

Bristol vs London

Cheaper: Bristol
Better Weather: London
Lifestyle: London
Overall: London

Cost of Living

	Bristol	London
Average Rent	£1,888	£2,286
Average House Price	£346,796	£542,304
Average Monthly Energy Bill	£102.30	£163.60
Average Monthly Food Cost	£68.80	£63.50
Average Salary	£3,453	£4,641

Living in Bristol is a touch easier on the wallet than London. Costs across the board – from monthly rent to weekly grocery shops – tend to be a little lower. It is worth noting that average salaries in London are around 29% higher, which partially offsets the difference in living costs. It is a meaningful difference, though not a dramatic one.

Weather

	Bristol	London
Sunshine Hours	1378	1533
Rainfall	1153mm	604mm
Average Temperature	14.78°C	15.00°C

Climate is one area where London clearly pulls ahead of Bristol. London receives around 155 more hours of sunshine per year and it is also drier, with roughly 549 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

On balance, London offers a marginally richer lifestyle package. Its advantages include Strong Rail Links, Large City, High Salaries. That said, the gap is narrow enough that individual priorities could easily swing the verdict the other way.

Bristol

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

London

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

Who Should Choose Each?

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Choose Bristol if:

- More affordable overall (salary-adjusted)
- Lower rent costs
- More affordable house prices
- Access to Nature
- Vibrant Nightlife

Choose London if:

- Higher average salaries
- More sunshine
- Less rainfall
- Strong Rail Links
- Large City
- High Salaries

Overall Score



Final Verdict

London comes out ahead overall.

There is almost nothing to separate Bristol and London in this comparison. London technically comes out on top, with weather 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.