

Leeds vs London

Cheaper: Leeds
Better Weather: London
Lifestyle: London
Overall: Leeds

Cost of Living

	Leeds	London
Average Rent	£1,130	£2,286
Average House Price	£244,218	£542,304
Average Monthly Energy Bill	£86.70	£163.60
Average Monthly Food Cost	£61.10	£63.50
Average Salary	£3,337	£4,641

Leeds is considerably cheaper than London across the board. From rent and house prices to energy bills and weekly food shops, residents in Leeds enjoy a markedly lower cost of living. It is worth noting that average salaries in London are around 33% higher, which partially offsets the difference in living costs. This is one of the most significant differences between these two cities and is likely to be a deciding factor for many.

Weather

	Leeds	London
Sunshine Hours	1249	1533
Rainfall	870mm	604mm
Average Temperature	12.37°C	15.00°C

Climate is one area where London clearly pulls ahead of Leeds. London receives around 284 more hours of sunshine per year and it is also drier, with roughly 266 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 has a slight lifestyle edge. Its advantages include Major Airport Nearby, High Salaries. The difference is subtle, though, and both cities have plenty to offer in terms of day-to-day living.

Leeds

- Good rail connectivity to major cities (transport)
- Large student population (lifestyle)
- Major UK 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 Leeds if:

- More affordable overall (salary-adjusted)
- Lower rent costs
- More affordable house prices
- Student Population

Choose London if:

- Higher average salaries
- More sunshine
- Less rainfall
- Warmer average temperature
- Major Airport Nearby
- High Salaries

Overall Score



Final Verdict

Leeds comes out ahead overall.

On paper, Leeds 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.