

London vs Birmingham

Cheaper: Birmingham
Better Weather: London
Lifestyle: London
Overall: Birmingham

Cost of Living

	London	Birmingham
Average Rent	£2,286	£1,086
Average House Price	£542,304	£232,266
Average Monthly Energy Bill	£163.60	£91.00
Average Monthly Food Cost	£63.50	£64.50
Average Salary	£4,641	£3,471

Living in Birmingham is dramatically more affordable than London. The difference extends well beyond just rent; energy costs, food bills and general day-to-day expenses are all considerably lower. It is worth noting that average salaries in London are around 29% higher, which partially offsets the difference in living costs. This kind of gap can fundamentally alter your standard of living and saving potential.

Weather

	London	Birmingham
Sunshine Hours	1533	1373
Rainfall	604mm	612mm
Average Temperature	15.00°C	13.82°C

London has a slight edge over Birmingham in terms of overall weather. London receives around 160 more hours of sunshine per year. The difference is modest, but over the course of a year it contributes to a marginally more pleasant climate.

Lifestyle & Location

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

London

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

Birmingham

- City is centrally located in the UK (location)
- Good rail connectivity to major cities (transport)
- Major UK city (size)

Who Should Choose Each?

London vs Birmingham

Choose London if:

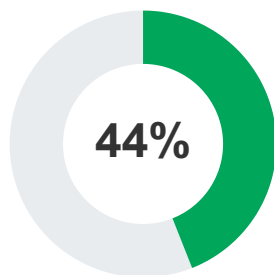
- Higher average salaries
- More sunshine
- Warmer average temperature
- Major Airport Nearby
- High Salaries

Choose Birmingham if:

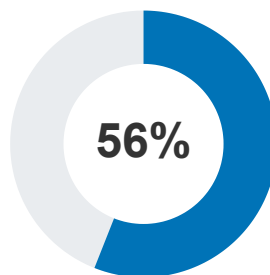
- More affordable overall (salary-adjusted)
- Lower rent costs
- More affordable house prices
- Central Location

Overall Score

London



Birmingham



Final Verdict

Birmingham comes out ahead overall.

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