



Edinburgh by numbers 2019

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Welcome to the 13th edition of Edinburgh by Numbers. Produced by the City of Edinburgh Council, the publication provides an annual statistical overview of Edinburgh and how we compare against other cities in Scotland and across the UK.

The data included here covers our population and how it is changing, our economy and our environment, alongside data on how people live, work and visit our city.

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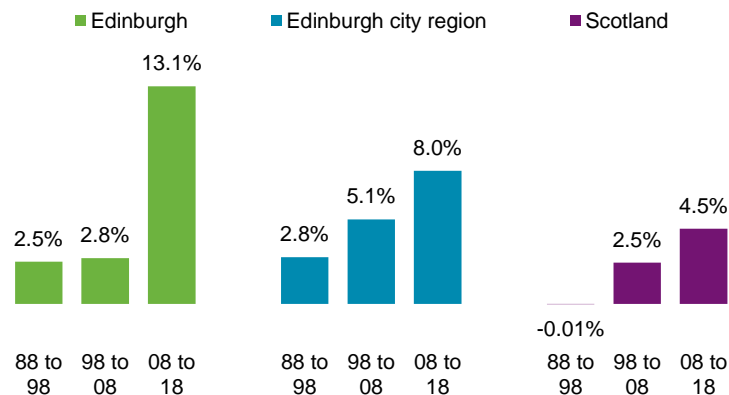
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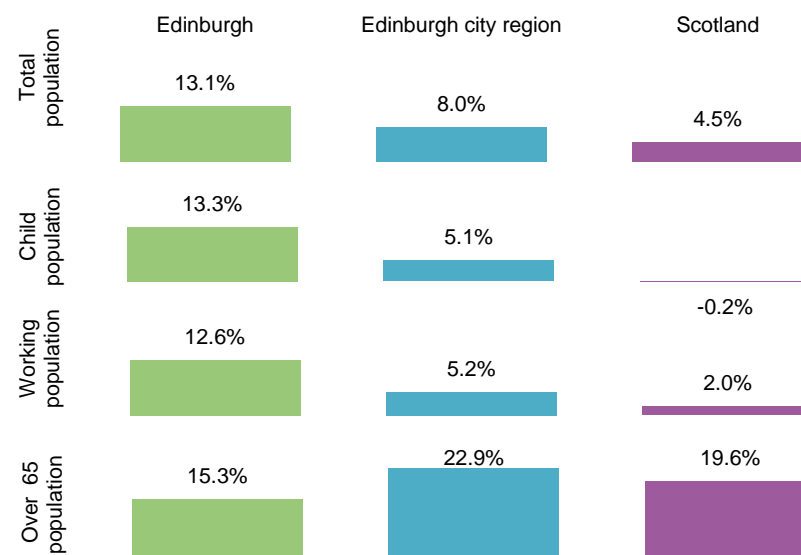
1 Summary of demographic change in Edinburgh, the Edinburgh city region and Scotland 2008, 2018

Population	Edinburgh		Edinburgh city region		Scotland	
	2008	2018	2008	2018	2008	2018
Total	459K	519K	1.28M	1.38M	5.20M	5.44M
Child (0-15)	69K	79K	223K	234K	922K	920K
Working age (16-64)	322K	362K	856K	901K	3.42M	3.49M
Over 65	68K	78K	203K	250K	858K	1.03M
Density (km ²)	1,732	1,949	164	177	66	70

2 Population change in Edinburgh, the Edinburgh city region and Scotland by decade from 1988



3 Population change 2008 to 2018: Edinburgh, the Edinburgh city region and Scotland



KEY FACTS

In the ten years to 2018 Edinburgh's population grew by 13.1% from 459,000 to 519,000 people. In the same time period Scotland grew by 4.5%.

Edinburgh's population growth from 2008 to 2018 was almost five times higher than past decade population changes such as from 1998 to 2008 where Edinburgh's population grew by 2.8%.

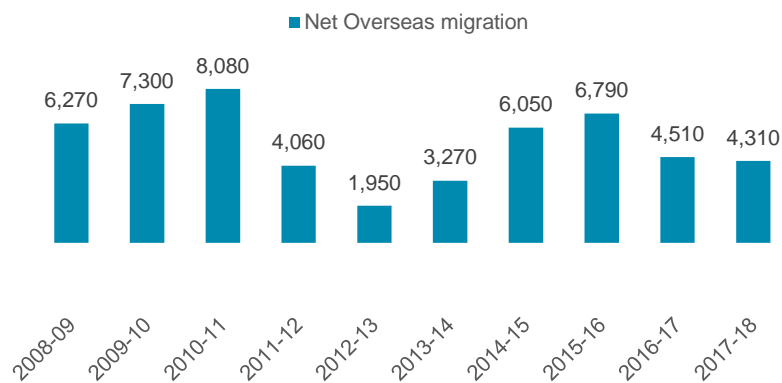
Note: Edinburgh city region is defined as Edinburgh, East Lothian, West Lothian, Midlothian, Fife, and the Scottish Borders.

Source: [National Records of Scotland](#)

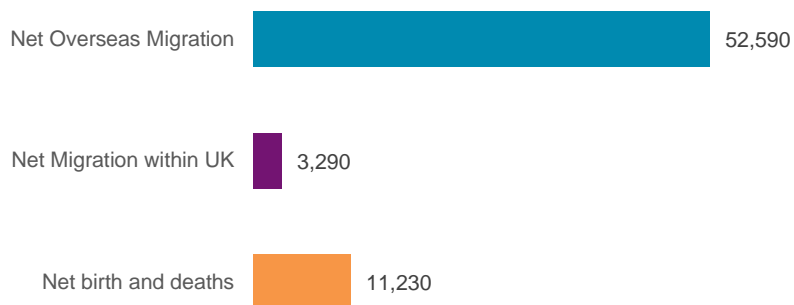
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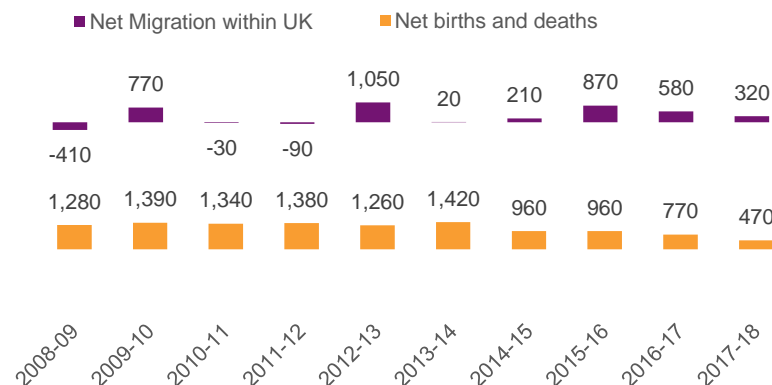
4 Net Overseas Migration to Edinburgh from 2008 to 2018



5 Components of population change in Edinburgh over period from 2008 to 2018



6 Net migration from Rest of UK and Net births and deaths in Edinburgh from 2008 to 2018



KEY FACTS

Migration has been the main driver of population growth in Edinburgh since 2008.

The net effect of births and deaths was over 12,390. The net effect of migration was 4.5 times higher at over 55,000.

Edinburgh's net birth and death rate has been in decline since 2014 falling from a net increase of 1,420 in 2013-14 to 470 in 2017/18.

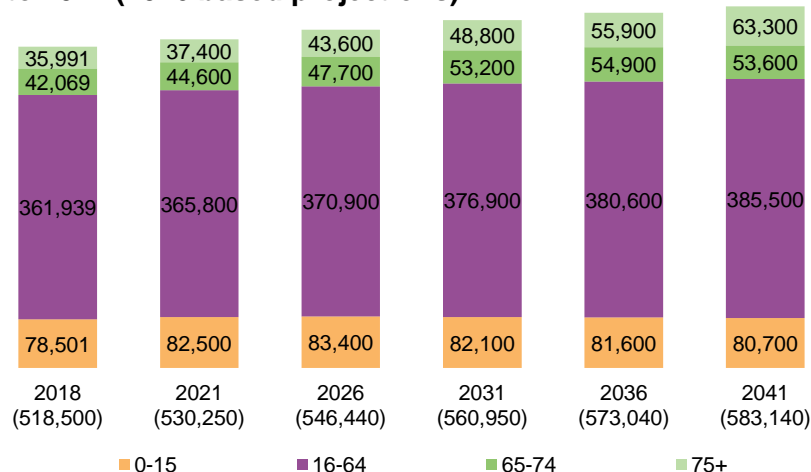
The size of overseas migration to Edinburgh fell after 2016 from 6,790 to 4,310 in 2017/18. This remains marginally higher than the post 2011-14 period.

The 2011-2014 was a period of low growth following the UK economic recession. The average unemployment rate in Edinburgh was 6.6% compared to 4.2% from 2015-18.

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7 Projected population of Edinburgh by age group 2018 to 2041 (2016 based projections)



KEY FACTS

Edinburgh population is projected to grow to 583,140 by 2041.

By 2041 the proportion of dependents will exceed the number of people working in Edinburgh. The dependency rate is expected to increase to 50.6% in 2036 and 51.2% in 2041.

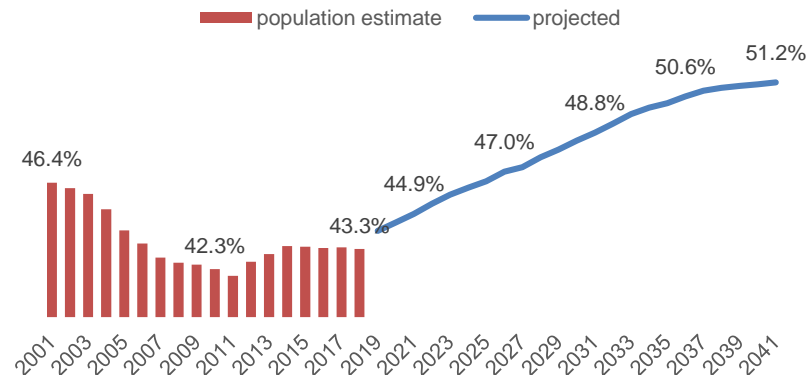
The number of over 75 in Edinburgh is expected to increase by 76% from 2018 to 2041.

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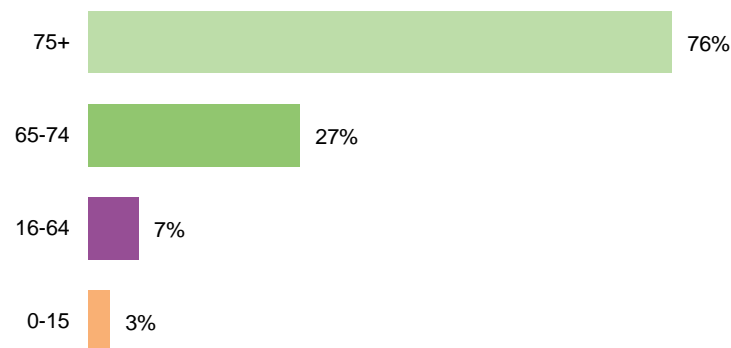
The dependency rate is calculated by dividing the persons aged under 16 and over 64 by the working age (16 to 64) population.

The rate describes how much pressure an economy faces in supporting its non-working age population.

8 Edinburgh Dependency rate (0-15 year olds + over 64 year olds divided by working age population) from 2001 to 2041



9 Percentage change in population from 2018 to 2041 by age groups

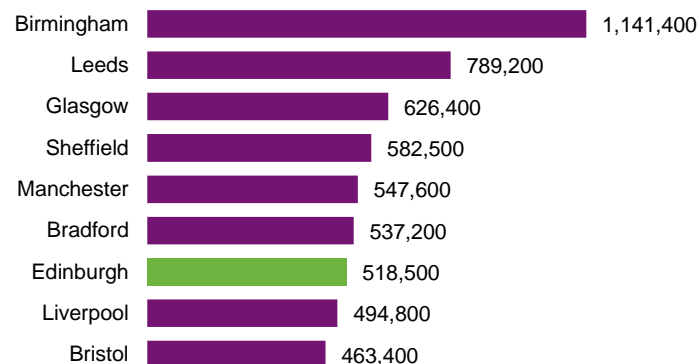


Source: [National Records of Scotland](#)

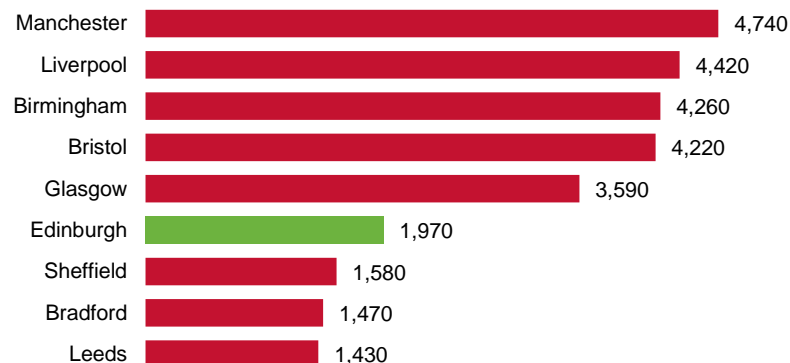
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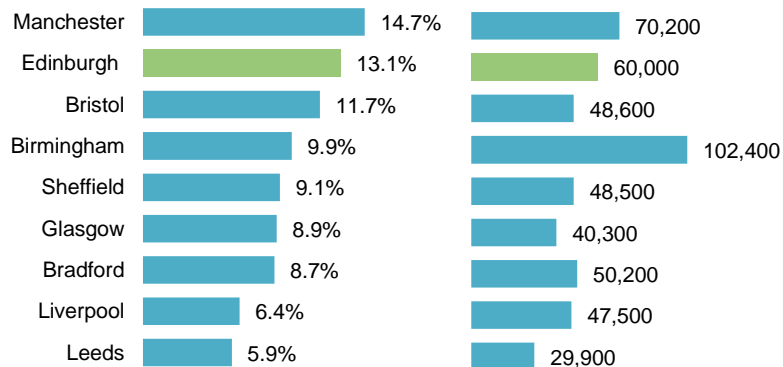
10 Population in UK cities in 2018



12 Population density in Edinburgh and major UK cities (residents per km²) 2018



11 Population change for UK cities, percentage and number, from 2008 to 2018



KEY FACTS

In 2018 Edinburgh population density was 1,970 residents per square kilometre.

Cities like Bristol, Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester have over twice the population density level of Edinburgh.

Edinburgh's population increase between 2008 to 2018 of 60,000 people was higher than most other UK cities. Only Manchester and Birmingham increased by a higher absolute number.

Source: [ONS Population Estimates - NOMIS](#)

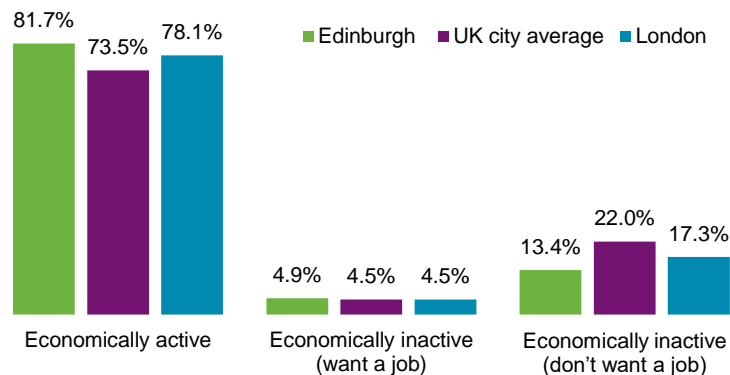
Note: Major UK cities included above are the top eight largest cities in the UK excluding London.

Note: For information in the section the administrative geography for Edinburgh and Glasgow defined as Council area, Bristol as unitary authority area and Manchester Liverpool, Birmingham, Sheffield, Bradford and Leeds are defined as Metropolitan District area.

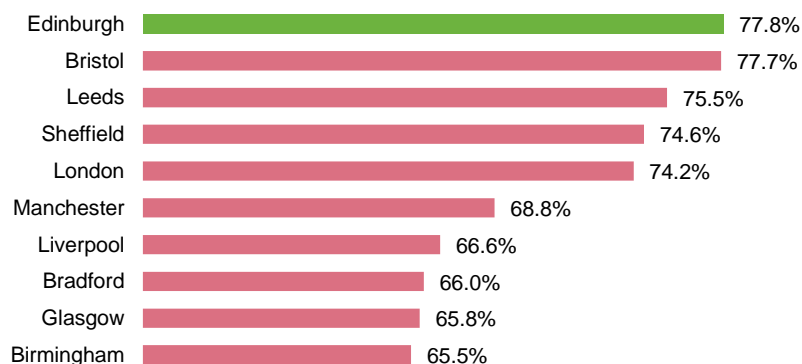
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13 Economic status of residents in Edinburgh and UK cities 2019 (as a percentage of population aged 16 to 64 years)

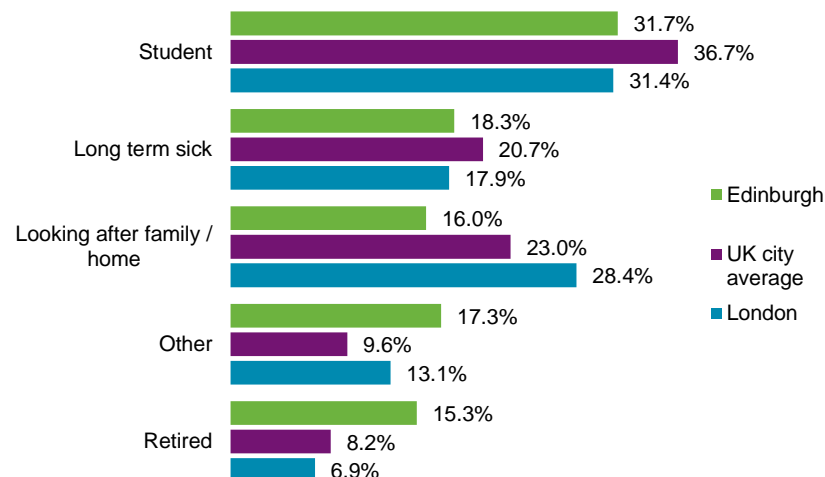


14 Percentage of residents aged 16 to 64 years in employment in UK cities 2019



Note: Major UK Cities average is based on the top eight largest populated cities in the UK excluding London, which are: Bradford, Bristol, Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, and Sheffield.

15 Main reasons for being economically inactive in Edinburgh and UK cities 2019



KEY FACTS

Edinburgh has a higher percentage (77.8%) of the working age population in employment than any other major UK city.

The main reason for being economically inactive in Edinburgh include being a student (31.7%).

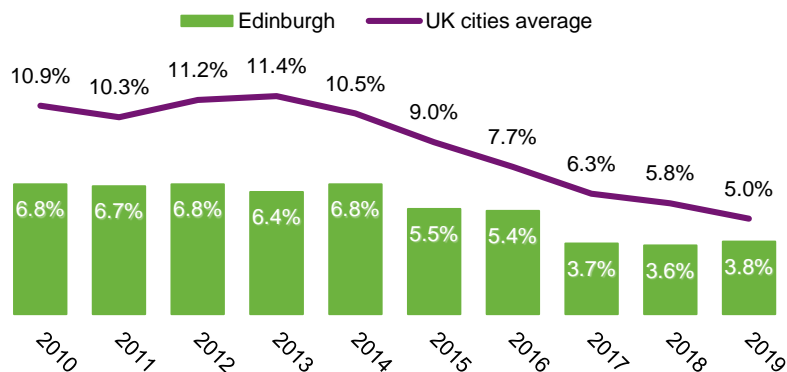
Note: Year 2019 refers to the 12 months to March 2019.

Source: [NOMIS - Annual Population Survey](#)

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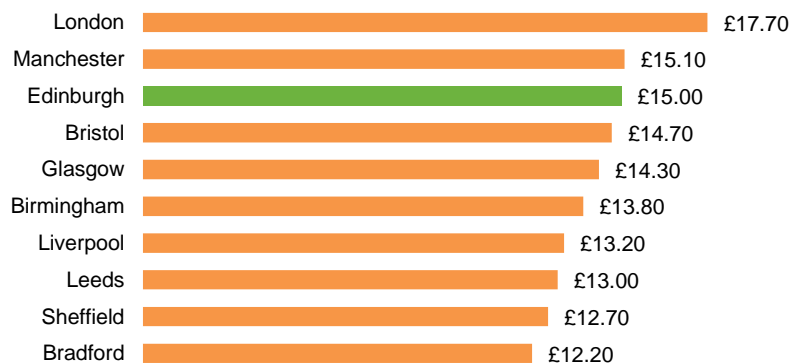
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16 Model based estimate of unemployment rate in Edinburgh 2010 to 2019



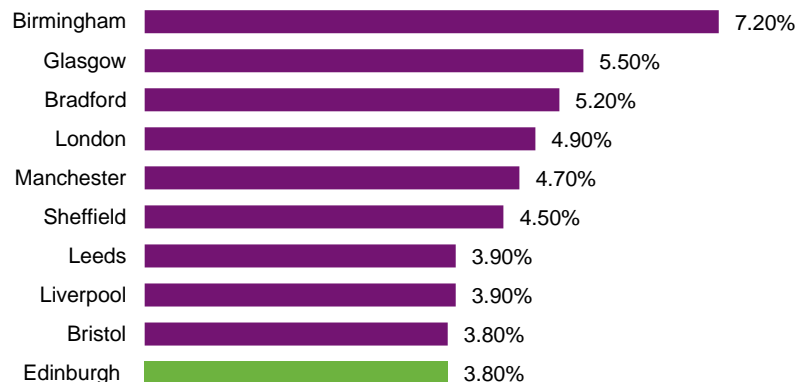
Note. Model based estimate of unemployment in charts above refers to a 12 month moving average to March.

17 Average hourly pay per worker in major UK cities 2019



Source: [NOMIS - Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings](#)

18 Model based estimate of unemployment in major UK cities 2019



KEY FACTS

Edinburgh's unemployment rate over the last 10 years reached as high as 6.8% in 2014. In the year to March 2019 unemployment was 3.6%, lower than any other major UK city.

The average hourly pay in Edinburgh was £15.00 in 2018, this is at least £1 higher per hour than seven other major UK cities.

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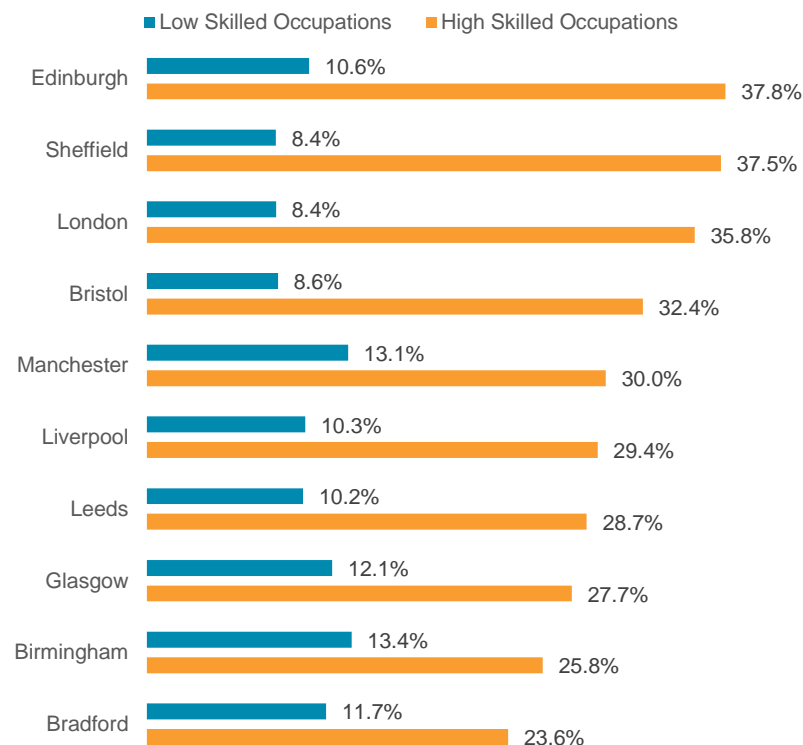
Average hourly pay rates in Edinburgh are high, but still an estimated 14% of workers earn less than the Scottish Living wage of £9.00 per hour.

Source: [NOMIS - Annual Population Survey](#)

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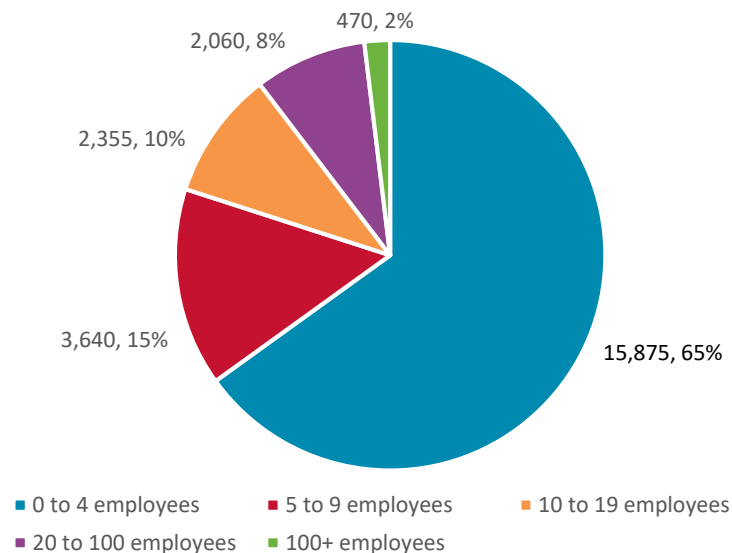
19 High and Low Skilled occupations by major UK cities April 2018 to March 2019



Source: [NOMIS - Annual Population Survey](#)

Note: Skilled occupation level by occupation type is defined from [Office of National Statistics - Table 1](#); High Skilled Occupations defined by following SOC 2010 sub-major groups: Corporate managers and directors; Science, research, engineering and technology professionals; Health professionals, Teaching and educational professionals; Business, media and public service professionals. Low skilled is defined by: Elementary trades and related occupations; Elementary administration and service occupations.

20 Workplaces in Edinburgh by employment size 2019



Source: [NOMIS - UK Business Counts](#)

KEY FACTS

As of March 2019 there were 470 workplaces employing more than 100 employees. This makes up 2% of all workplaces in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh has a large proportion of workers in high skilled occupations. At 37.8% of all workers, this is more than other UK cities, including London (37.5%).

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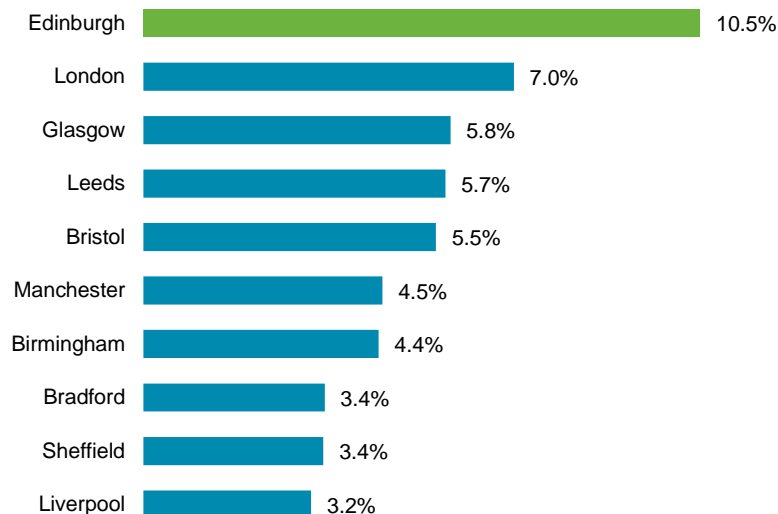
21 People in employment by industry sector 2018 Edinburgh, Scotland and major UK cities (top 10 Edinburgh sectors)

Industry Sectors	Edinburgh Number	Edinburgh %	Major UK city average %	Scotland %
Health	52,000	14.7%	14.5%	15.1%
Financial and insurance	37,000	10.5%	4.7%	3.3%
Professional, scientific & technical	31,000	8.8%	9.7%	7.0%
Accommodation and food services	33,000	9.3%	7.0%	7.9%
Education	31,000	8.8%	9.8%	7.4%
Retail and Wholesale	37,000	10.5%	13.8%	13.6%
Administrative and support services	28,000	7.9%	10.3%	7.9%
Public administration and defence	21,000	5.9%	4.6%	6.0%
Transport and Storage	12,000	3.4%	4.8%	4.2%
Information and communication	22,000	6.2%	4.2%	3.1%
Total	333,000			

Note: Major UK city average includes the eight largest populated UK cities excluding London: Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield.

Source: [NOMIS - Business Register and Employment Survey](#)

22 Financial and insurance size of employment market in UK cities 2018



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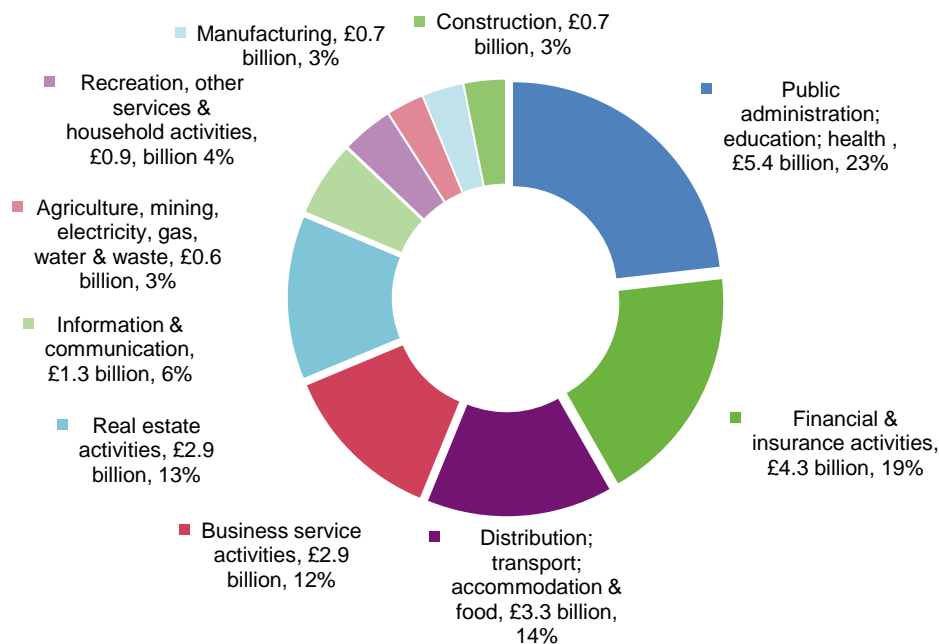
Around 50,000 people in Edinburgh are employed in the health sector. This industry sector makes up 15% of all jobs in Edinburgh.

In 2018, one in ten people employed in Edinburgh work in the finance and insurance sector. This is twice as much as the average across other UK cities.

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23 Gross value added (GVA) in Edinburgh 2017



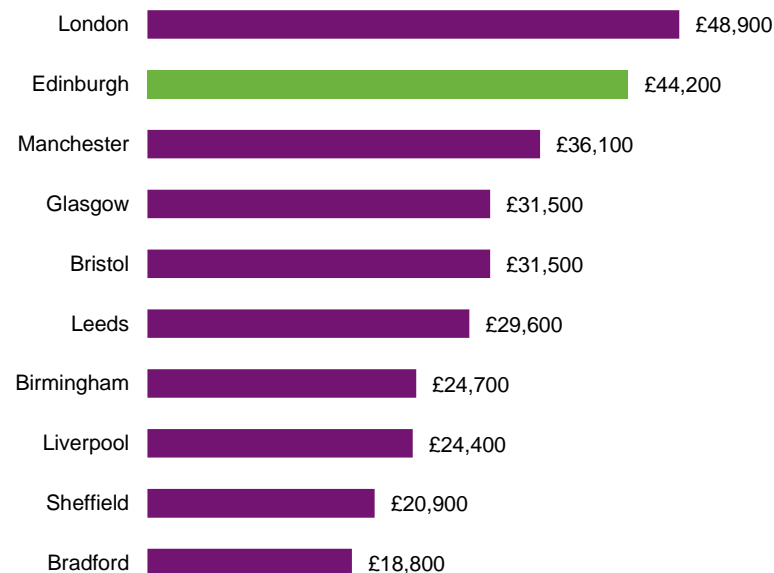
Note: GVA is a measure of the total value of output produced by an economy.

KEY FACTS

In 2017 the Gross Value Added by the Finance and Insurance Sector in Edinburgh was over £4 billion, 19% of Edinburgh's total GVA.

Edinburgh remains one of the most productive economies in the UK with GVA per capita higher than any other major city outside London.

24 GVA per capita in major UK cities 2017



Source: [ONS - Gross Value Added](#)

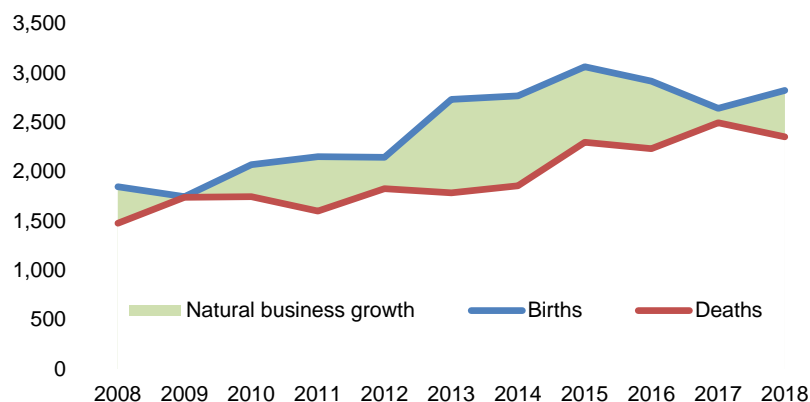
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Gross Value Added (GVA) is the value generated by an area, industry or sector of an economy engaged in the production of goods and services.

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25 Edinburgh business births and deaths from 2008 to 2018



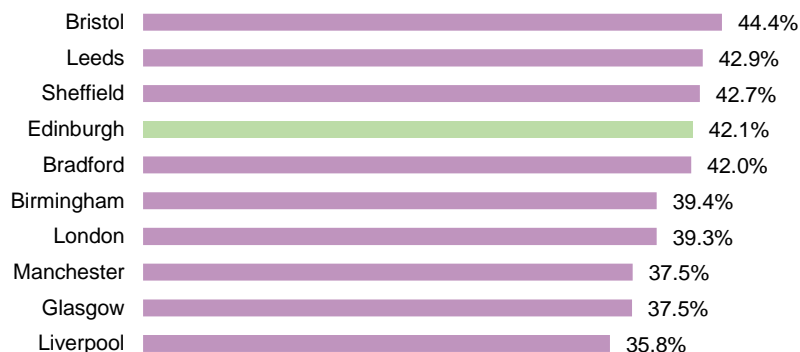
KEY FACTS

The years 2009-2018 represent a period of growth in new business in Edinburgh, with business births consistently outstripping closures.

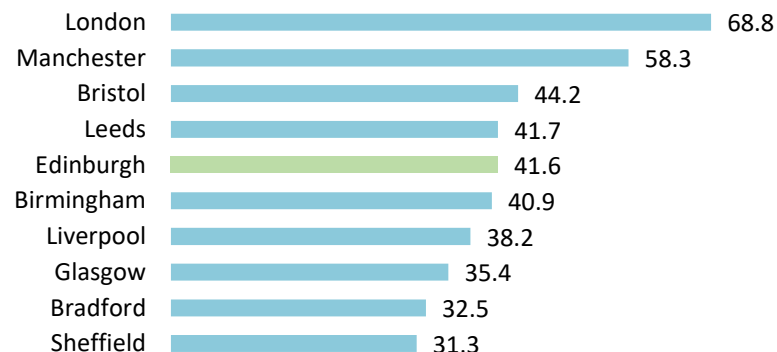
42.9% of new businesses in Edinburgh are still trading after 5 years, a rate of survival higher than most other UK cities.

Edinburgh has one of the highest business densities when compared to other UK cities at 41.6 businesses per 1,000 residents.

26 Business survival rates in UK cities over five years from 2013 to 2018



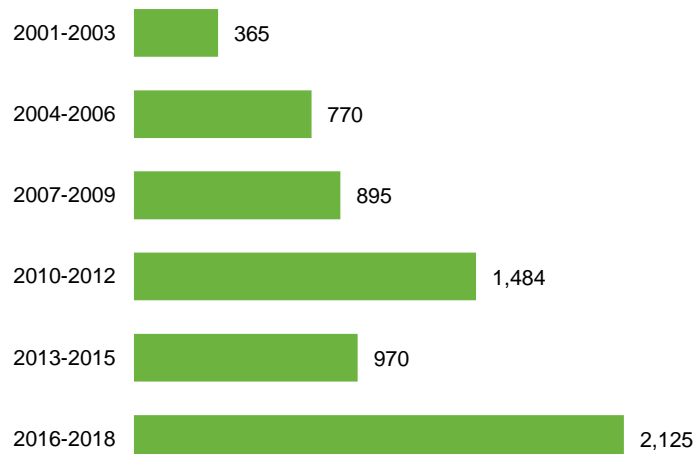
27 Business density in major UK cities 2018 (registered businesses per 1,000 residents)



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28 Hotel development completions in Edinburgh 2001 to 2018 (number of rooms)



Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](#)

Note: There were 167 hotels in Edinburgh with around 13,000 rooms as at the end of December 2018.

DID YOU KNOW?

Five hotel brands make up around 4,600 hotel rooms (around a third of total hotel rooms) in Edinburgh: Premier Inn, Travelodge, Holiday Inn/Holiday Inn Express, Ibis/Ibis Style and Apex.

Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](#)

In 2020, Edinburgh is expected to see 1,200 new hotel rooms open. This is more than Liverpool (500), Birmingham (500) and Leeds (120) combined.

Source: PWC UK Hotels Forecast 2019-2020

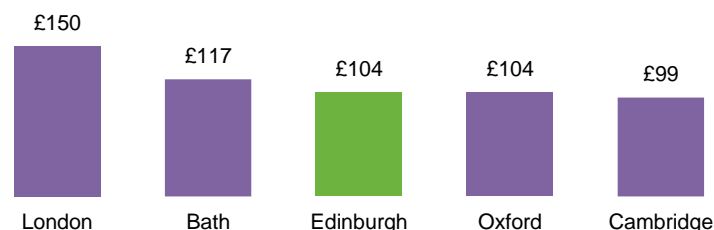
KEY FACTS

In the three years 2016 to 2018 there were 2,125 new hotel room completions in Edinburgh.

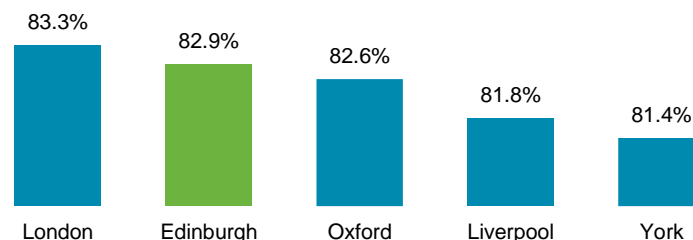
Despite this large change in hotel room supply, Edinburgh had one of the highest hotel occupancy rates out of all UK cities in 2018 at 82.9%.

The average room price in Edinburgh in 2018 was £104 per night the third highest in the UK.

29 Hotel average daily rates top 5 UK cities 2018



30 Hotel occupancy rates top 5 UK cities 2018



Source: [Colliers International - Hotel Market Index 2018](#)

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31 Tourism in Edinburgh 2017

	Domestic	Overseas	Edin Total	Scot Total
Number of Visits / Trips	2.6 million	2.0 million	4.6 million	(14.9 million)
Number of Nights	8.3 million	10.7 million	19.0 million	(67.7 million)
Average trip duration (nights)	2.6	5.0	4.0	(4.5)
Tourist Expenditure	£829 million	£1.02 billion	£1.85 billion	(£5.28 billion)
Average Expenditure per visit	£317	£506	£399	(£355)

KEY FACTS

According to Visit Scotland there were around 19.0 million visitor nights or overnight stays in Edinburgh and 67.7 million in Scotland. This means that one in every four overnight stays in Scotland is spent in Edinburgh.

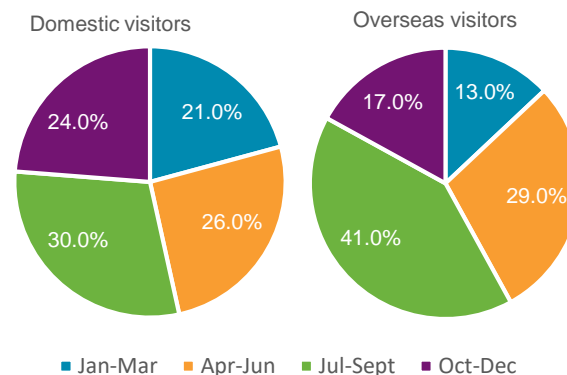
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Edinburgh is a seasonal destination with visitors arrive during the defined summer period, especially for overseas visitors with 41% arriving during July to September.

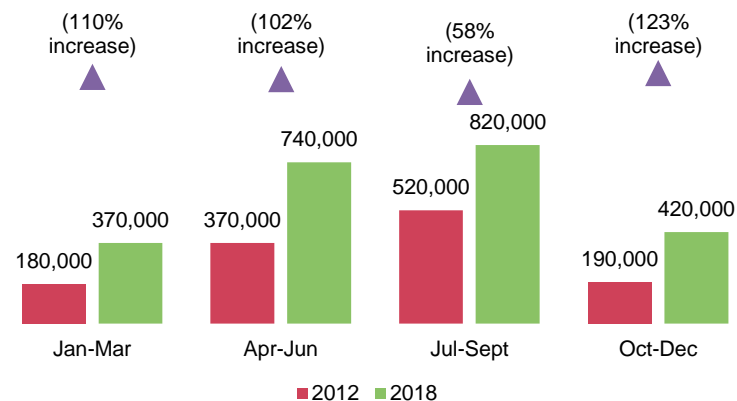
The number of visits by overseas visitors to Edinburgh has increased by over 1 million from 2012 to 2018.

While the traditional peak season increased by 58% from 520,000 to 820,000 visits between 2012 and 2018. The off-season period of October to March increased significantly (Jan-Mar up by 110% and Oct-Dec up by 123%).

32 Proportion of visitors to Edinburgh by season 2017



33 Overseas visitors to Edinburgh by season 2012 and 2018



Source: [Visit Britain](#)

Source: [Visit Scotland - Tourism in Scotland's Regions](#)

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34 Top visitor attractions in Edinburgh 2018

Attraction	2017	Annual change
National Museum of Scotland	2,227,800	+2.9%
Edinburgh Castle	2,111,600	+2.3%
Scottish National Gallery	1,739,100	+8.6%
St Giles Cathedral	1,330,800	+3.5%
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	826,900	-8.6%
National War Museum	798,200	+4.5%
Edinburgh Bus Tours	702,200	+1.8%
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art	569,900	-5.9%
Edinburgh Zoo	509,700	-8.4%
Royal Yacht Britannia	390,900	+0.1%
Scotch Whisky Experience	384,400	+2.0%
Scottish National Portrait Gallery	358,300	+0.0%
Our Dynamic Earth	331,900	+1.0%
Scottish Parliament	282,400	+6.0%
The Real Mary Kings Close	246,000	+8.0%

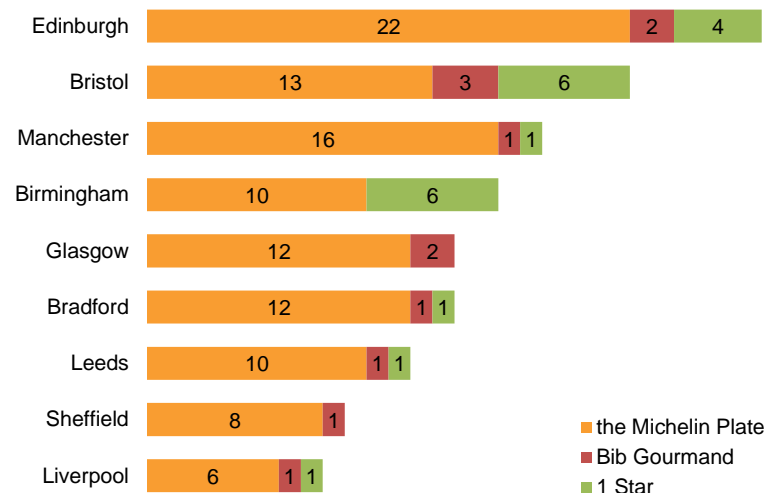
Note: Top visitor attractions means attractions that attract over 200,000 visitors per year.

KEY FACTS

7 of the top 10 most visited attractions in Scotland in 2018 are based in Edinburgh.

Source: [Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions](#)

35 Michelin awarded restaurants in UK cities 2019



Note. Data taken from ViaMichelin website on 07 November 2019.

Source: [ViaMichelin Restaurants 2019](#)

KEY FACTS

On your own front door. Edinburgh has more Michelin awarded restaurants than most other major UK cities.

DID YOU KNOW?

Michelin Plate means 'restaurants serving good food simply'; Bib Gourmand means 'good restaurants at reasonable prices' and 1 star means 'high quality cooking, worth a stop.'

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36 Attendance at major festivals 2018 (over 50,000 people)

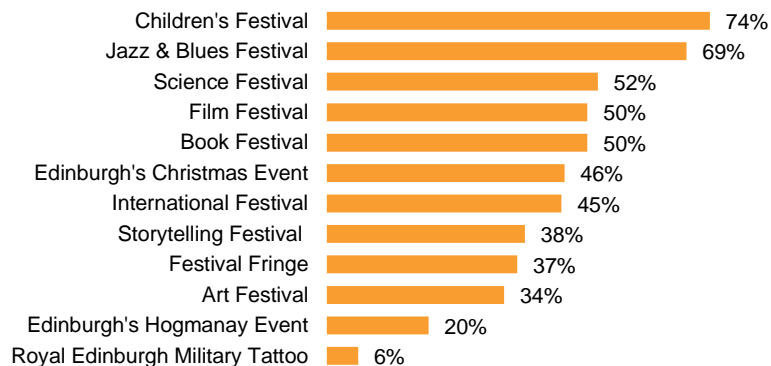
Festival	Attendees
Festival Fringe	2,838,800
Edinburgh's Christmas event	845,000
International Festival	416,300
Book Festival	406,000
Art Festival	286,300
Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo	220,000
Edinburgh's Hogmanay event	183,900
Science Festival	175,000
Film Festival	67,100
Jazz & Blues Festival	68,000
Storytelling Festival	57,200

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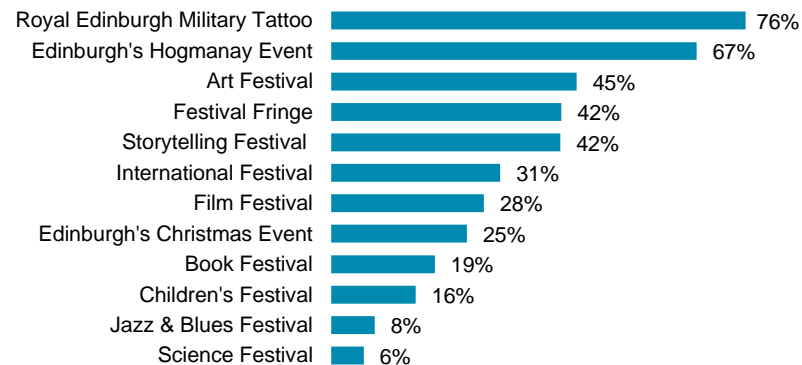
The Edinburgh Festival Fringe had around 2.8 million attendees in 2018. 42% of attendees to the Fringe came from outside of Scotland.

Edinburgh's Christmas event received around 845,000 attendees in 2018 with a reported one-in-four visitors from outside of Scotland.

37 Local share of audience attendance at major festivals 2018



38 International and rest of UK share of audience attendance at major festivals 2018



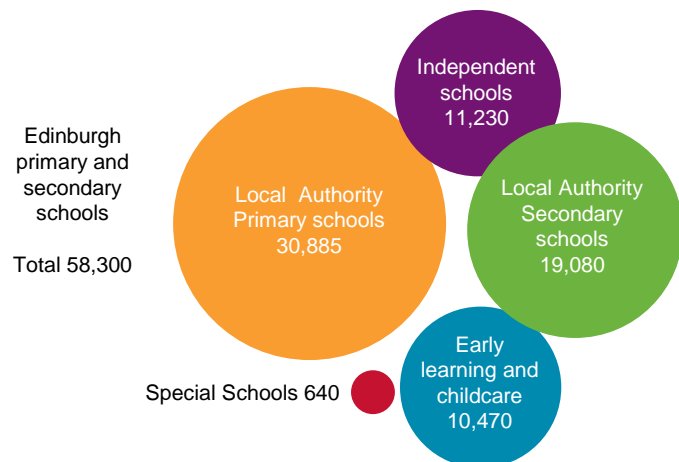
Note: Local audience means attendees from Edinburgh, and International audience means attendees from outside of Scotland

Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk)

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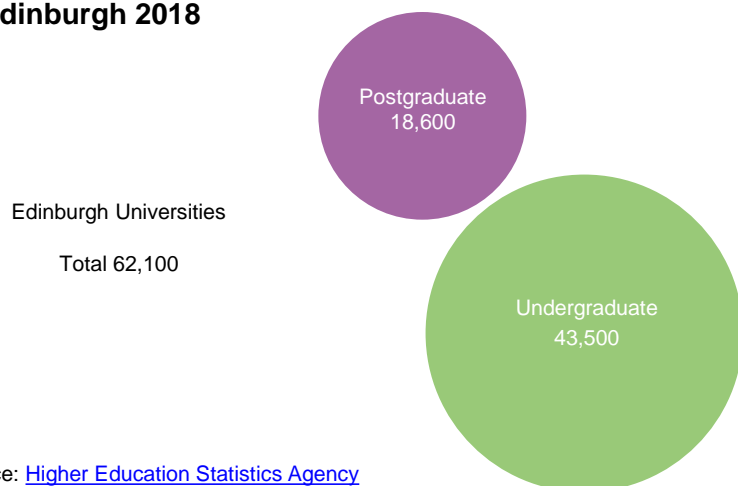
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39 Number of pupils in Edinburgh schools 2018



Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](#); [Scottish Council of Independent Schools](#)

40 Students enrolled in higher education institutions in Edinburgh 2018



Source: [Higher Education Statistics Agency](#)

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In 2018 there were around 19,000 pupils in public secondary schools in Edinburgh. Almost the same number of students were studying a postgraduate degree in higher education (18,600).

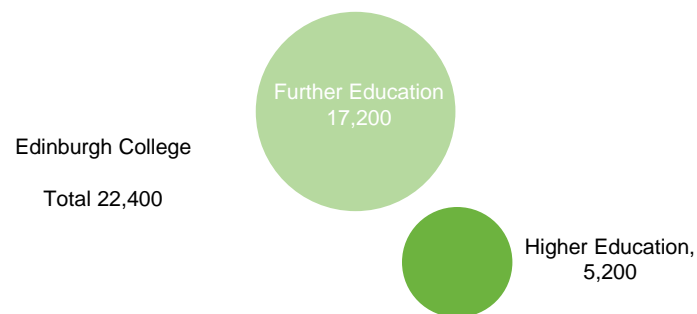
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One in five primary and secondary students go to an independent school in Edinburgh.

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In 2018 there were over 140,000 pupils or students in Edinburgh based education institutions, including schools, universities and colleges.

41 Students at Edinburgh College 2018

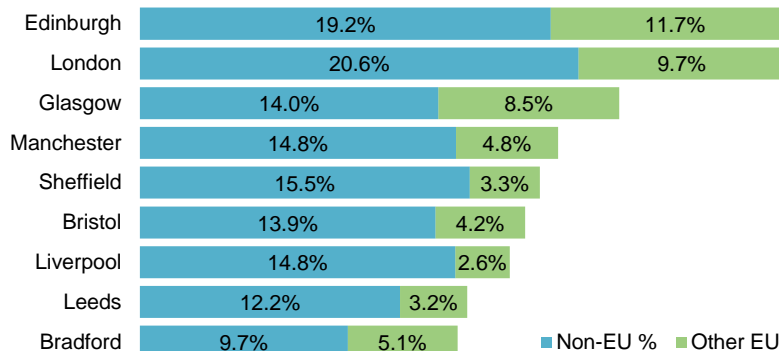


Source: [Scottish Funding Council](#)

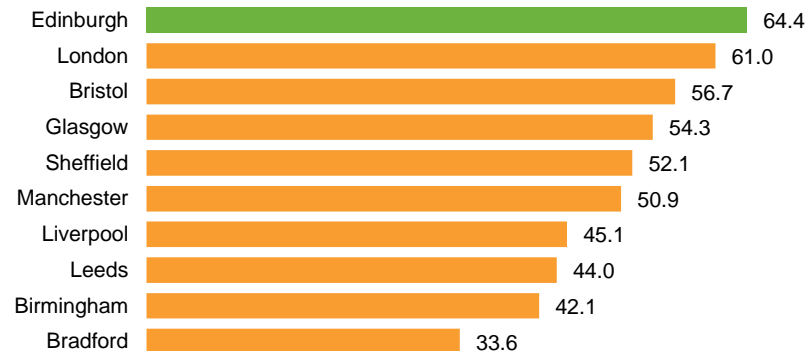
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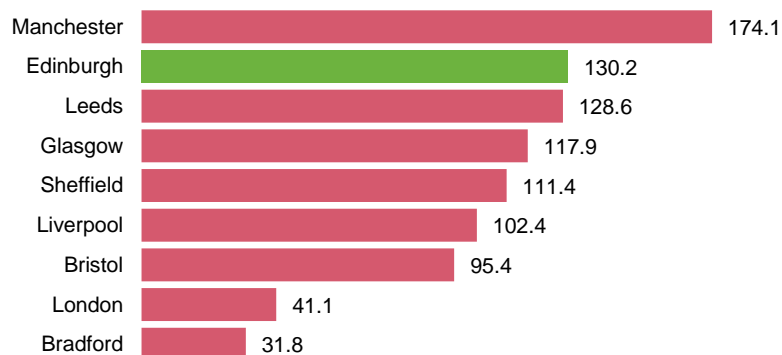
42 Percentage of non-UK students in Higher Education in UK cities 2018



44 Percentage of workforce educated to degree level or above in major UK cities 2018



43 Higher Education students per 1,000 population in UK cities 2018



Source: [NOMIS - Annual Population Survey](#)

Source: [Higher Education Statistics Agency](#)

Source: [NOMIS - Annual Population Survey](#)

KEY FACTS

In 2018, 69.1% of higher education students in Edinburgh were from the UK.

Compared to other UK cities, Edinburgh has the highest proportion of non-UK students 30.9% (same as last year) and the highest proportion of EU students (11.7%) at University.

In 2018 64.4% of the Edinburgh workforce in employment is educated to degree level or above.

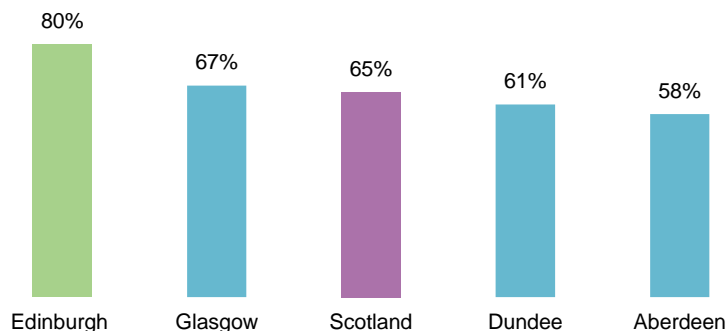
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KEY FACTS

Edinburgh households are more climate aware and generate less waste per resident than those of any other major Scottish City.

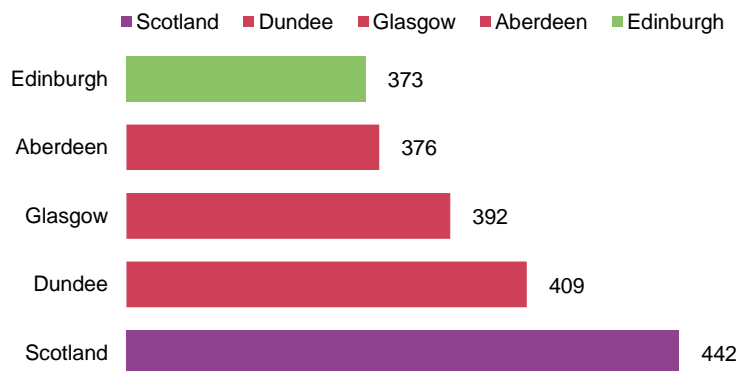
45 Percentage of respondents who believe that climate change is an immediate and urgent problem 2018



Note: the remaining response options include: "Climate change is more of a problem for the future", "Climate change is not really a problem", "I'm still not convinced that climate change is happening", "None of these" or "don't know".

Source: [Scottish Household Survey - LA tables](#)

46 Household waste (tonnes) generated per one thousand residents in Scottish cities 2018



Source: [SEPA - Household Waste Data](#)

47 Carbon emission estimates (CO2 kt) in Edinburgh 2017



48 Carbon emission estimates (CO2 kt) in Edinburgh 2007

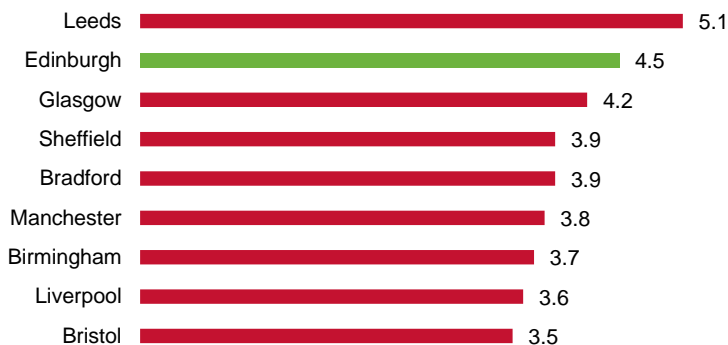


Source: [UK Dept for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#)

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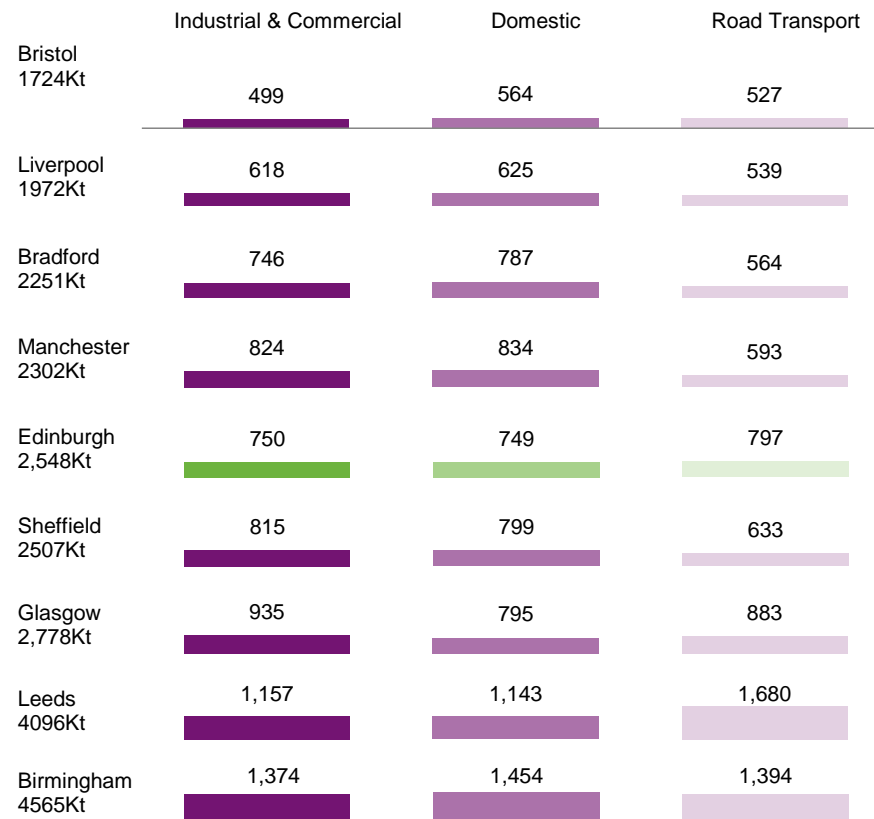
49 Carbon dioxide per capita selected UK cities 2017 (in tonnes)



50 Decrease in carbon dioxide per capita major UK cities from 2010 to 2017



51 Source of carbon dioxide emissions major UK cities 2017 (in kilo tonnes Kt)



Source: [UK Dept for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#)

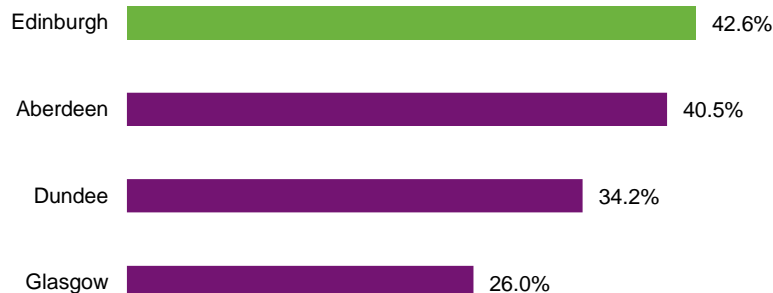
KEY FACTS

Edinburgh recorded the fourth largest reduction in carbon dioxide emissions per population out of UK major cities during 2010 to 2017.

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Environment

52 Percentage of household waste recycled in Scottish cities three year average 2016-2018



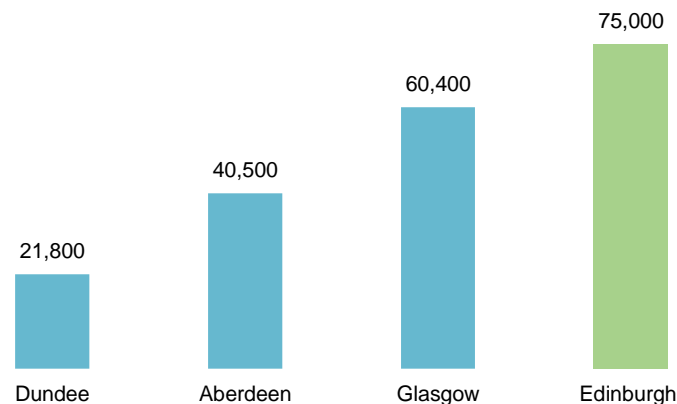
Source: [Local Government Benchmarking Framework - My Local Council](#)

53 Satisfaction with recycling service in Edinburgh three year average 2016-2018



Source: [Edinburgh People Survey 2018](#)

54 Tonnes of household waste recycled in Scottish cities 2018



Note: recycled = waste recycled + organics recycled + prepared for reuse.

Source: [SEPA - Household Waste Data](#)

KEY FACTS

Edinburgh recycled 42.6% of its household waste in the three year period from 2016 to 2018.

KEY FACTS

Edinburgh households recycle more than those of any other major Scottish City, both in tonnes and as a proportion of household waste.

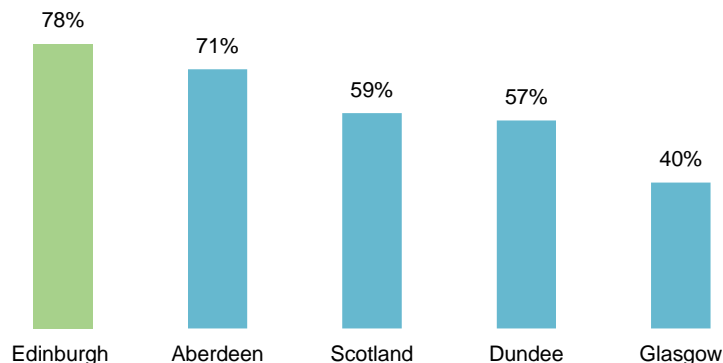
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Environment

55 Visiting the outdoors one or more times a week 2018



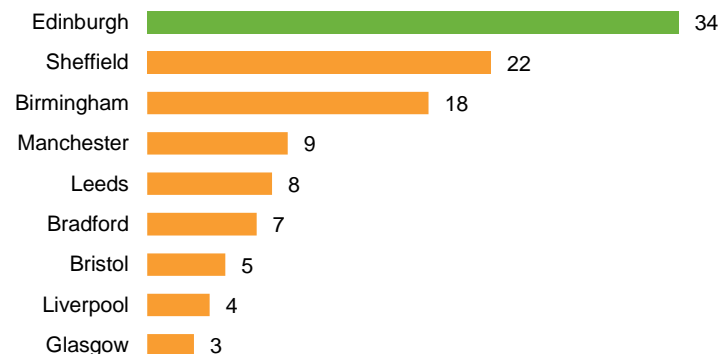
Source: [Scottish Household Survey - LA tables](#)

56 Satisfaction with parks and green space in Edinburgh 2018



Source: [Edinburgh People Survey 2018](#)

57 Green Flag parks in major UK cities 2019



Source: [Green Flag Award 2019 Winner List](#)

Note: The total number of Green Flag awarded parks in Scotland was 71 in 2019. The Green Flag Award scheme is the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in the UK

KEY FACTS

34 parks in Edinburgh were awarded a green flag. This was an increase from 13 parks in 2010. Edinburgh makes up 48% of all Green Flag awarded parks in Scotland.

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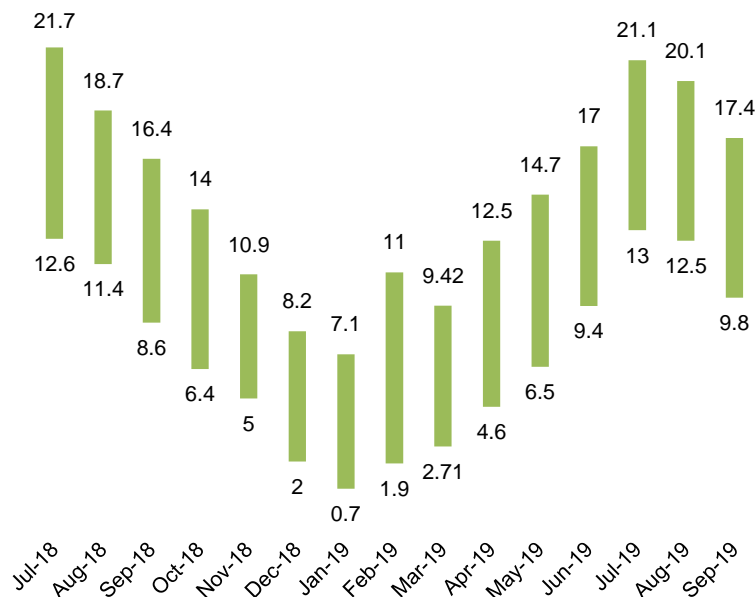
Edinburgh has been named 'the greenest city in the UK' in 2019 in a study by First Mile. This looked at everything from recycling, air quality, pollution levels, plastics use, green spaces use to the number of electric vehicles and levels of disposable fashion consumption.

Source: [First Mile](#)

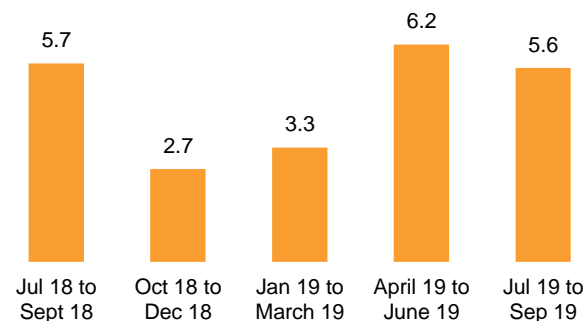
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Environment

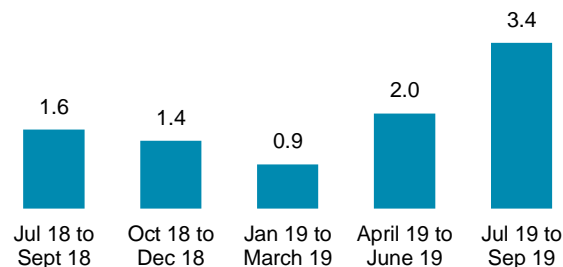
58 Edinburgh weather, range in average max and min temperature (in Celsius), July 2018 to September 2019



59 Average sunshine hours per day by three month period



60 Average rainfall (millimetres) per day by three month period



KEY FACTS

January 2019 was the coldest month of the period with average day high of 7.1°C and an average day low of 0.7°C.

The hours of sunshine per day in April to June 2019 was an average of 6.2 hours, the average volume of rain was 2mm per day.

Edinburgh's peak summer season in 2019 saw more than twice as much rain compared to 2018. July to September 2019 observed an average of 3.4mm of rain per day. This was more than twice as much as the same period in 2018 at 1.6mm per day.

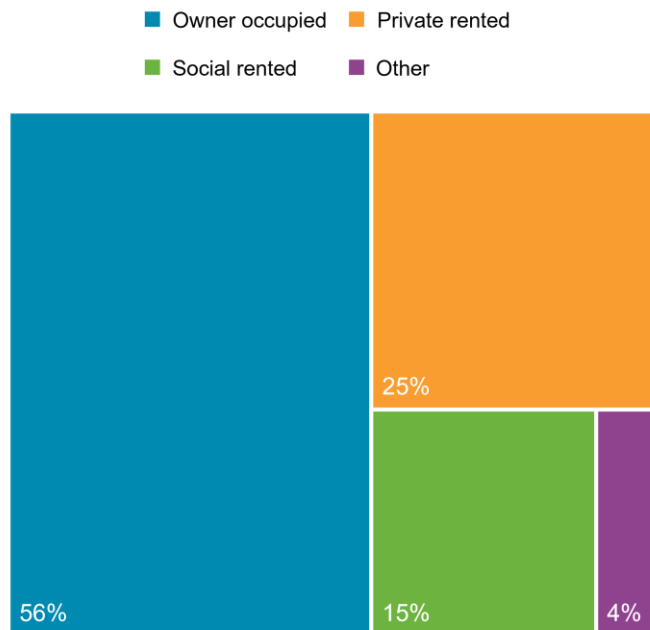
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Edinburgh's highest maximum temperature was 30.0°C recorded on 5 August 1975. The lowest minimum air temperature was -15.5°C on the 11 January 1982

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Property

61 Housing tenure of Edinburgh households 2018



Note: Other represents privately owned vacant second homes.

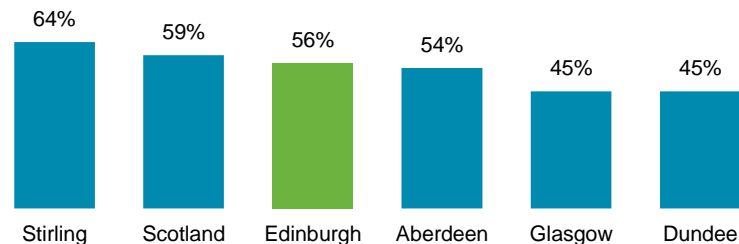
Source: [Scottish Household Survey - LA tables](#)

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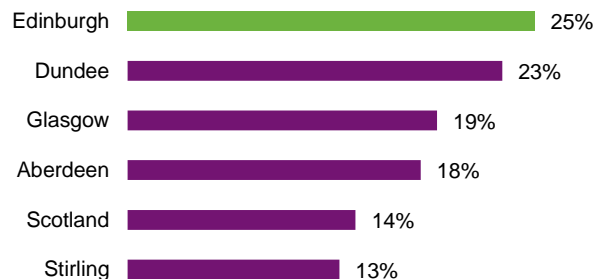
In 2018, 25% of Edinburgh households lived in private rented accommodation, a higher rate than recorded across Scotland as a whole.

Home ownership in Edinburgh was 56% in 2018, higher than most other Scottish cities.

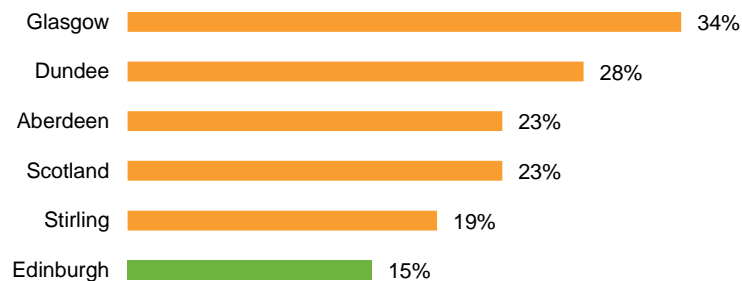
62 Owner occupied housing in Scottish Cities 2018



63 Private rented housing in Scottish Cities 2018



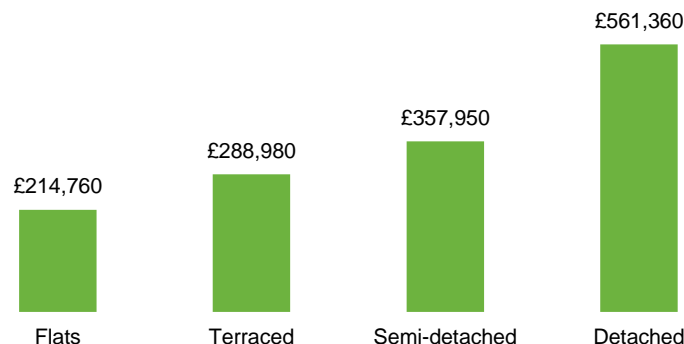
64 Social rented housing in Scottish Cities 2018



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Property

65 Edinburgh average house price by building type April 2019



Source: [UK Government - House Price Index](#)

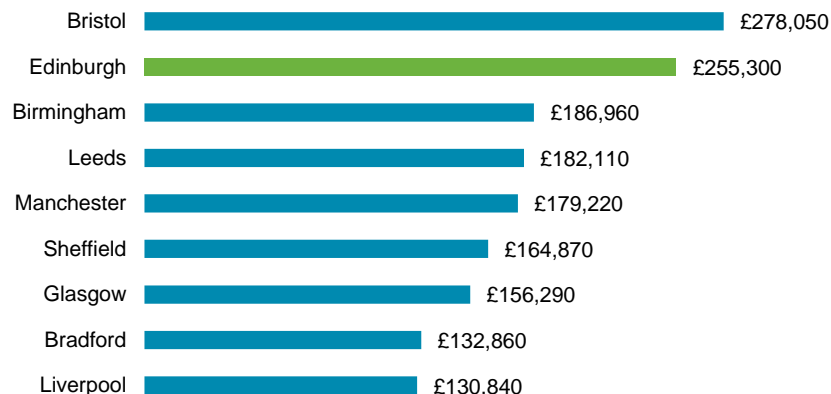
KEY FACTS

The average property price in Edinburgh in April 2019 was £255,300, higher than most other major UK cities outside London.

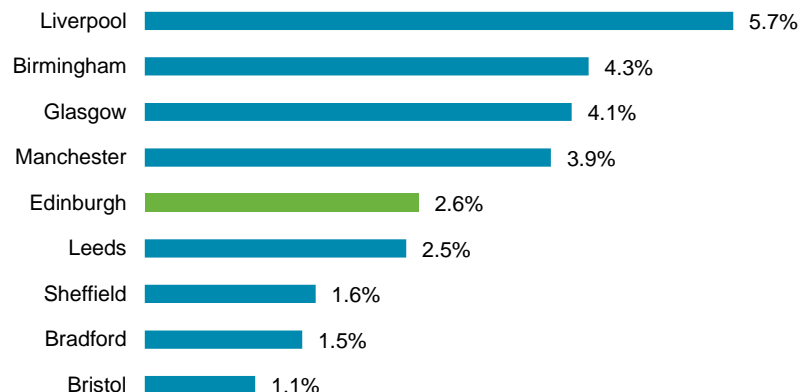
Building types have different average house prices. In Edinburgh the average detached property was sold for £561,360 in April 2019 and the average flat was £214,760.

The average property price in Edinburgh has increased by 2.6% over the year to April 2019, a much slower rate than the 13.2% increase registered in the previous year.

66 Average house prices in UK cities April 2019



67 Annual change in average house prices April 2019



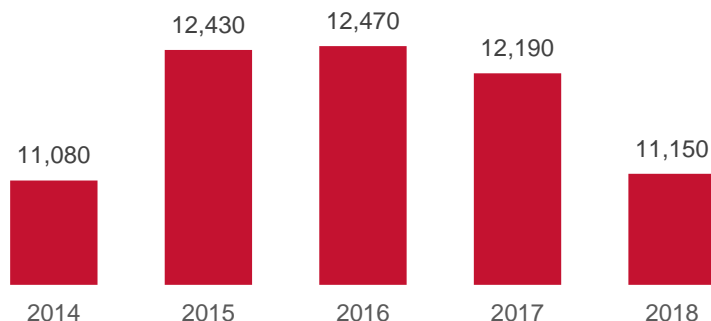
Note: Average house price refers to April 2019 sales. London average price was £470,410, UK was £229,075 and Scotland was £150,500. Average prices changed by London down 1.4%, UK up 1.4%, and Scotland up 1.4%, on the April 2019 average price.

Source: [UK Government - House Price Index](#)

Edinburgh by numbers 2019

Property

68 Annual number of property sales in Edinburgh 2014 to 2018



KEY FACTS

The number of property sales in Edinburgh for 2018 was 11,150.

Recorded property sales in 2018 were highest in June with 1,250 and in August 1,210.

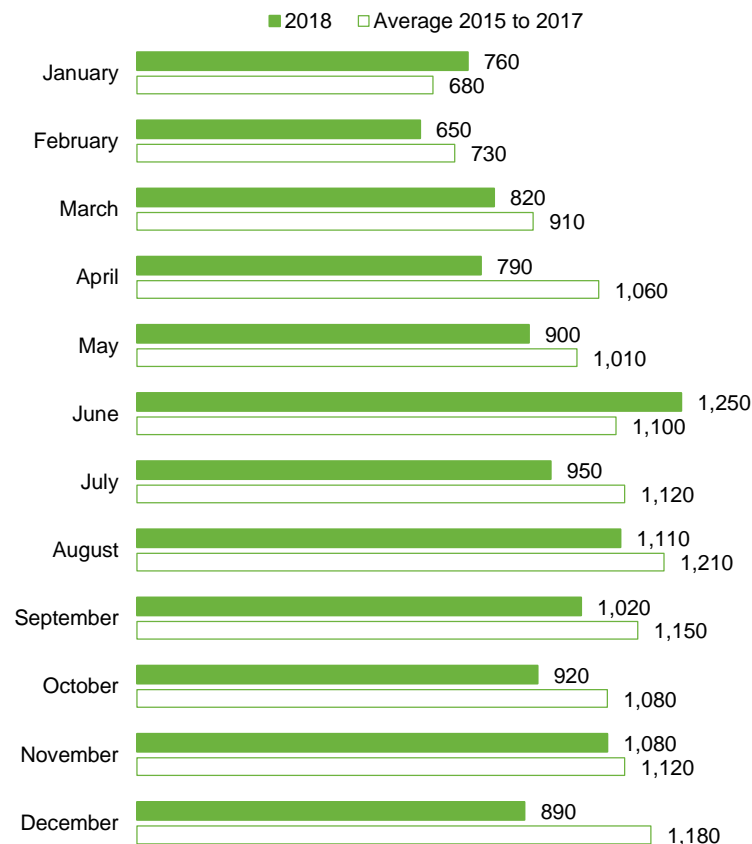
On average, house sales have decreased every month in 2019 in comparison with the period 2015-2017 except for June 2019.

DID YOU KNOW?

There were 119 residential property sales in Edinburgh over £1 million in 2018/19. Edinburgh consistently holds half of all sales over £1 million in Scotland (66% of the share in 2018/19).

Source: [Registers of Scotland Property Market Report 2018/19](#)

69 Number of house sales in Edinburgh by month

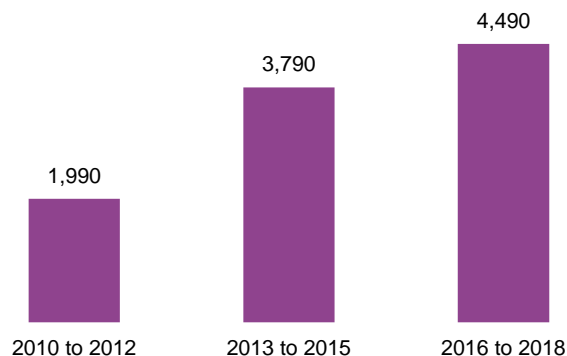


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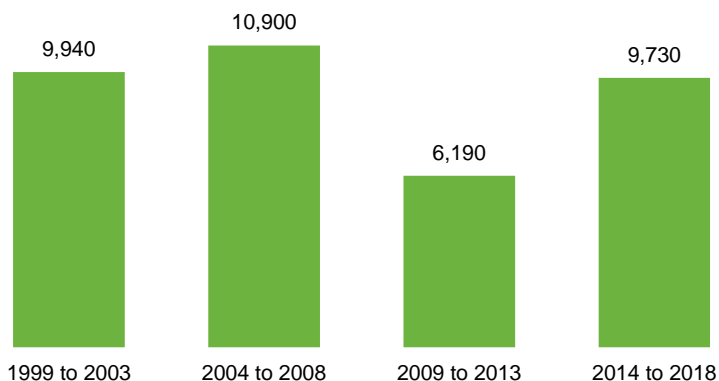
Property

70 Student housing development completions 2010 to 2018 – three year periods (number of rooms)



Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](#)

71 Number of new build house completions in Edinburgh all sectors 1999 to 2018 – five year periods



Note: Total new build completions in Scotland between 2014 and 2018 was 87,456

DID YOU KNOW?

There were around 19,500 purpose-built student bed spaces in Edinburgh at the end of 2018.

Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](#)

KEY FACTS

In the five years to 2018 there were 9,730 new build home completions in Edinburgh.

The annual number of new build starts in Edinburgh since 2014 exceeded 12,000 houses. More than double the number of new start builds between 2009 to 2013.

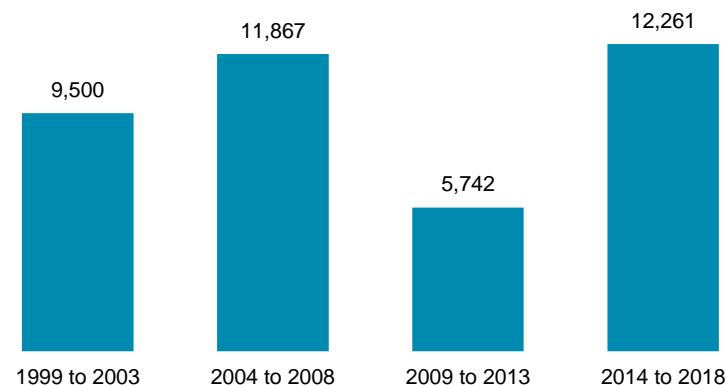
In Edinburgh from 2016 to 2018 the number of purpose built student rooms increased by over 4,490, more than double the amount in 2010 to 2012.

DID YOU KNOW?

There were over 2,000 affordable homes under construction on 36 sites in the city in 2019.

Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](#)

72 Number of new build house starts in Edinburgh 1999 to 2018 – five year periods



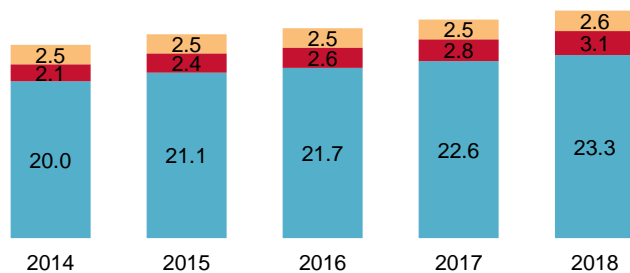
Source: [Scottish Government - Housing Statistics](#)

Edinburgh by numbers 2019

Travel and Connectivity

73 Rail passenger numbers (millions) Edinburgh stations 2014 to 2018

■ Edinburgh Waverley ■ Haymarket ■ All other stations



Note: Number refers to exits and entrances

Source: [Office of Rail Regulation](#)

KEY FACTS

The number of rail passengers travelling to and from Edinburgh Waverley increased to 23.3 million in 2018. An increase of more than three million since 2014.

Haymarket increased by 1 million passengers over that same period 2014-2018, representing a 48% increase in passengers.

The total number of passengers using Edinburgh Airport in 2018 was 14.3 million. An increase of over four million since 2014.

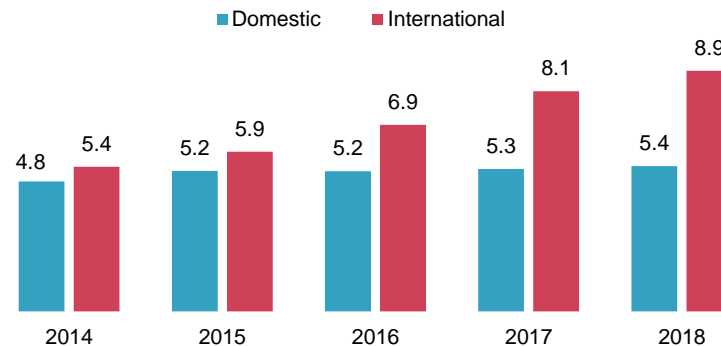
The number of international air passenger traveling to and from Edinburgh Airport increased to 8.9 million in 2018. An increase of three and a half million since 2014.

74 Travel times to Edinburgh

City	Car	Train
Glasgow	1 hr 6 min	50 minutes
Manchester	4 hr 6 min	3 hr 12 min
Leeds	4 hr 7 min	2 hr 58 min
Liverpool	4 hr 11 min	3 hr 37 min
Bradford	4 hr 20 min	3 hr 38 min
Sheffield	4 hr 40 min	3 hr 20 min
Birmingham	5 hr 14 min	4 hr 00 min
Bristol	6 hr 43 min	5 hr 50 min
London	7 hr 24 min	4 hr 00 min

Source: [Google Maps](#) and [Scotrail](#)

75 Passenger numbers (millions) Edinburgh airport 2014 to 2018

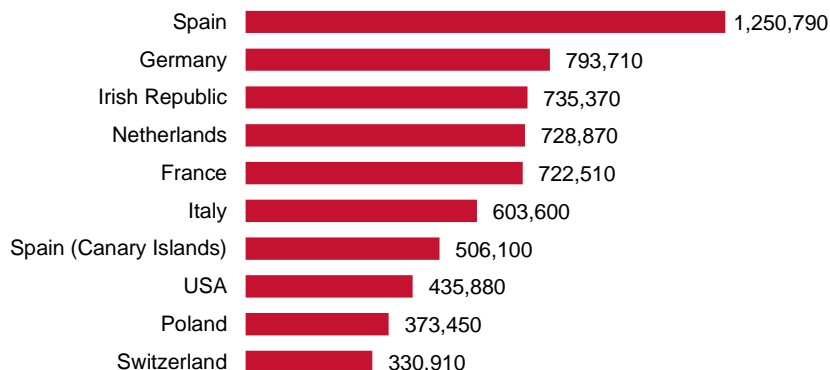


Source: [Civil Aviation Authority](#)

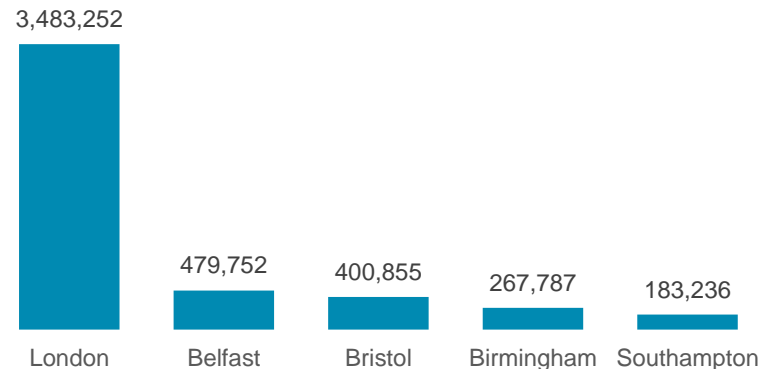
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Travel and Connectivity

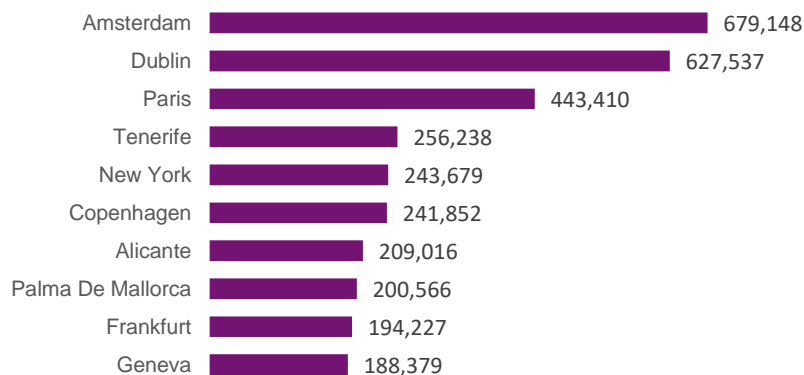
76 Top ten international destinations from Edinburgh Airport by passenger numbers 2018



78 Top five domestic destination from Edinburgh airport by passenger numbers 2018



77 Top ten international cities from Edinburgh Airport by passenger numbers 2018



Source: [Civil Aviation Authority](#)

KEY FACTS

Spain (including the Canary Islands) was the top destination from Edinburgh Airport with over 1.7 million passengers.

Germany returns once again as the second top destination, having been third in 2016, and fourth in 2015.

Amsterdam was the top international city destination from Edinburgh Airport with 679,148 passengers in 2018.

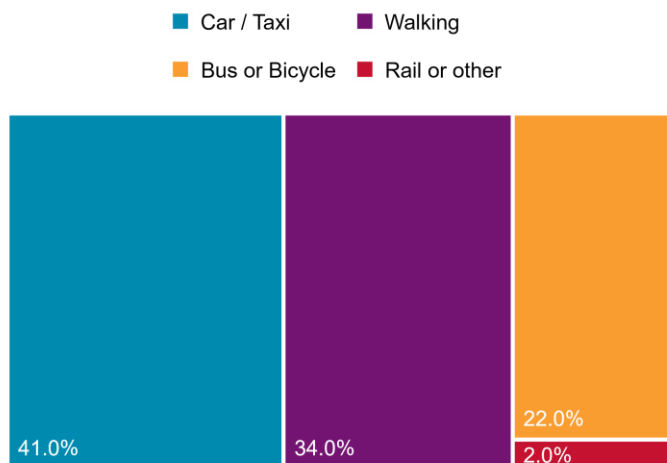
Nearly a quarter of a million air passengers travelled to and from New York and Edinburgh in 2018.

In 2018 there were 3.48 million air passengers between Edinburgh and the London airports, this was 5 times as many passengers than the top international city Amsterdam.

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Travel and Connectivity

79 Main mode of travel in Edinburgh 2018



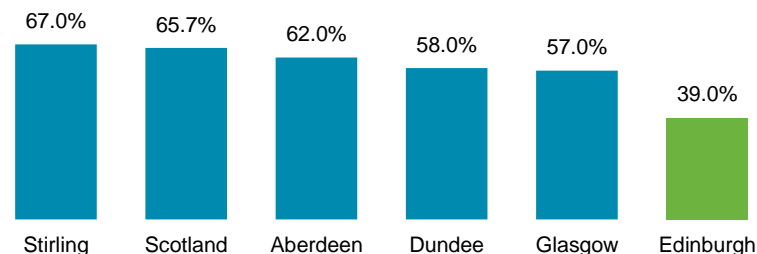
KEY FACTS

During 2018, 41.0% of people in Edinburgh reported that their main mode of travel was car or taxi, a decrease of more than 2% from 43.3% in 2017. The national average increased from 64.6% to 65.7% in the same period.

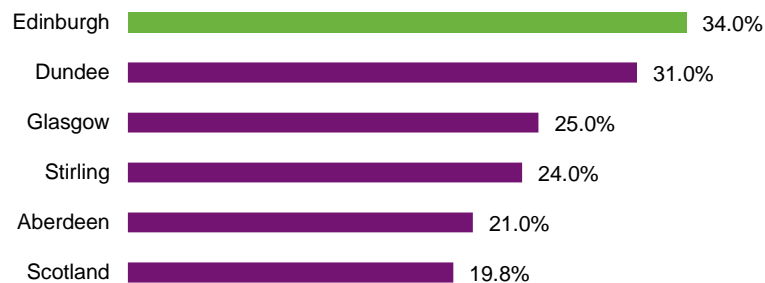
Edinburgh reported the lowest percentage of journeys undertaken by car or taxi when compared to other Scottish cities at 39.0%.

In Edinburgh 34.0% of residents reported that walking was their main mode of travel, in contrast with the national average of 19.8%.

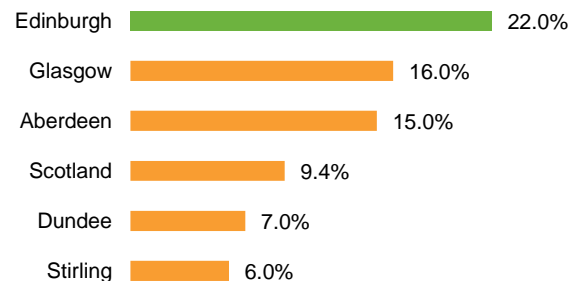
80 Percentage that take car/taxi to work in Scottish cities 2018



81 Percentage that walk to work in Scottish cities 2018



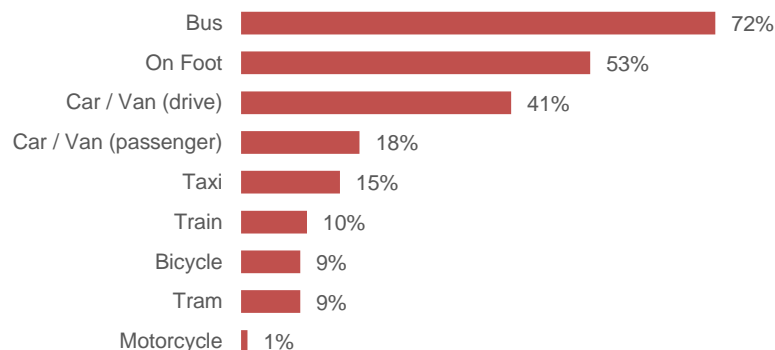
82 Percentage that bus / bike to work in Scottish cities 2018



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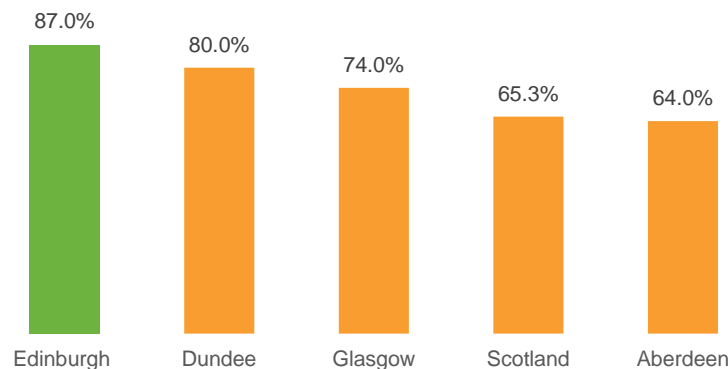
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83 Main mode of travel Edinburgh to get around 2018



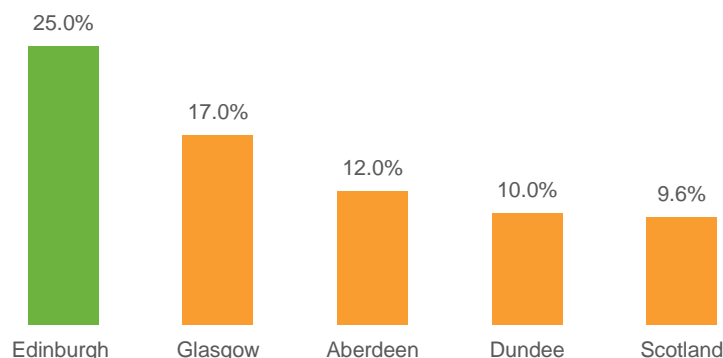
Source: [Edinburgh People Survey](#)

84 Percentage of Adults (16+) who are satisfied with public transport 2018



Source: [Transport Scotland - Transport and Travel in Scotland](#)

85 Percentage of Adults (16+) who use local bus services



Source: [Transport Scotland - Transport and Travel in Scotland](#)

KEY FACTS

Residents were asked in the Edinburgh People Survey which form of transport did they use to get around in the last month. Almost three quarters of all those that responded reported taking the bus (72%) and 53% travelled by foot.

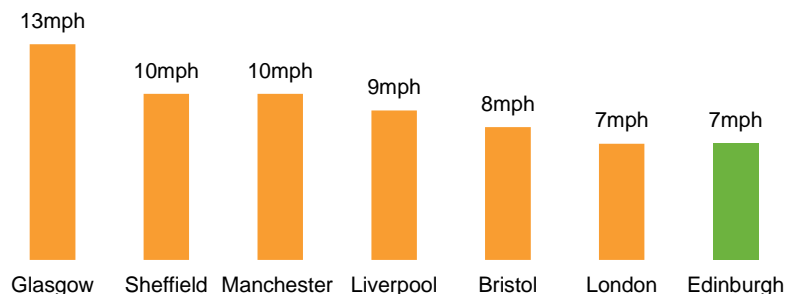
87% of people in Edinburgh are satisfied with public transport in the city. This is higher than the rate recorded in other Scottish cities.

One in four people (25.0%) reported that they use the bus either every or almost every day.

Edinburgh by numbers 2019

Travel and Connectivity

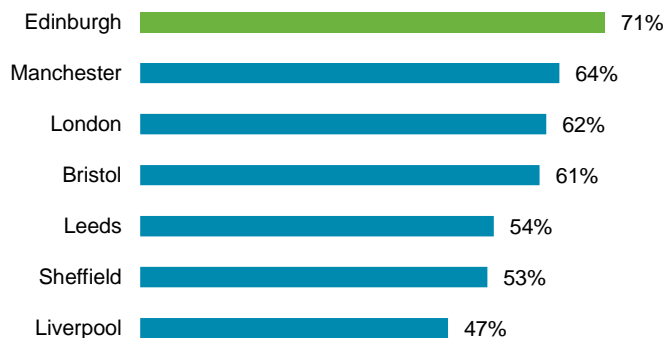
86 Last Mile Speed (mph) for inner city travel in major UK cities 2018



Source: [INRX Global Traffic Scorecard](#)

Note: Last Mile Speed: the speed at which a driver can expect to travel one mile into the central business district during peak hours.

87 Increase in morning peak travel times when compared to free flow conditions UK cities 2018



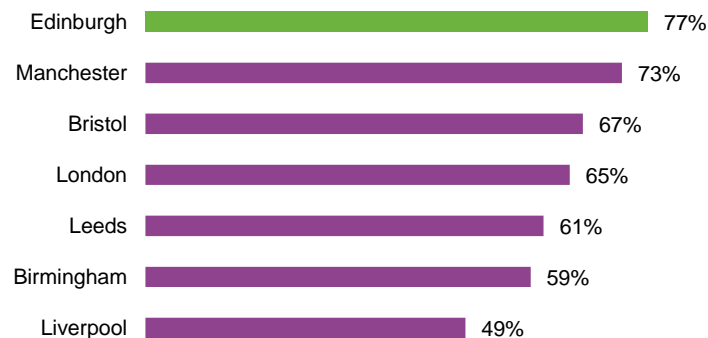
KEY FACTS

The impact on journey times from traffic congestion during the peak morning and evening period is higher in Edinburgh than other UK cities.

The increase in morning peak travel times when compared to free flow conditions in Edinburgh is 71%. This means that a 30 minute journey will take an additional 21 minutes longer when travelling in the morning peak hours compared to off peak travel journey time.

Due to traffic congestion, the average last mile speed in Edinburgh is 7mph, one of the slowest in comparison to other UK cities.

88 Increase in evening peak travel times when compared to free flow conditions UK cities 2018



Source: [TomTom Traffic Index](#)

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