

## Belfast vs London

**Cheaper:** Belfast  
**Better Weather:** London  
**Lifestyle:** London  
**Overall:** Belfast

### Cost of Living

	Belfast	London
Average Rent	£1,130	£2,286
Average House Price	£178,459	£542,304
Average Monthly Energy Bill	£71.30	£163.60
Average Monthly Food Cost	£77.90	£63.50
Average Salary	£3,159	£4,641

Living in Belfast is dramatically more affordable than London. The difference extends well beyond just rent; energy costs, food bills and general day-to-day expenses are all considerably lower. It is worth noting that average salaries in London are around 38% higher, which partially offsets the difference in living costs. This kind of gap can fundamentally alter your standard of living and saving potential.

### Weather

	Belfast	London
Sunshine Hours	1239	1533
Rainfall	822mm	604mm
Average Temperature	12.99°C	15.00°C

Climate is one area where London clearly pulls ahead of Belfast. London receives around 294 more hours of sunshine per year and it is also drier, with roughly 218 mm less rainfall annually. The combination of more sunshine, less rain and more comfortable temperatures makes London one of the more weather-blessed options for UK city living.

### Lifestyle & Location

London offers a notably stronger lifestyle proposition than Belfast. Standout features include Major Airport Nearby, Strong Rail Links, Large City. That said, Belfast has its own draws such as Compact City, Affordable Housing. For many people, the breadth and quality of what London brings to the table will be a compelling draw.

#### Belfast

- Lower than average housing costs (economic)
- Smaller, easier to navigate city (size)

#### London

- Within close distance of a major airport (transport)
- Good rail connectivity to major cities (transport)
- Above average salaries (economic)
- Major UK city (size)

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## Who Should Choose Each?

### Choose Belfast if:

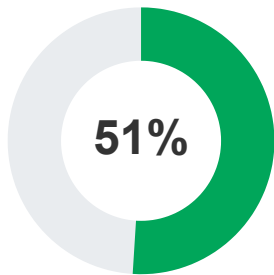
- More affordable overall (salary-adjusted)
- Lower rent costs
- More affordable house prices
- Compact City
- Affordable Housing

### Choose London if:

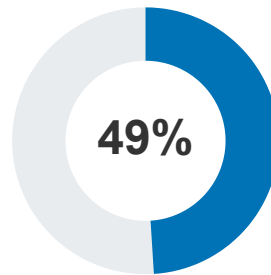
- Higher average salaries
- More sunshine
- Less rainfall
- Warmer average temperature
- Major Airport Nearby
- Strong Rail Links
- Large City
- High Salaries

## Overall Score

Belfast



London



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## Final Verdict

**Belfast** comes out ahead overall.

There is almost nothing to separate Belfast and London in this comparison. Belfast technically comes out on top, with affordability being the marginal differentiator, but this is as close to a dead heat as you will find. Both cities are strong contenders and whichever you choose, you are unlikely to feel you made the wrong call.