

## Leeds vs Sheffield

**Cheaper:** Sheffield  
**Better Weather:** Sheffield  
**Lifestyle:** Leeds  
**Overall:** Sheffield

### Cost of Living

	Leeds	Sheffield
Average Rent	£1,130	£920
Average House Price	£244,218	£222,108
Average Monthly Energy Bill	£86.70	£86.70
Average Monthly Food Cost	£61.10	£61.10
Average Salary	£3,337	£3,337

Living in Sheffield is a touch easier on the wallet than Leeds. Costs across the board – from monthly rent to weekly grocery shops – tend to be a little lower. It is a meaningful difference, though not a dramatic one.

### Weather

	Leeds	Sheffield
Sunshine Hours	1249	1328
Rainfall	870mm	802mm
Average Temperature	12.37°C	12.95°C

The weather in Sheffield is a touch more favourable than in Leeds, driven mainly by differences in sunshine. Sheffield receives around 79 more hours of sunshine per year and it is also drier, with roughly 68 mm less rainfall annually. It is not a dramatic contrast, but it may appeal to those who value brighter or drier conditions.

### Lifestyle & Location

Leeds comes out just ahead on lifestyle factors. Its advantages include 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.

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| <b>Leeds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Good rail connectivity to major cities (transport)</li><li>• Large student population (lifestyle)</li><li>• Major UK city (size)</li></ul> | <b>Sheffield</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Close to parks, countryside or national parks (environment)</li><li>• Large student population (lifestyle)</li><li>• Lower than average housing costs (economic)</li></ul> |
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### Who Should Choose Each?

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| <b>Choose Leeds if:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong Rail Links</li></ul> | <b>Choose Sheffield if:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More affordable overall (salary-adjusted)</li></ul> |
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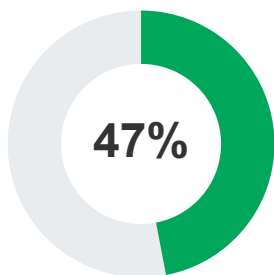
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- Large City

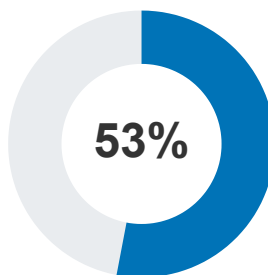
- Lower rent costs
- More sunshine
- Less rainfall
- Warmer average temperature
- Access to Nature
- Affordable Housing

## Overall Score

Leeds



Sheffield



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## Final Verdict

**Sheffield** comes out ahead overall.

On paper, Sheffield has a fractional advantage over Leeds, 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.