurants, and museums defining most of the skyline.
- As a result, the city lacks many white-collar jobs, with healthcare as an exception



ECONOMIC LAND USE

- Economy relies heavily on tourism, causing overdevelopment tourist attractions and hotels in city center. Lots of land usage that adds little value to permanent residents
- This drove permanent housing options to suburbs of the city
- Migration to suburbs means greater car dependence, so lots of land open for development must go to new roadways





NASHVILLE SHOOTING

- Nashville, like many southern U.S. states, has a pervasive gun culture.
- In surrounding rural areas, guns are legitimate and necessary tools for hunting and self-defense, so lawmakers won't budge on restrictions.
- Guns are less necessary in urban life – police response times are quick, and food comes from the grocery store.
- In many ways, urban life is incompatible with gun ownership. The high-stress, competitive nature of cities can take a toll on mental health.

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