

Manchester vs Leeds

Cheaper: Leeds
Better Weather: Manchester
Lifestyle: Manchester
Overall: Manchester

Cost of Living

	Manchester	Leeds
Average Rent	£1,347	£1,130
Average House Price	£251,461	£244,218
Average Monthly Energy Bill	£88.60	£86.70
Average Monthly Food Cost	£64.20	£61.10
Average Salary	£3,293	£3,337

On balance, Leeds edges ahead of Manchester in terms of day-to-day affordability. Housing and general living expenses are moderately lower, which over the course of a year adds up to a tangible saving.

Weather

	Manchester	Leeds
Sunshine Hours	1374	1249
Rainfall	812mm	870mm
Average Temperature	13.09°C	12.37°C

Manchester has a slight edge over Leeds in terms of overall weather. Manchester receives around 125 more hours of sunshine per year and it is also drier, with roughly 58 mm less rainfall annually. The difference is modest, but over the course of a year it contributes to a marginally more pleasant climate.

Lifestyle & Location

Manchester has a slight lifestyle edge. Its advantages include Vibrant Nightlife. The difference is subtle, though, and both cities have plenty to offer in terms of day-to-day living.

Manchester

- Good rail connectivity to major cities (transport)
- Active nightlife and entertainment scene (lifestyle)
- Large student population (lifestyle)
- Major UK city (size)

Leeds

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Who Should Choose Each?

Choose Manchester if:

Choose Leeds if:

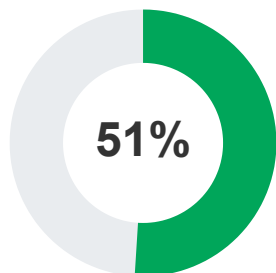
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- More sunshine
- Less rainfall
- Warmer average temperature
- Vibrant Nightlife

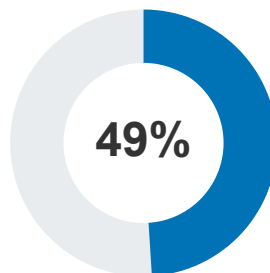
- More affordable overall (salary-adjusted)
- Lower rent costs

Overall Score

Manchester



Leeds



Final Verdict

Manchester comes out ahead overall.

There is almost nothing to separate Manchester and Leeds in this comparison. Manchester 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.