

Cardiff vs London

Cheaper: Cardiff
Better Weather: London
Lifestyle: London
Overall: Cardiff

Cost of Living

	Cardiff	London
Average Rent	£1,157	£2,286
Average House Price	£269,319	£542,304
Average Monthly Energy Bill	£83.30	£163.60
Average Monthly Food Cost	£62.20	£63.50
Average Salary	£3,302	£4,641

The affordability gap between Cardiff and London is striking. Virtually every major household expense – housing, utilities, groceries – is substantially lower in Cardiff. It is worth noting that average salaries in London are around 34% higher, which partially offsets the difference in living costs. For anyone prioritising financial comfort, Cardiff has an overwhelming advantage.

Weather

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

The weather gap between London and Cardiff is significant. London receives around 155 more hours of sunshine per year and it is also drier, with roughly 549 mm less rainfall annually. Residents of London benefit from a meaningfully more pleasant climate, which makes a real difference to daily life, outdoor activities and general wellbeing.

Lifestyle & Location

London comes out just ahead on lifestyle factors. Its advantages include Major Airport Nearby, Strong Rail Links, Large City. However, the margin is slim and the other city is far from lacking – it simply has a slightly different mix of strengths.

Cardiff

- City is located on the coast (location)
- 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)

Who Should Choose Each?

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Choose Cardiff if:

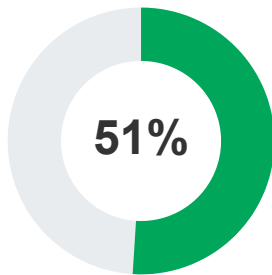
- More affordable overall (salary-adjusted)
- Lower rent costs
- More affordable house prices
- Coastal Location
- Compact City

Choose London if:

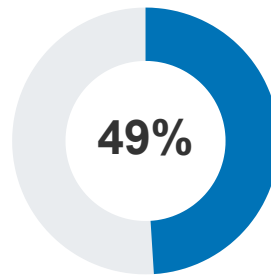
- Higher average salaries
- More sunshine
- Less rainfall
- Major Airport Nearby
- Strong Rail Links
- Large City
- High Salaries

Overall Score

Cardiff



London



Final Verdict

Cardiff comes out ahead overall.

There is almost nothing to separate Cardiff and London in this comparison. Cardiff 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.