

## Manchester vs London

**Cheaper:** Manchester  
**Better Weather:** London  
**Lifestyle:** Tie  
**Overall:** Manchester

### Cost of Living

	Manchester	London
Average Rent	£1,347	£2,286
Average House Price	£251,461	£542,304
Average Monthly Energy Bill	£88.60	£163.60
Average Monthly Food Cost	£64.20	£63.50
Average Salary	£3,293	£4,641

The cost of living in Manchester is materially lower than in London across most major categories including rent, food and household bills. It is worth noting that average salaries in London are around 34% higher, which partially offsets the difference in living costs. For many people, this level of difference would be a significant factor in deciding where to live.

### Weather

	Manchester	London
Sunshine Hours	1374	1533
Rainfall	812mm	604mm
Average Temperature	13.09°C	15.00°C

London enjoys noticeably better weather than Manchester across the board. London receives around 159 more hours of sunshine per year and it is also drier, with roughly 208 mm less rainfall annually. Whether it is brighter skies, drier days or milder temperatures, the climate in London is a genuine draw for those who want the best the UK weather has to offer.

### Lifestyle & Location

In lifestyle terms, Manchester and London are very evenly matched. Both cities share attributes such as Strong Rail Links, Large City, so you would enjoy a similar lifestyle in either. Neither city has a standout advantage, so personal preferences – rather than objective differences – are likely to determine which feels like a better fit.

#### Manchester

- Good rail connectivity to major cities (transport)
- Active nightlife and entertainment scene (lifestyle)
- 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 Manchester if:

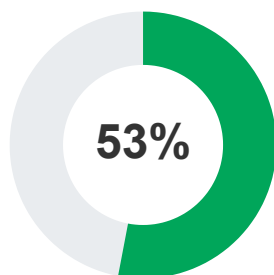
- More affordable overall (salary-adjusted)
- Lower rent costs
- More affordable house prices
- Vibrant Nightlife
- Student Population

## Choose London if:

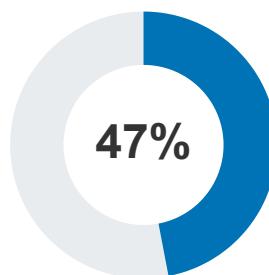
- Higher average salaries
- More sunshine
- Less rainfall
- Warmer average temperature
- Major Airport Nearby
- High Salaries

## Overall Score

Manchester



London



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## Final Verdict

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