

Bristol vs Cardiff

Cheaper: Cardiff
Better Weather: Bristol
Lifestyle: Bristol
Overall: Cardiff

Cost of Living

	Bristol	Cardiff
Average Rent	£1,888	£1,157
Average House Price	£346,796	£269,319
Average Monthly Energy Bill	£102.30	£83.30
Average Monthly Food Cost	£68.80	£62.20
Average Salary	£3,453	£3,302

The cost of living in Cardiff is materially lower than in Bristol across most major categories including rent, food and household bills. For many people, this level of difference would be a significant factor in deciding where to live.

Weather

	Bristol	Cardiff
Sunshine Hours	1378	1378
Rainfall	1153mm	1153mm
Average Temperature	14.78°C	14.78°C

In terms of climate, Bristol and Cardiff are near-identical. Neither city has a meaningful edge in sunshine, rainfall or temperature, so the weather is unlikely to be a factor in choosing between them.

Lifestyle & Location

Bristol comes out just ahead on lifestyle factors. Its advantages include Major Airport Nearby, Access to Nature, Vibrant Nightlife. However, the margin is slim and the other city is far from lacking – it simply has a slightly different mix of strengths.

Bristol

- Within close distance of a major airport (transport)
- Close to parks, countryside or national parks (environment)
- Active nightlife and entertainment scene (lifestyle)

Cardiff

- City is located on the coast (location)
- Smaller, easier to navigate city (size)

Who Should Choose Each?

Choose Bristol if:

- Major Airport Nearby
- Access to Nature

Choose Cardiff if:

- More affordable overall (salary-adjusted)
- Lower rent costs

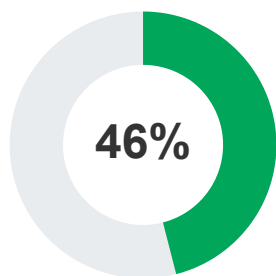
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- Vibrant Nightlife

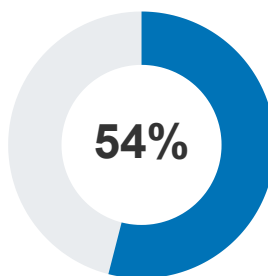
- More affordable house prices
- Coastal Location
- Compact City

Overall Score

Bristol



Cardiff



Final Verdict

Cardiff comes out ahead overall.

The verdict goes to Cardiff, driven primarily by its edge in affordability with lifestyle providing additional support. It is a meaningful gap, though not a chasm – Bristol still has genuine strengths and would suit people whose priorities lean towards what it does best.