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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)

Belfast vs London

Nearest Premier League Football Clubs

Belfast

No nearby club found.

London

- **Chelsea** — 3.3 miles away
- **Arsenal** — 3.4 miles away
- **Fulham** — 4.6 miles away
- **West Ham United** — 5.3 miles away
- **Brentford** — 7.0 miles away
- **Tottenham Hotspur** — 7.2 miles away
- **Crystal Palace** — 7.8 miles away

Who Should Choose Each?

Choose Belfast if:

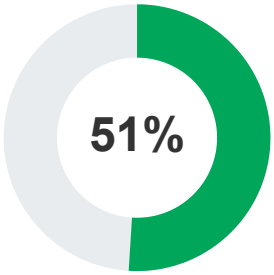
- More affordable overall (salary-adjusted)
- Lower rent costs
- More affordable house prices
- Compact City
- Affordable Housing

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



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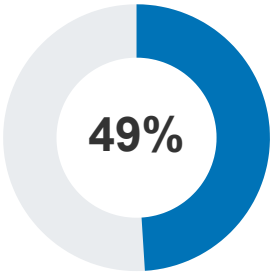

Final Verdict

Belfast comes out ahead overall.

On paper, Belfast has a fractional advantage over London, largely on the strength of affordability. In practice, however, this comparison is razor-thin. Both cities deliver a compelling proposition and the tiny gap between them means your own priorities — whether that is career, family, social life or something else entirely — should be the real deciding factor.