



Edinburgh by Numbers 2020

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Welcome to the 14th 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.

The figures appearing in this publication are the most up-to-date available to the editorial team in December 2020.

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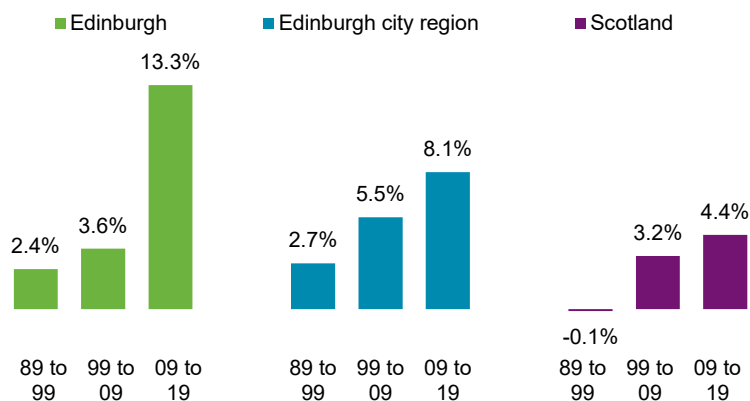
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1 Summary of demographic change in Edinburgh, the Edinburgh city region and Scotland 2009, 2019

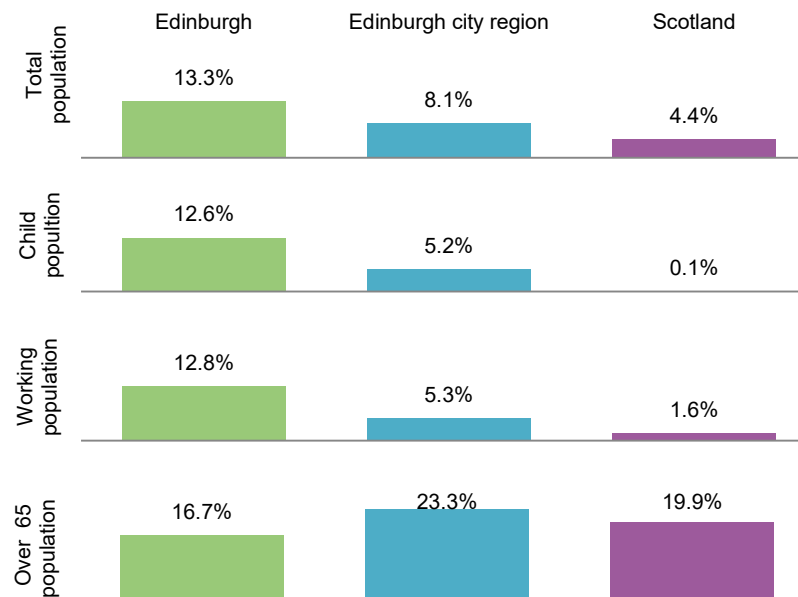
Population	Edinburgh		Edinburgh city region		Scotland	
	2009	2019	2009	2019	2009	2019
Total	463K	525K	1.29M	1.40M	5.23M	5.46M
Child (0-15)	70K	79K	224K	236K	920K	921K
Working age (16-64)	325K	367K	861K	906K	3.44M	3.50M
Over 65	68K	79K	207K	255K	871K	1.04M
Density (km ²)	1,759	1,993	166	179	67	70

2 Population change in Edinburgh, the Edinburgh city region and Scotland by decade from 1989



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

3 Population change 2009 to 2019: Edinburgh, the Edinburgh city region and Scotland



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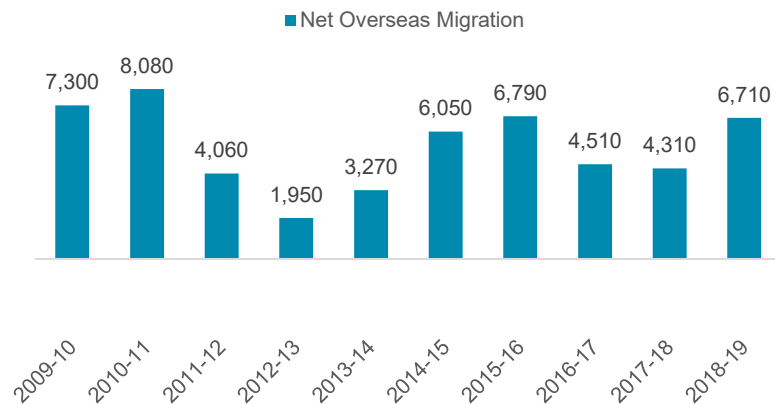
In the ten years to 2019 Edinburgh's population grew by 13.3% from 463,000 to 524,000 people. In the same time period Scotland grew by 4.4%.

Edinburgh's population growth from 2009 to 2019 was almost evenly distributed. In contrast, Scotland's child population grew only 0.1%, while over 65 population grew by nearly 20%.

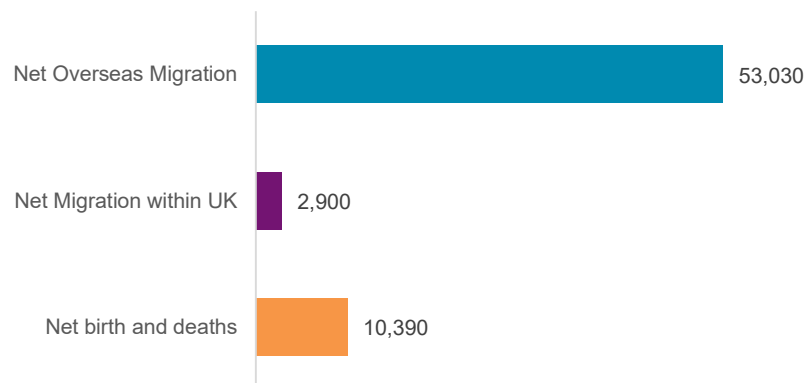
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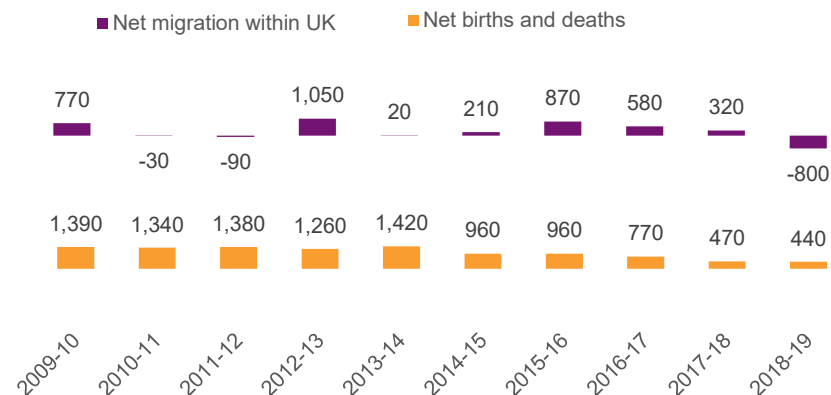
4 Net Overseas Migration to Edinburgh from 2009 to 2019



5 Components of population change in Edinburgh over period from 2009 to 2019



6 Net migration from Rest of UK and Net births and deaths in Edinburgh from 2009 to 2019



KEY FACTS

Migration has been the main driver of population growth in Edinburgh since 2009.

The net effect of births and deaths on Edinburgh's population change from 2009 to 2019 was 10,390. The net effect of migration was more than five times higher at 53,000.

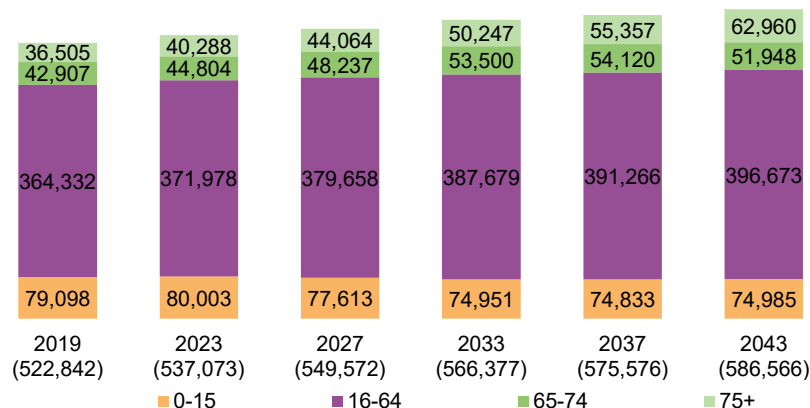
Edinburgh's net birth and death rate has been in decline since 2014 falling from a net increase of 1,420 in 2013-14 to 440 in 2018/19.

The size of overseas migration to Edinburgh grew in the period 2018/19 (6,710) after falling for two consecutive years (to 4,310 in period 2017/18). This returns levels to close to that seen in period 2015/16 (6,790)

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7 Projected population of Edinburgh by age group 2019 to 2043 (2018 based projections)



KEY FACTS

Edinburgh population is projected to grow to 586,566 by 2043.

By 2043 the proportion of dependents will represent almost half of the population in Edinburgh although its expected growth has decreased from previous projections. The dependency rate is expected to increase to 47.6% in 2043.

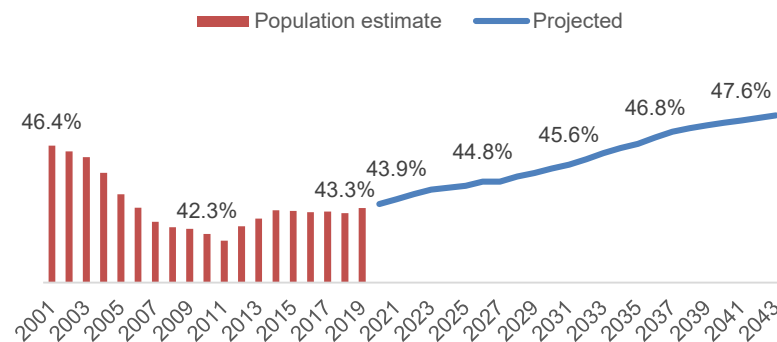
The number of under 15 in Edinburgh is expected to decrease by 5% from 2019 to 2043.

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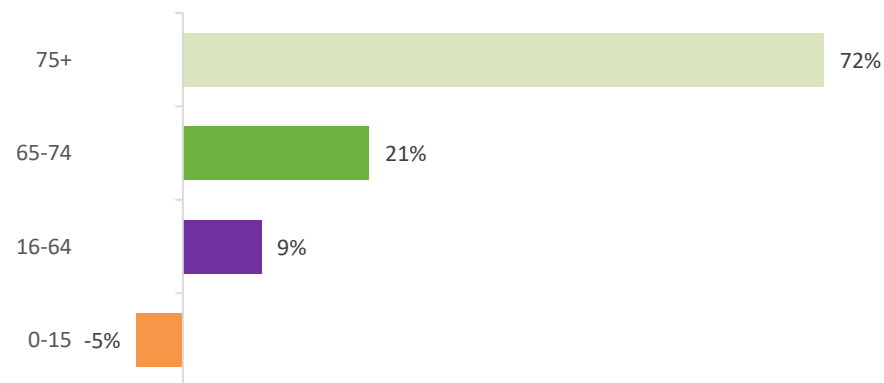
The dependency rate is calculated by dividing the persons aged under 16 and over 64 by the working age (16 to 64) population.

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 2019 to 2043 by age groups

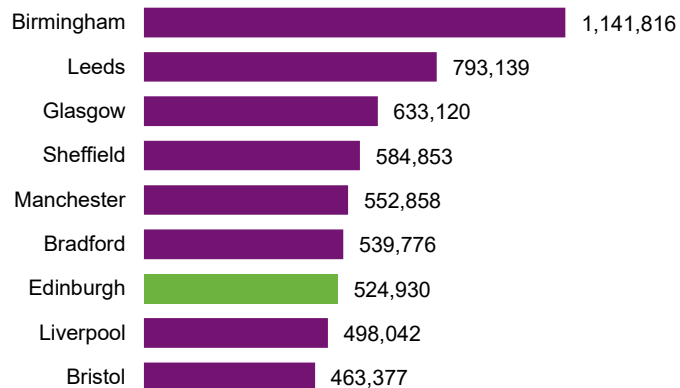


Source: [National Records of Scotland](#)

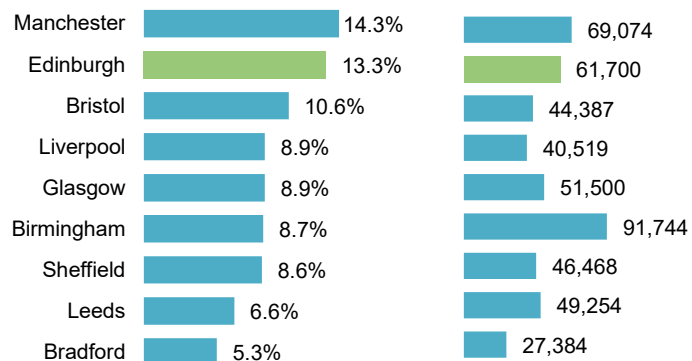
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10 Population in UK cities in 2019



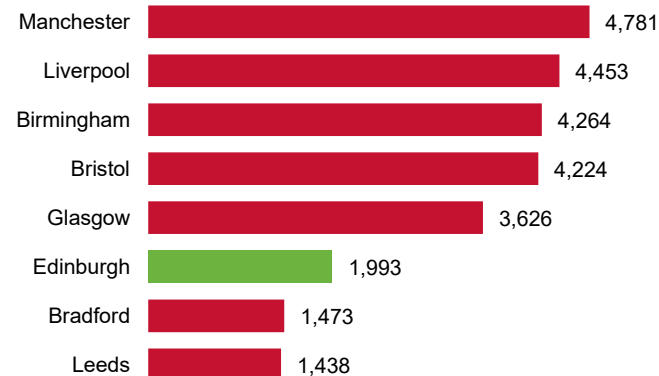
11 Population change for UK cities, percentage and number, from 2009 to 2019



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

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

12 Population density in Edinburgh and major UK cities (residents per km²) 2019



KEY FACTS

In 2019 Edinburgh population density was 1,993 residents per square kilometre.

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

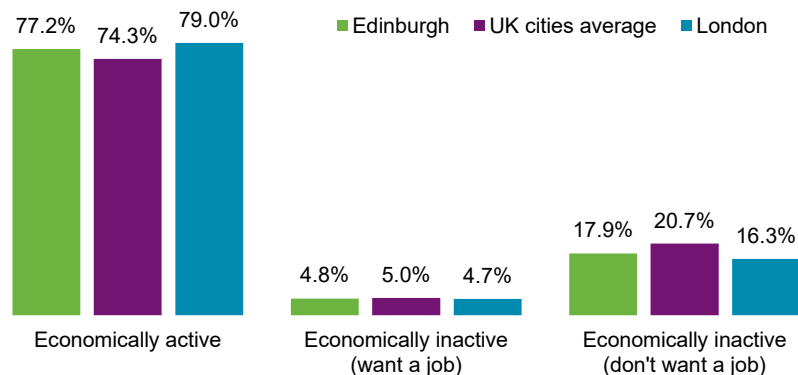
Edinburgh's population increase between 2009 to 2019 of 61,700 people was higher than most other UK cities. Only Manchester and Birmingham increased by a higher absolute number.

Note: For information in this 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.

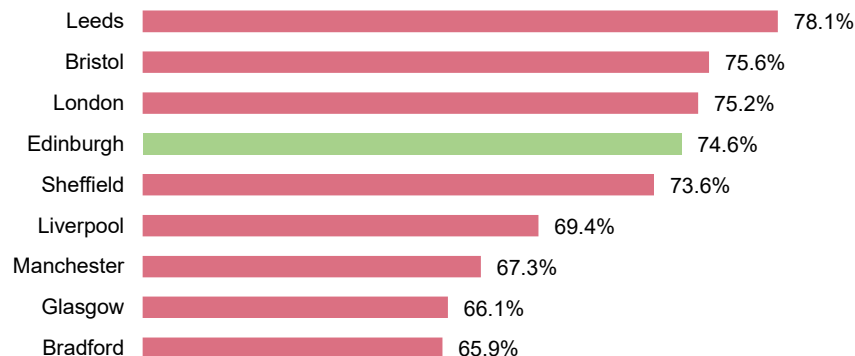
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13 Economic status of residents in Edinburgh and UK cities 2020 (as a percentage of population aged 16 to 64 years)

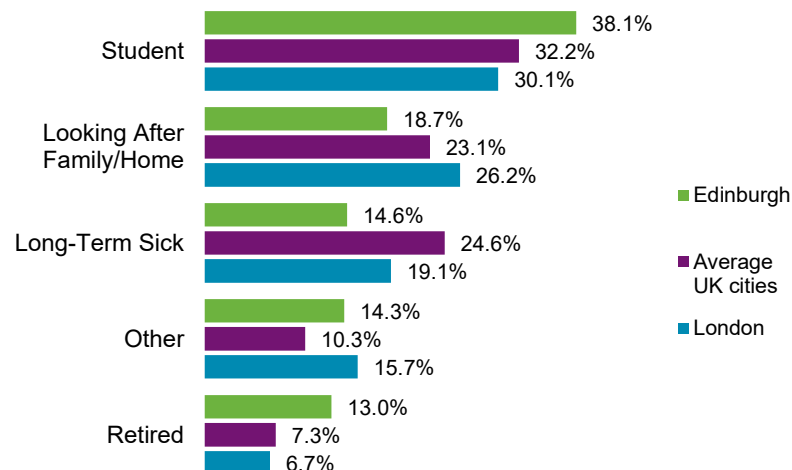


14 Percentage of residents aged 16 to 64 years in employment in UK cities 2020



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 2020



KEY FACTS

The proportion of people in Edinburgh who are economically inactive but wants a job is lower than the average for the major UK cities.

Almost three quarters of the population between 16 and 64 years are in employment.

The main reasons for being economically inactive in Edinburgh includes being a student (38.1%).

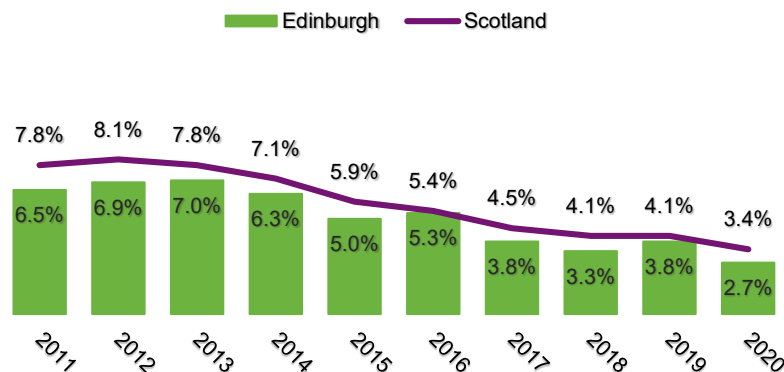
Note: Year 2020 refers to the 12 months to June 2020.

Source: [NOMIS - Annual Population Survey](https://nomis.statistics.gov.uk/)

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16 Model based estimate of unemployment rate in Edinburgh 2011 to 2020



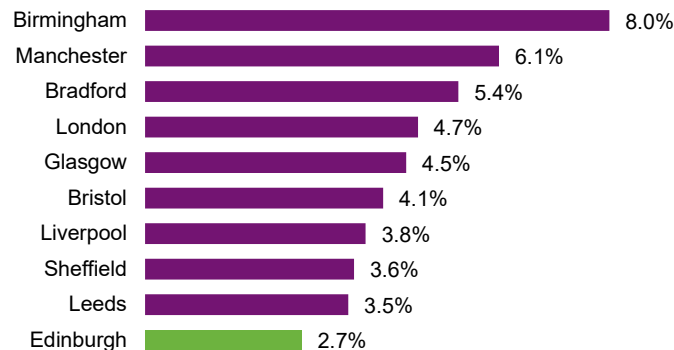
Note. Model based estimate of unemployment in charts above refers to a 12 month moving average to June.

17 Average hourly pay per worker in major UK cities 2020



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

18 Model based estimate of unemployment in major UK cities 2020



KEY FACTS

Edinburgh's unemployment rate over the last 10 years reached as high as 7.0% in 2015. In the year to June 2020 unemployment was 2.7%, lower than any other major UK city.

The average hourly pay in Edinburgh was £17.49 in 2020, this is at least £1 higher per hour than seven other major UK cities.

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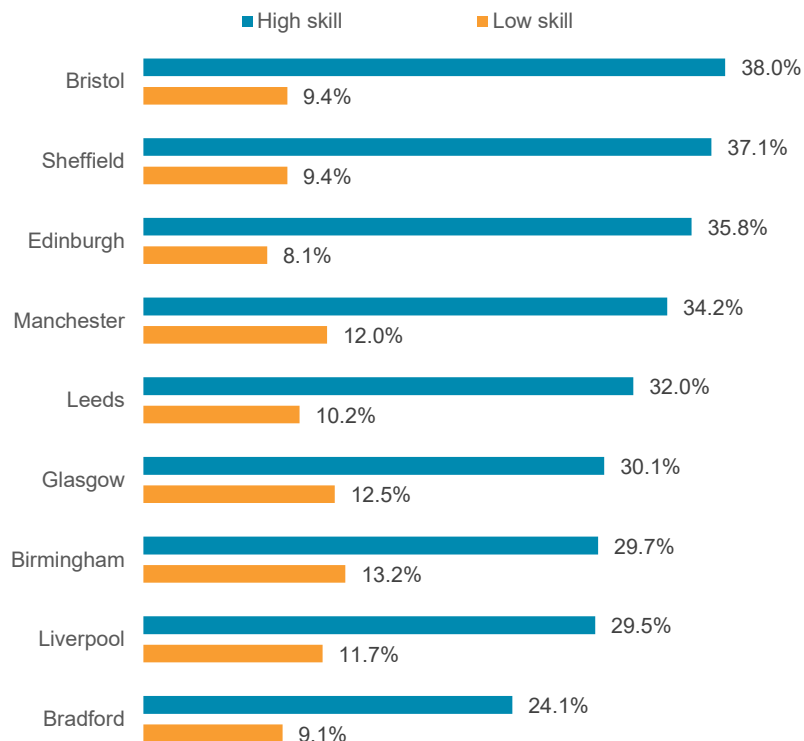
Average hourly pay rates in Edinburgh are high, but still an estimated 15% of workers earn less than the Scottish Living wage of £9.50 per hour.

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

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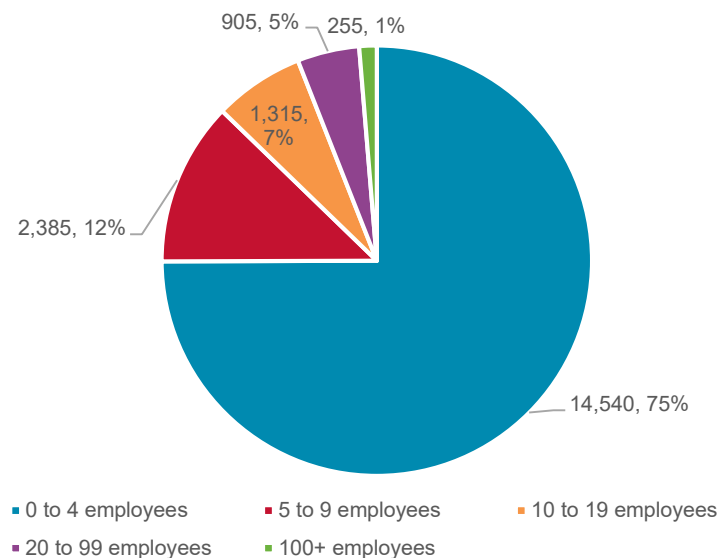
19 High and Low Skilled occupations by major UK cities July 2019 to June 2020



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 2020



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

KEY FACTS

As of March 2020 there were 255 workplaces employing more than 100 employees. This makes up 1% of all workplaces in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh has a large proportion of workers in high skilled occupations. At 35.8% of all workers, this is more than four times the proportion of low skilled occupations.

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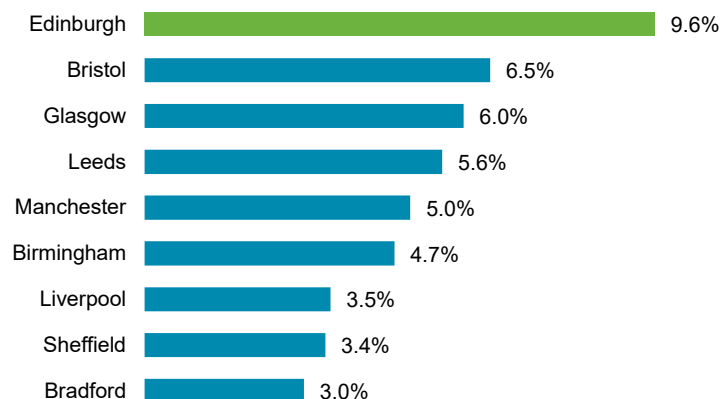
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21 People in employment by industry 2019 Edinburgh, Scotland and average of UK cities

Industry	Edinburgh Number	Edinburgh %	UK city average %	Scotland %
Health	51,000	14.9%	15.3%	15.8%
Accommodation & food services	33,000	9.6%	6.9%	8.2%
Financial & insurance	33,000	9.6%	4.7%	3.3%
Education	33,000	9.6%	10.1%	8.2%
Professional, scientific & technical	29,000	8.5%	9.4%	7.1%
Administrative & support services	29,000	8.5%	9.5%	8.1%
Retail	27,000	7.9%	8.8%	9.0%
Information & communication	22,000	6.4%	4.1%	3.4%
Public administration & defence	19,000	5.5%	5.1%	6.2%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	18,000	5.2%	4.3%	4.4%
Transport & Storage	12,000	3.5%	4.5%	4.2%
Construction	9,000	2.6%	3.7%	5.4%
Manufacturing	8,000	2.3%	6.3%	6.7%
Wholesale	5,000	1.5%	3.4%	2.5%
Motor Trades	4,000	1.2%	1.4%	1.9%
Mining Quarrying & utilities	4,000	1.2%	1.0%	2.6%
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	400	0.1%	0.05%	1.7%
Total	343,400			

Note: Industries where Edinburgh is substantially larger (+20% larger) than other UK cities by employment share are highlighted in green and include: Accommodation and food services; financial and insurance and information and communication. Sectors where Edinburgh is substantially lower (+20% less) than other UK cities are highlighted in purple, and include: transport and storage, manufacturing and construction..

22 Financial and insurance size of employment market in UK cities 2019



KEY FACTS

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

In 2019, one in ten people employed in Edinburgh worked in the finance and insurance. This is twice as much as the average across other UK cities.

Edinburgh relative to other UK cities also has much higher employment share in accommodation and food services, information & communications and less relative employment in transport and storage, construction and manufacturing.

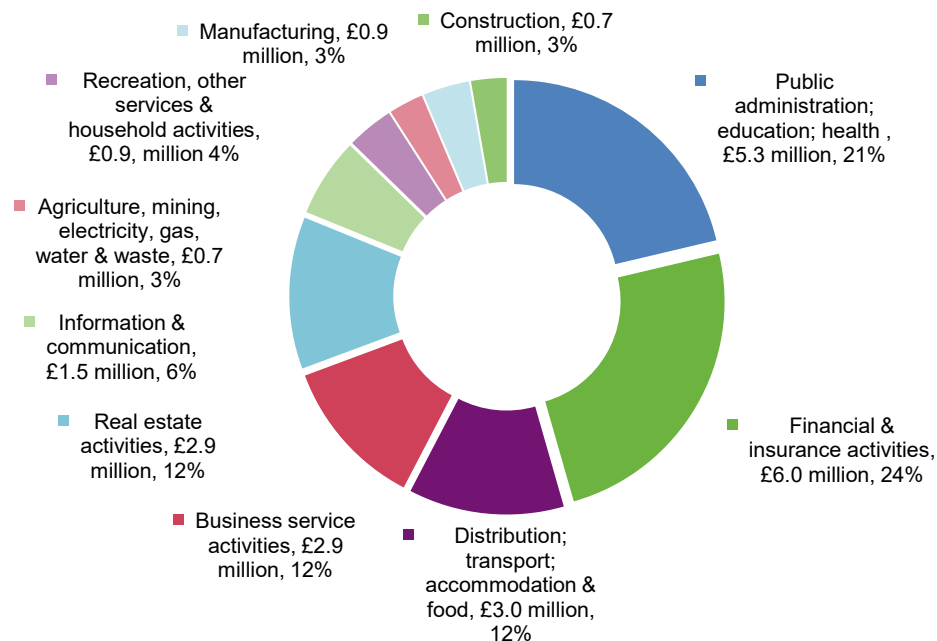
Note: Major UK city average includes the eight largest populated UK cities excluding London: Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield.

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

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23 Gross value added (GVA) in Edinburgh 2018



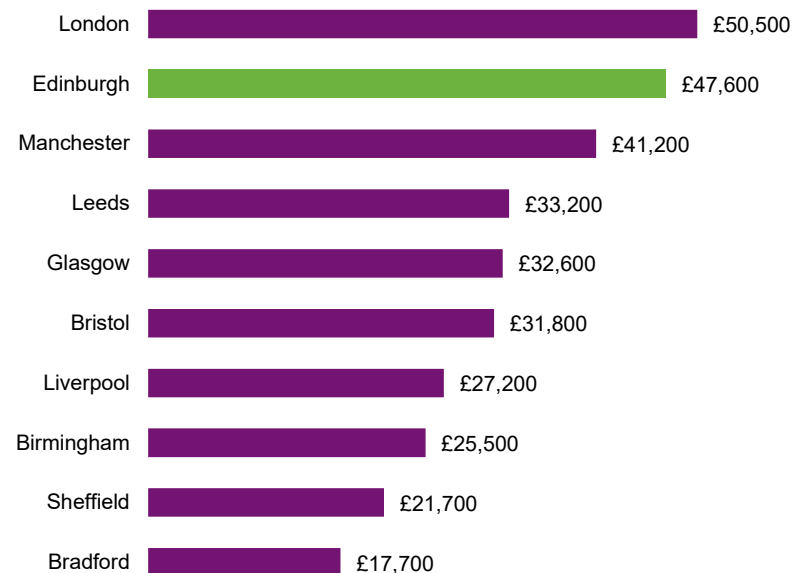
Note: GVA is a measure of the total value of output produced by an economy.

KEY FACTS

In 2018 the Gross Value Added by the Finance and Insurance Sector in Edinburgh was over £6 billion, 24% 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 2018



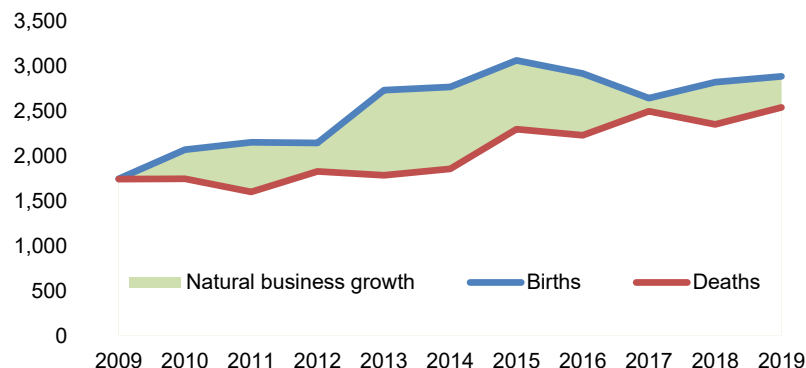
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Gross Value Added (GVA) is the value generated by an area, industry or sector of an economy engaged in the production of goods and services.

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

Economy

25 Edinburgh business births and deaths from 2009 to 2019



KEY FACTS

The years 2009-2019 represent a period of growth in new businesses in Edinburgh, with business births consistently outstripping closures.

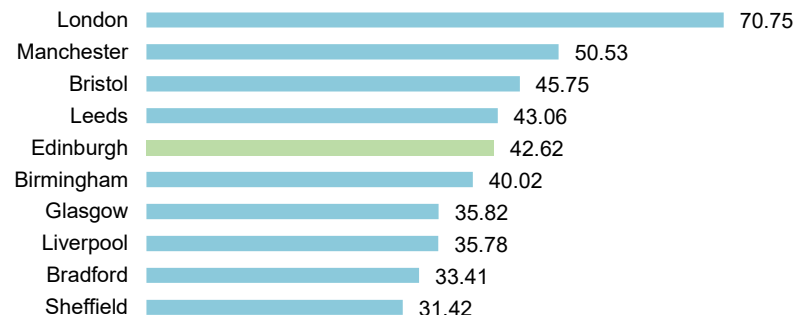
42.1% of new businesses in Edinburgh are still trading after 5 years, a rate of survival higher than most other UK cities.

Edinburgh business density at 42.6% is higher than the average of the major UK cities (39.5%) excluding London.

26 Business survival rates in UK cities over five years from 2014 to 2019



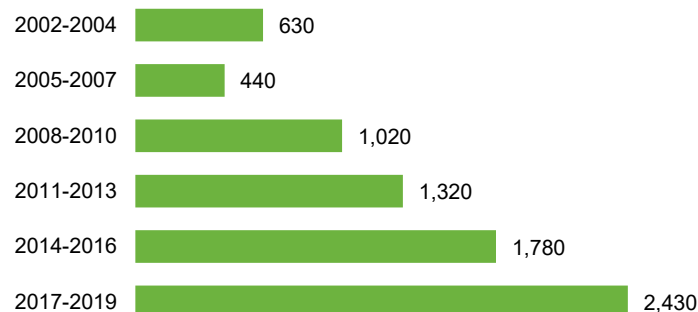
27 Business density in major UK cities 2019 (registered businesses per 1,000 residents)



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28 Hotel development completions in Edinburgh 2002 to 2019 (number of rooms)



Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Five hotel brands make up around 5000 hotel rooms (nearly 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](#)

According to Colliers International, Edinburgh was ranked number one in the Hotel Market Index 2020, which analyses nine key performance indicators including average daily rate and occupancy.

Source: [Colliers International - Hotel Market Index 2020](#)

KEY FACTS

In the three years 2017 to 2019 there were 2,430 new hotel room completions in Edinburgh.

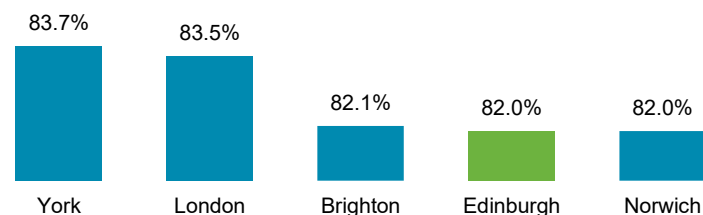
Despite this large change in hotel room supply taking the number up to 16,100 hotel rooms, Edinburgh had one of the highest hotel occupancy rates out of all UK cities in 2019 at 82.0%.

The average room price in Edinburgh in 2019 was £104 per night, the fourth highest in the UK.

29 Hotel average daily rates top 5 UK cities 2019



30 Hotel average occupancy top 5 UK cities 2019

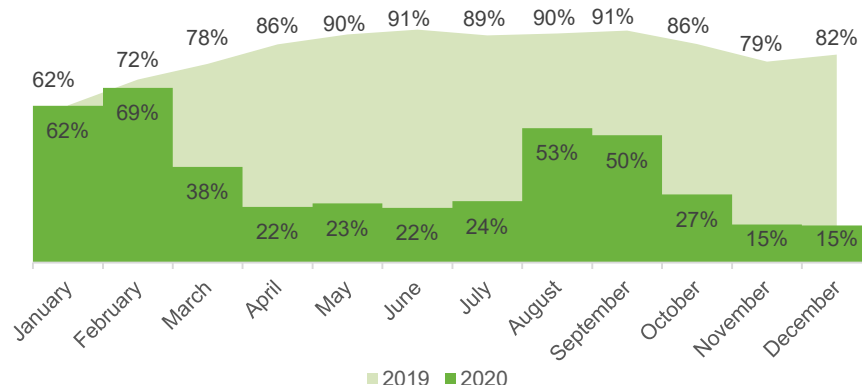


Source: [Colliers International - Hotel Market Index 2020](#)

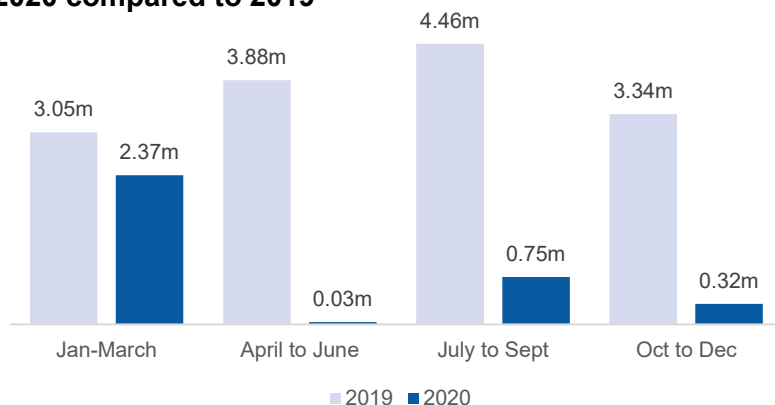
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31 Edinburgh hotel occupancy rate by month in 2020 compared against 2019



32 Edinburgh airport passengers by 3-month period in 2020 compared to 2019

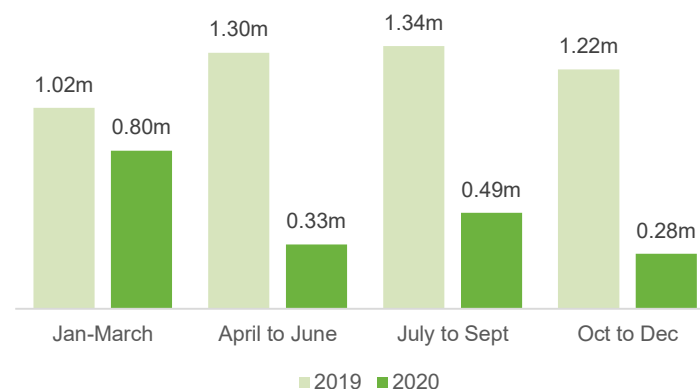


Sources: Edinburgh Hotel Association and Edinburgh Airport

KEY FACTS

Between April and July 2020 hotel occupancy rates in Edinburgh were below 25% each month, rising to around 50% in August and September. In 2019 occupancy rates over that period were around 90% each month.

33 Estimated number of days spent in Edinburgh hotel rooms by 3 month period in 2020 compared to 2019



Note: Estimated days in hotel rooms are based on the total number of hotel rooms in Edinburgh at the end of Dec 2019 and sampled monthly occupancy rates from the Edinburgh Hotel Association.

KEY FACTS

In the three months from April 2020 there was around 330,000 days spent in hotel rooms in Edinburgh compared to 1.3 million over the same three-month period in 2019. Over the whole year there were 2.8 million fewer days stayed in Edinburgh hotels during 2020 compared to 2019.

In October to December 2020 there were 320,000 (0.32 million) passengers at Edinburgh airport compared to 3.34 million in October to December 2019. Over the whole year there were 11.25 million fewer passengers at Edinburgh airport in 2020 compared to 2019.

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34 Tourism in Edinburgh 2019

	Domestic	Overseas	Edin Total
Number of Visits / Trips	2.7 million	2.2 million	4.9 million
Number of Nights	6.8 million	12.4 million	19.2 million
Average trip duration (nights)	2.5	5.6	8.1
Tourist Expenditure	£674 million	£1.19 billion	£1.87 billion
Average Expenditure per visit	£250	£541	£382

KEY FACTS

According to Visit Scotland there were around 19.2 million visitor nights in Edinburgh in 2019 from domestic and international overnight visitors with a total spending of £1.87 billion.

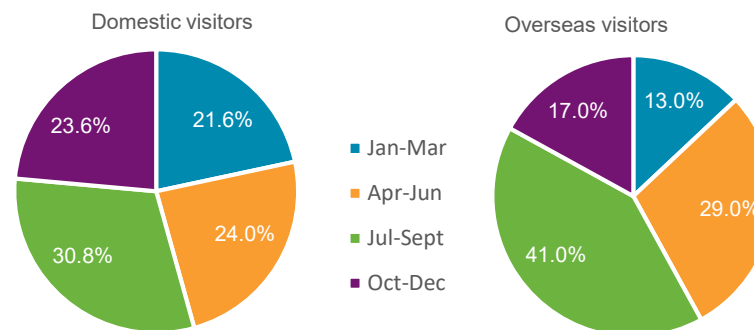
KEY FACTS

More visitors arrived in Edinburgh during the defined summer period in 2019, especially for overseas visitors with 41% arriving during July to September.

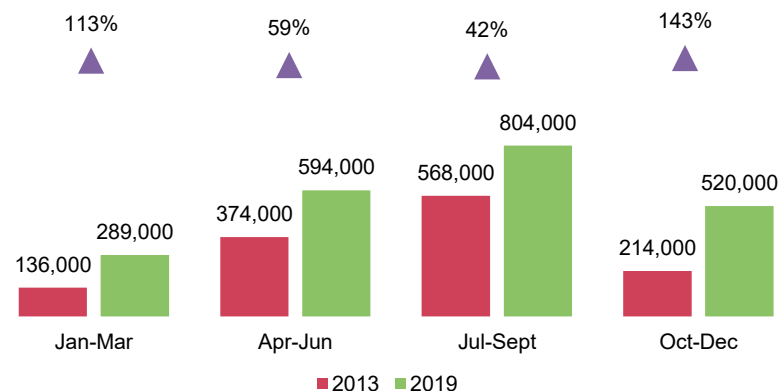
The number of visits by overseas visitors to Edinburgh has increased by nearly 1 million from 2013 to 2019.

While the traditional peak season increased by 42% from 568,000 to 804,000 visits between 2013 and 2019, the increase in the off-season period of October to March was greater (Jan-Mar up by 113% and Oct-Dec up by 143%).

35 Proportion of visitors to Edinburgh by season 2019



36 Overseas visitors to Edinburgh by season 2013 and 2019



Source: [Visit Britain - GBTS](#)

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

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37 Top visitor attractions in Edinburgh 2019

Attraction	2019	Annual change
National Museum of Scotland	2,210,114	-0.8%
Edinburgh Castle	2,167,366	2.6%
Scottish National Gallery	1,583,231	-9.0%
St Giles Cathedral	1,217,991	-8.5%
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	893,263	8.0%
National War Museum	805,934	1.0%
Regimental Museum of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards	800,607	0.8%
Edinburgh Bus Tours	614,928	-12.5%
Edinburgh Zoo	529,693	3.9%
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art	508,090	-10.9%
Scotch Whisky Experience	385,733	-0.3%
Scottish National Portrait Gallery	372,743	4.3%
Royal Yacht Britannia	357,721	-8.5%
Our Dynamic Earth	337,059	1.6%
Scottish Parliament	273,201	-3.3%

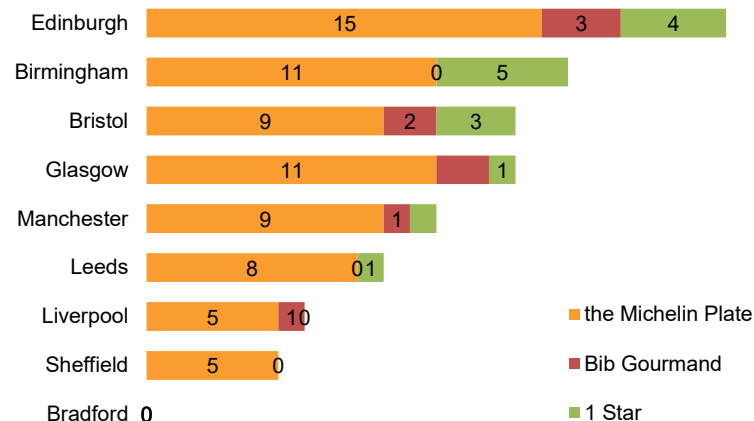
Note: Top visitor attractions means attractions that attract over 200,000 visitors per year.

KEY FACTS

7 of the top 10 most visited attractions in Scotland in 2019 are based in Edinburgh.

Sources: [Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions](#), [Moffat Centre for Travel and Tourism Business Development](#), [Scottish Visitor Attraction Monitor, 2019](#)

38 Michelin awarded restaurants in UK cities 2020



Note. Data taken from ViaMichelin website on 09 February 2021.

Source: [ViaMichelin Restaurants 2020](#)

KEY FACTS

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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39 Attendance at major festivals 2019 (over 50,000 people)

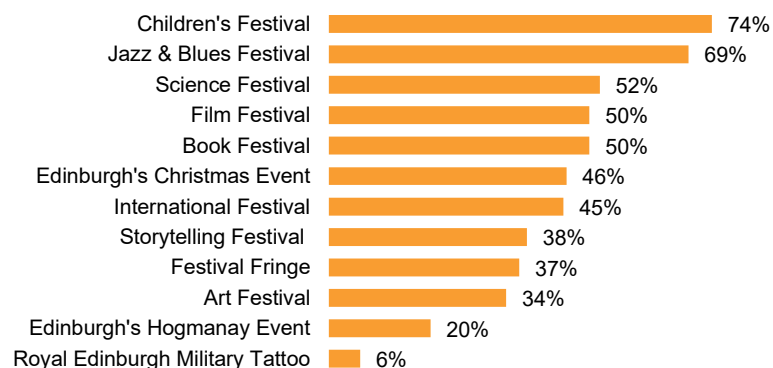
Festival	Attendees
Festival Fringe	3,012,490
International Festival	434,507
International Book Festival	415,437
Art Festival	298,447
Royal Military Tattoo*	220,000
Edinburgh's Hogmanay event	184,566
Science Festival	179,000
International Film Festival	69,944
Jazz and Blues Festival	68,200
Scottish International Storytelling Festival	59,484
International Children's Festival	18,222

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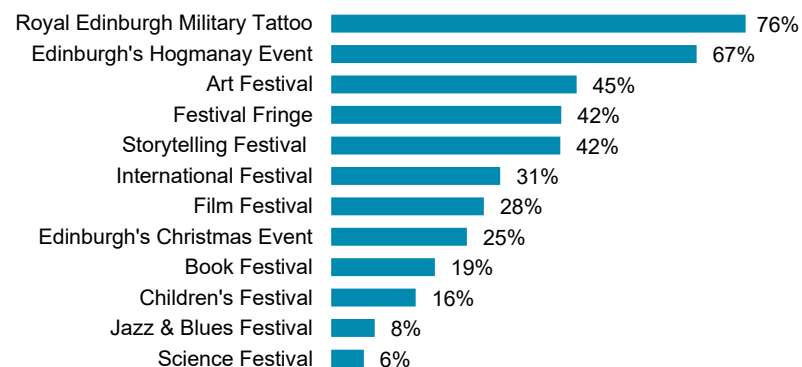
The Edinburgh Festival Fringe had over three million attendees in 2019. 42% of attendees to the Fringe came from outside of Scotland.

Edinburgh's International Festival received around 435,000 attendees in 2019 with a reported one-in-four visitors from outside of Scotland.

40 Local share of audience attendance at major festivals 2019



41 International and rest of UK share of audience attendance at major festivals 2019

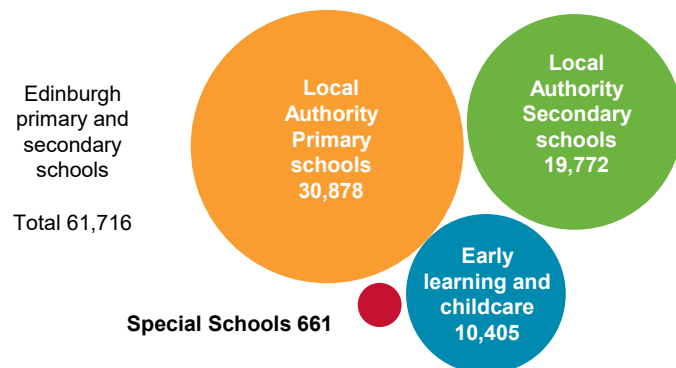


Note: Local audience means attendees from Edinburgh, and International audience means attendees from outside of Scotland

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Education

42 Number of pupils in Edinburgh schools 2019



Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](#); [Pupil Census](#)

Figures for public primary and secondary schools refer to September 2019, and early learning figure is from March 2020. No data available for independent schools.

KEY FACTS

In 2019 the number of students enrolled in an Edinburgh university was higher than the number of students in Primary and Secondary schools.

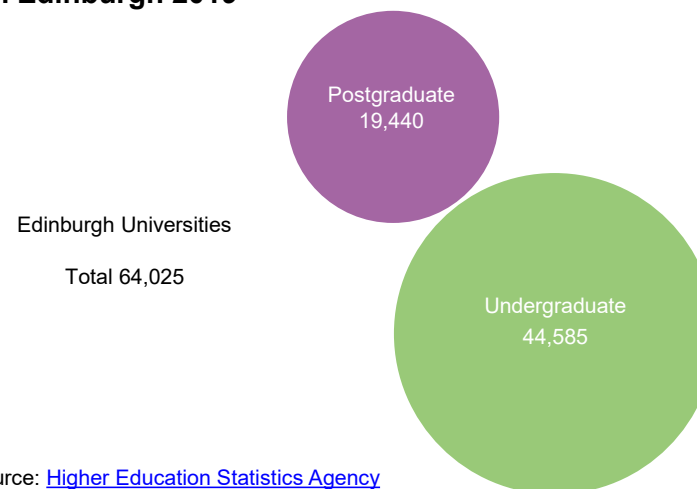
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There are 89 Primary Schools, 23 Secondary schools, 11 Special schools and 213 for Early Years, making up a total of 336 establishments.

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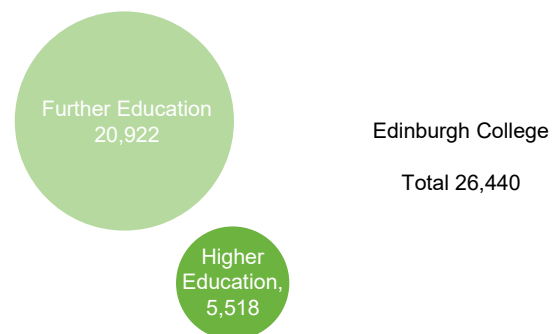
In 2019 there were more than 150,000 pupils or students in Edinburgh based education institutions, including schools, universities and colleges.

43 Students enrolled in higher education institutions in Edinburgh 2019



Source: [Higher Education Statistics Agency](#)

44 Students at Edinburgh College 2019

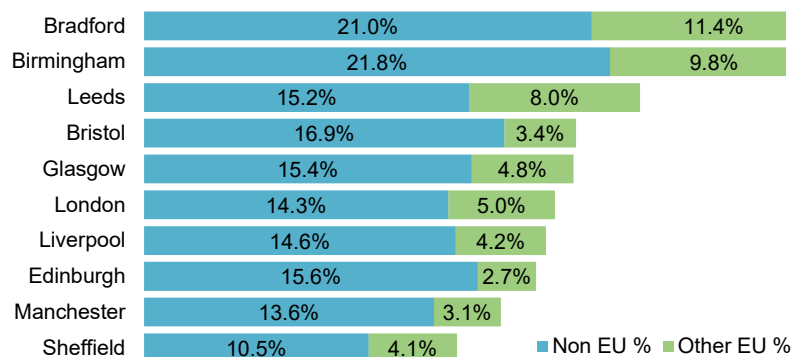


Source: [Scottish Funding Council](#)

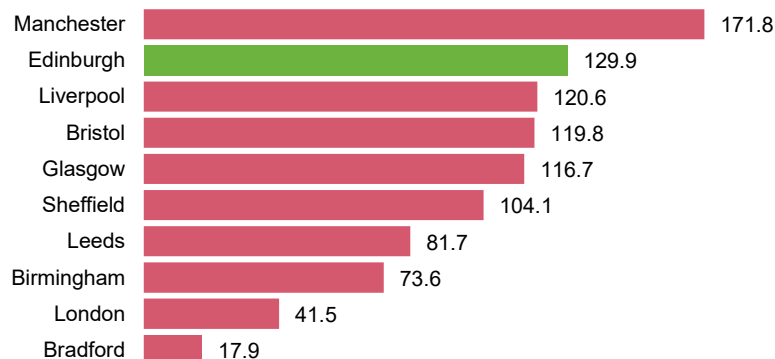
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45 Percentage of non-UK students in Higher Education in UK cities 2019



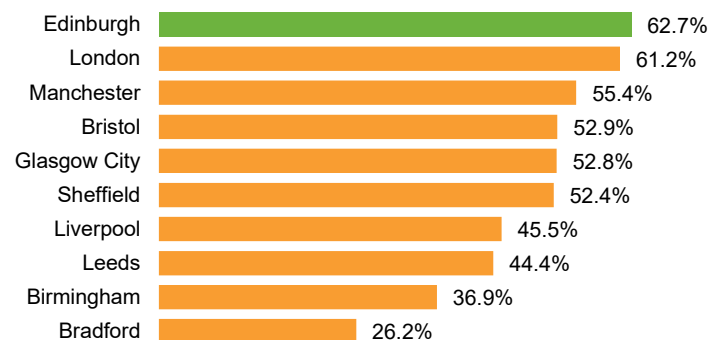
46 Higher Education students per 1,000 population in UK cities 2019



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

Source: [Higher Education Statistics Agency](#)

47 Percentage of workforce educated to degree level or above in major UK cities 2019



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

KEY FACTS

In 2019, 81.6% of higher education students in Edinburgh were from the UK.

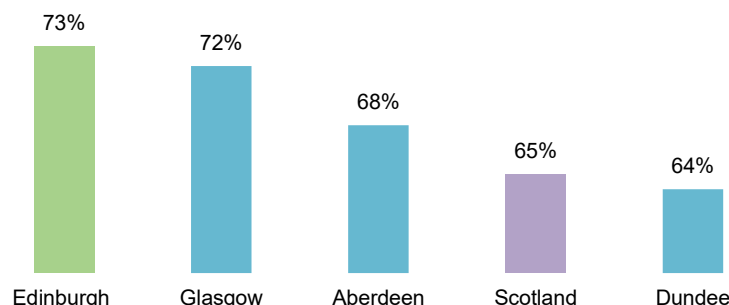
Compared to other UK cities, Edinburgh has one of the highest proportions of Higher Education students per 1,000 population.

In 2019 62.7% of the Edinburgh workforce in employment is educated to degree level or above.

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Environment

48 Percentage of respondents who believe that climate change is an immediate and urgent problem 2017- 2019



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](#)

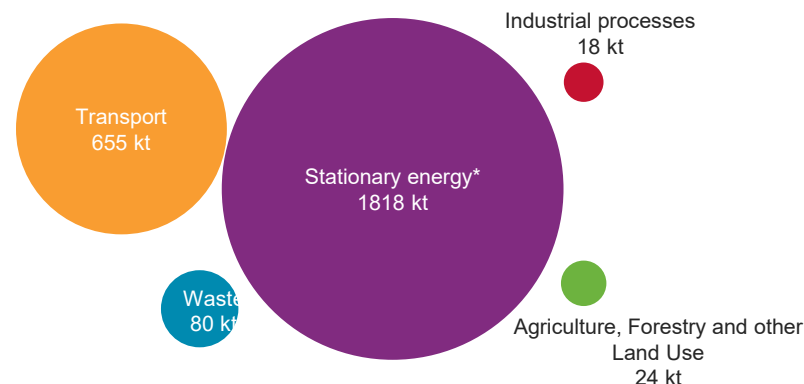
KEY FACTS

Edinburgh has reduced the greenhouse gases emissions by 571 kilotons of CO₂ from the period 2010/11 to the period 2017/18. The greatest decreases have been in stationary energy, with a drop of 23.7% and in agriculture, forestry and other land use, reduced by 23.6%.

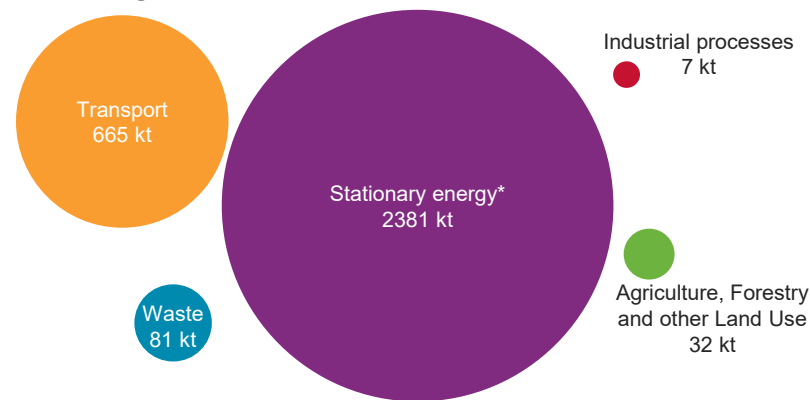
DID YOU KNOW?

The Council is collaborating with the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation to develop a quantitative tool that enables the Council to better understand the emissions consequences of its decisions across a range of projects/programmes. Work has been commissioned to develop this tool further through the Scottish Cities Alliance in partnership with Scottish Government.

49 City-wide greenhouse gases emission estimates (in kt CO₂e) in Edinburgh 2017/18



50 City-wide greenhouse gases emission estimates (in kt CO₂e) in Edinburgh 2010/11



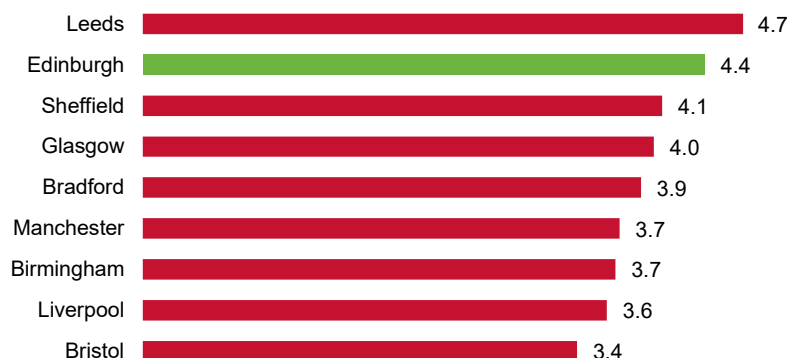
*Stationary energy covers energy consumption from domestic buildings; industrial, institutional and commercial buildings & facilities, as well as fuel consumption from agriculture.

Source: [Carbon Disclosure Project](#)

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Environment

51 Carbon dioxide per capita selected UK cities average 2016-2018 (in tonnes CO2)

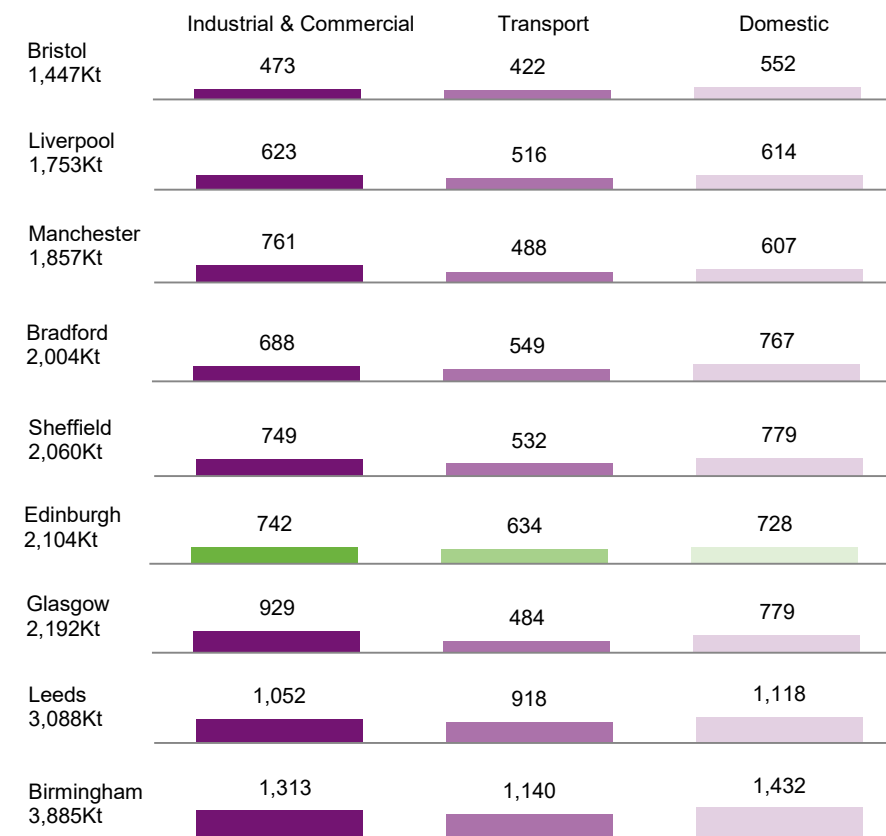


52 Decrease in carbon dioxide per capita major UK cities from 2011 to 2018



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

53 Source of carbon dioxide emissions major UK cities 2018 (in kilo tonnes CO2 – kt CO2)



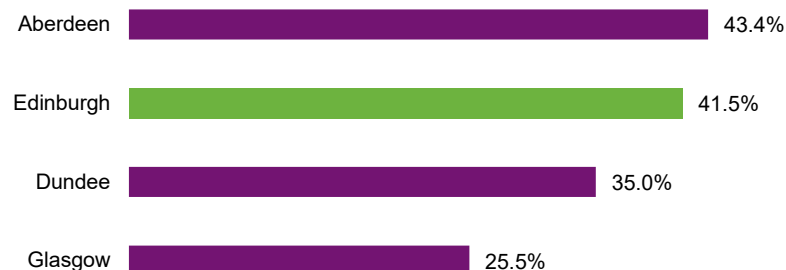
KEY FACTS

Edinburgh recorded the fourth largest reduction in carbon dioxide emissions per population out of UK major cities between 2011 to 2018.

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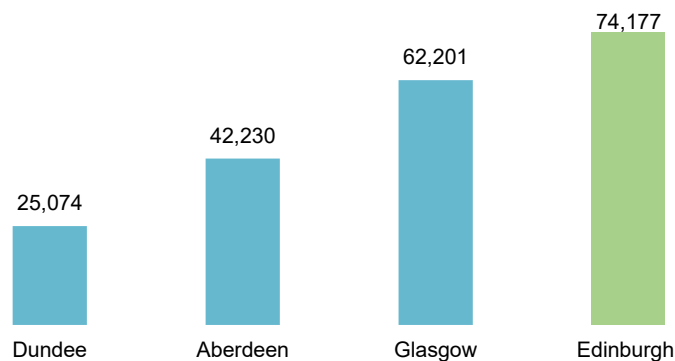
Environment

54 Percentage of household waste recycled in Scottish cities three year average 2017-2019



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

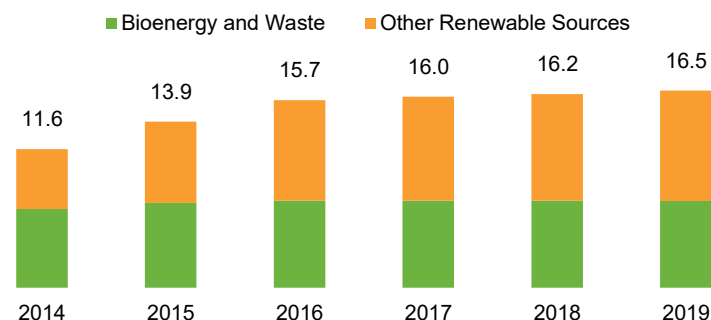
55 Tonnes of household waste recycled in Scottish cities 2019



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

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

56 Renewable electricity capacity (MW) in Edinburgh in period 2014-2019



Source: [Scottish Energy Statistics](#)

57 Tonnes of household waste generated per one thousand residents in Scottish cities 2019

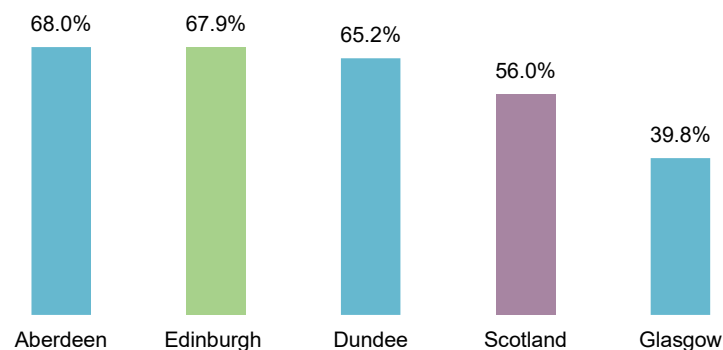


Source: [SEPA - Household Waste Data](#)

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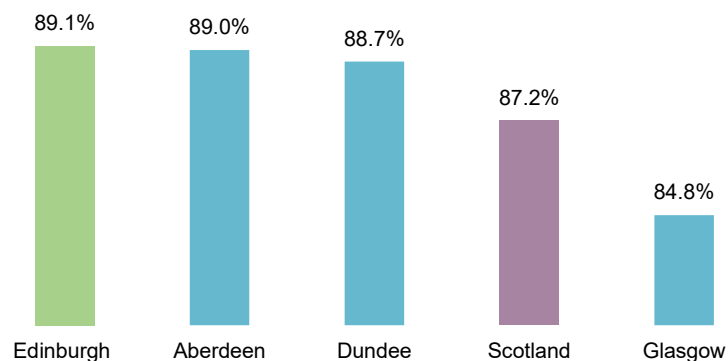
Environment

58 Visiting the outdoors one or more times a week 2019



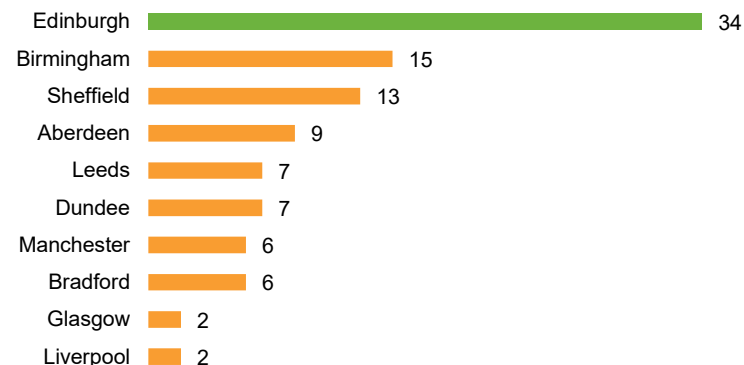
Source: [Scottish Household Survey - LA tables](#)

59 Satisfaction with parks and green space in Edinburgh 2019



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

60 Green Flag parks in major UK cities 2020



Source: [Green Flag Award 2020 Winner List](#)

Note: The Green Flag Award scheme is the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in the UK. The chart includes council managed parks only.

KEY FACTS

Over 89% of residents are satisfied with parks and green spaces in Edinburgh, more than any other major city in Scotland and 2% over the Scottish average

DID YOU KNOW?

Edinburgh was the first UK city to join the programme Global Cities CAN B, which works towards the sustainable development of cities. The capital joined in 2019.

Source: [CSO Sustainability Magazine](#)

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Environment

61 Edinburgh weather, range in average max and min temperature (in Celsius), December 2019 to December 2020



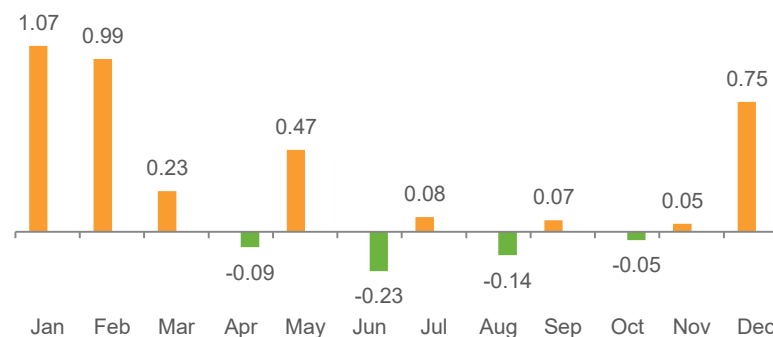
KEY FACTS

December 2020 was the coldest month of the year with an average day high of 7C and an average day low of 1.4C.

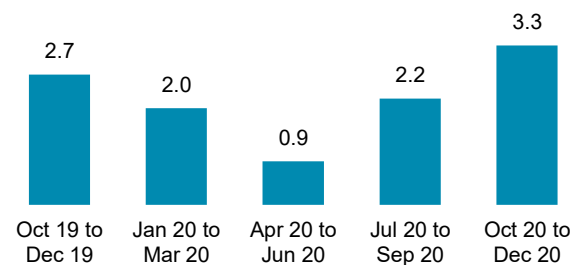
The average temperature in Edinburgh in the last five years was higher for eight months than the average for the period 1961-1990 and the annual average increased by 0.2C.

October to December 2020 had the highest rainfall recorded for the year, observing an average of 3.3mm of rain per day. The previous year an average of 2.7mm was recorded for the same period.

62 Edinburgh weather, difference between average temperature in 2016-2020 vs average in period 1961-1990



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



Source: [Meteostat](https://www.meteostat.net/)

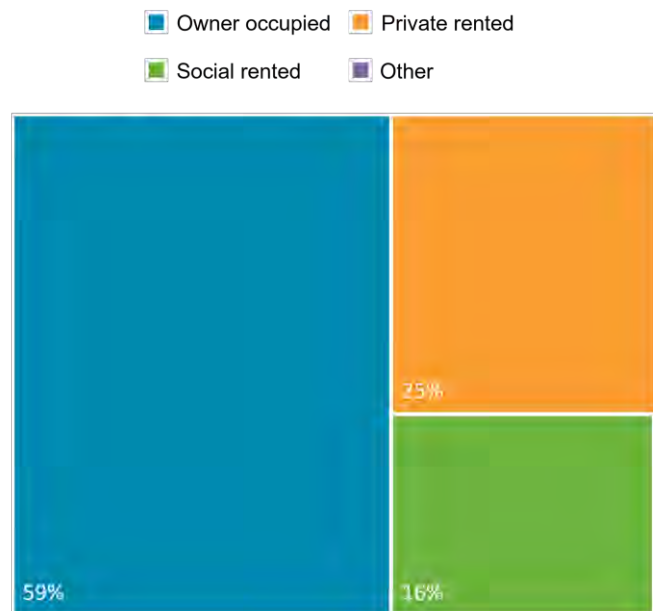
DID YOU KNOW?

April 2020 had 5mm of rain and was the driest April for thirty years. Similarly, May 2020 with 276.8 hours of sunshine was the sunniest May for over thirty years.

Source: Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Property

64 Housing tenure of Edinburgh households 2019



Note: Other represents privately owned vacant second homes.

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

KEY FACTS

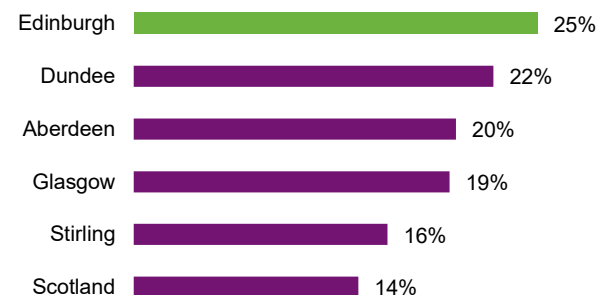
In 2019, 25% of Edinburgh households lived in private rented accommodation, a higher rate than recorded across Scotland as a whole.

Home ownership in Edinburgh was 59% in 2019, higher than most other Scottish cities.

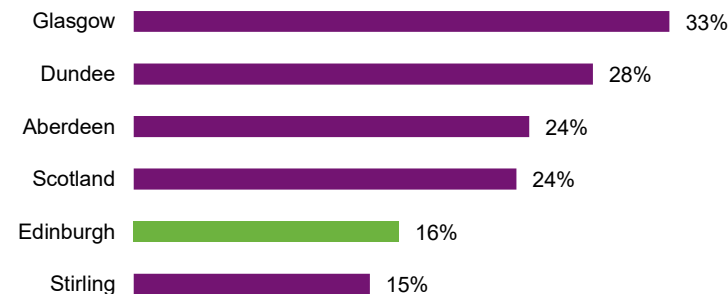
65 Owner occupied housing in Scottish Cities 2019



66 Private rented housing in Scottish Cities 2019



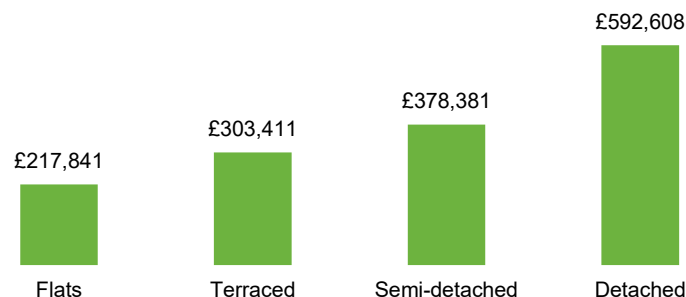
67 Social rented housing in Scottish Cities 2019



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Property

68 Edinburgh average house price by building type September 2020



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

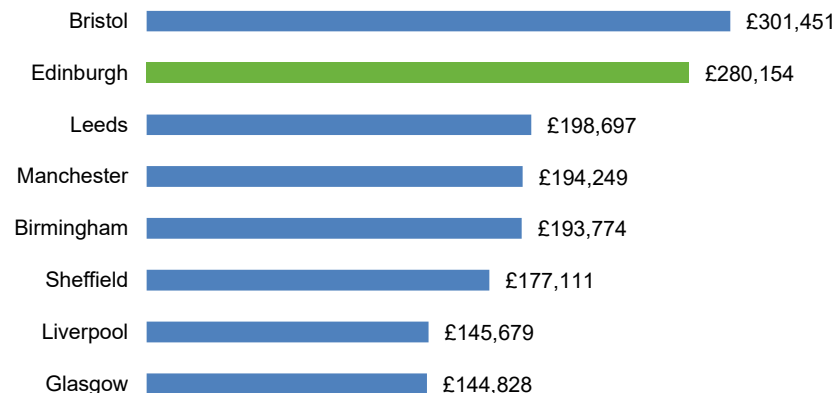
KEY FACTS

The average property price in Edinburgh in September 2020 was £280,154, higher than most other major UK cities outside London.

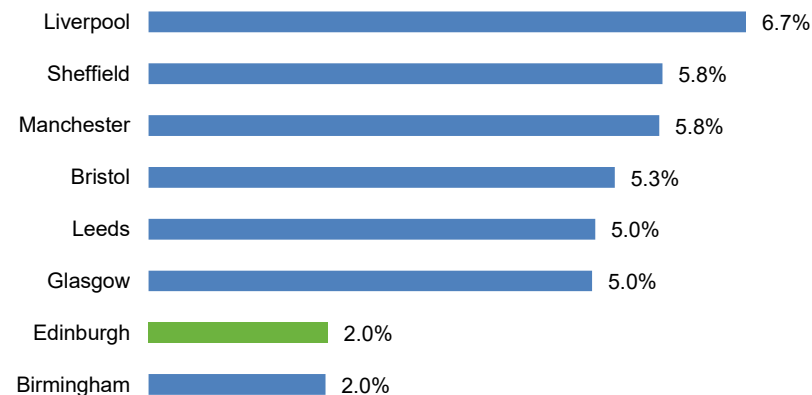
Building types have different average house prices. In Edinburgh the average detached property was sold for £592,608 in September 2020 and the average flat was £217,841.

The average property price in Edinburgh has increased by 2.0% over the year to September 2020, which is a slower increasing trend than was seen in the previous year.

69 Average house prices in UK cities September 2020



70 Annual change in average house prices September 2020



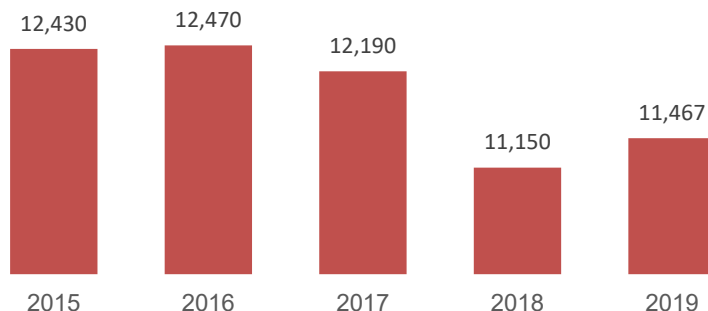
Note: Average house price refers to September 2020 sales.

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

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Property

71 Annual number of property sales in Edinburgh 2015 to 2019



KEY FACTS

The number of property sales in Edinburgh for 2019 was 11,467.

Recorded property sales in 2019 were highest in May with 1,113 and in August 1,102.

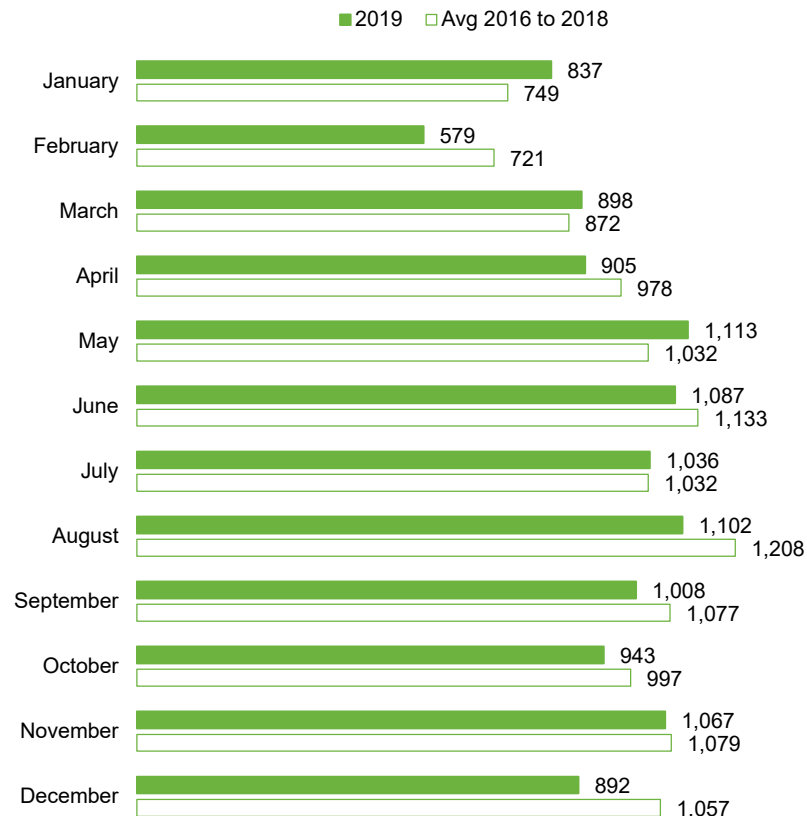
On average, the biggest decrease in house sales happen in February and December when comparing 'August 2016 to 2018' and 2019 figures.

DID YOU KNOW?

There were 183 residential property sales in Edinburgh over £1 million in 2019/20. Edinburgh sales accounted for a 72 % share of all Scottish high value sales in 2019/20.

Source: [Registers of Scotland Property Market Report 2019/19](#)

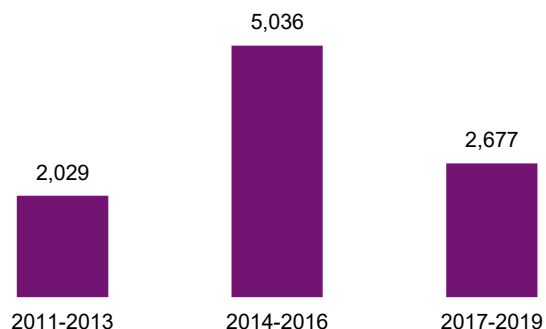
72 Number of house sales in Edinburgh by month



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

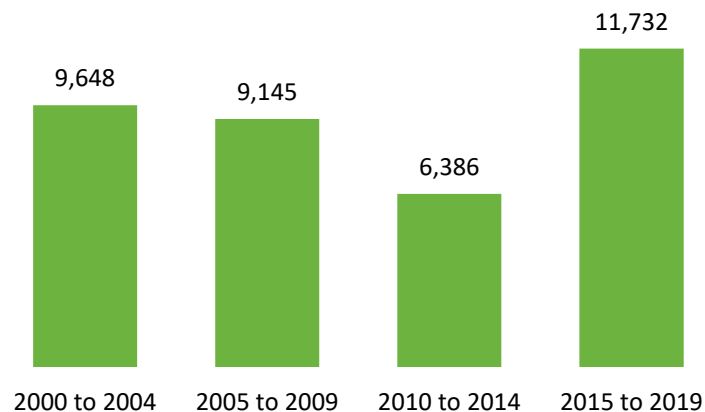
Property

73 Student housing development completions 2011 to 2019 – three year periods (number of rooms)



Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](#)

74 Number of new build house completions in Edinburgh all sectors 2000 to 2019 – five year periods



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

DID YOU KNOW?

There were around 19,793 purpose-built student bed spaces in Edinburgh at the end of 2019.

Source: [City of Edinburgh Council](#)

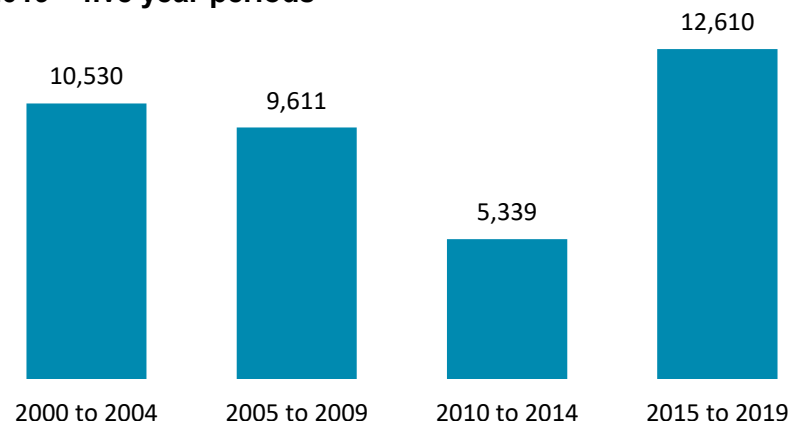
KEY FACTS

In the five years to 2019 there were 11,732 new build home completions in Edinburgh.

The annual number of new build starts in Edinburgh since 2015 exceeded 12,500. More than double the number of new start builds between 2010 to 2014.

From 2017 to 2019 the number of purpose built student rooms kept increasing but slowed down from the previous period with around 1,500 fewer rooms built than in 2014-2016.

75 Number of new build house starts in Edinburgh 2000 to 2019 – five year periods

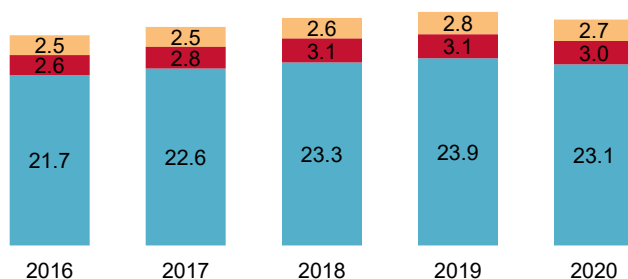


Edinburgh by numbers 2020

Travel and connectivity

76 Rail passenger numbers (millions) Edinburgh stations 2016 to 2020

■ Edinburgh Waverley ■ Haymarket ■ All other stations



Note: Number refers to exits and entrances in the period April 2019 – March 2020

Source: [Office of Rail and Road](#)

KEY FACTS

The number of rail passengers travelling to and from Edinburgh is down by nearly a million in the period 2019/2020 compared to the period 2018/2019. The numbers for all stations are close to the figures of the period 2017/2018.

The total number of passengers using Edinburgh Airport in 2019 was 14.7 million. An increase of over four million since 2014.

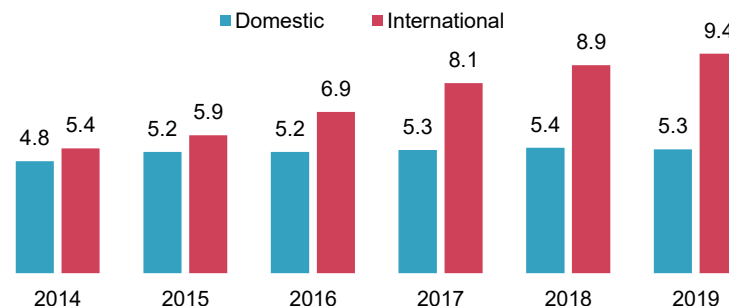
The number of international air passenger traveling to and from Edinburgh Airport increased to 9.4 million in 2019. An increase of four million since 2014.

77 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](#)

78 Passenger numbers (millions) Edinburgh airport 2014 to 2019

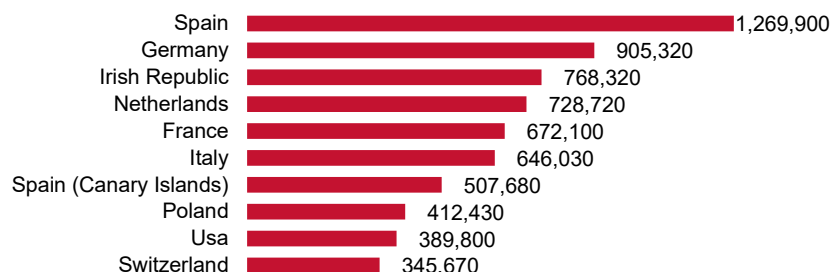


Source: [Civil Aviation Authority](#)

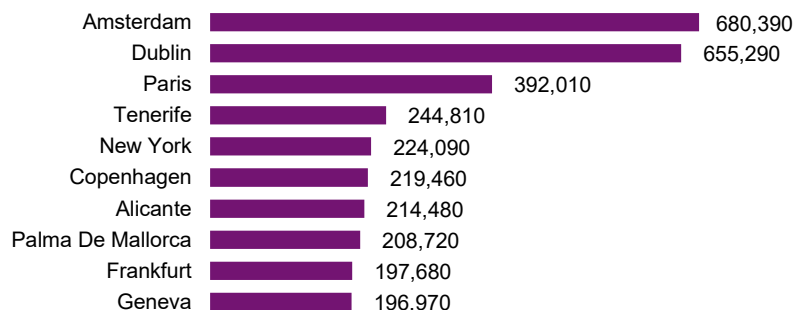
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Travel and connectivity

79 Top ten international destinations from Edinburgh Airport by passenger numbers 2019



80 Top ten international cities from Edinburgh Airport by passenger numbers 2019



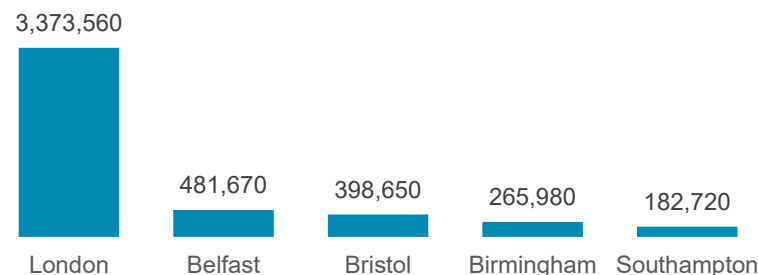
KEY FACTS

In 2019 Spain (including the Canary Islands) was the top destination from Edinburgh Airport with nearly 1.8 million passengers.

Amsterdam was the top international city destination from Edinburgh Airport closely followed by Dublin.

Source: [Civil Aviation Authority](#)

81 Top five domestic destination from Edinburgh airport by passenger numbers 2019

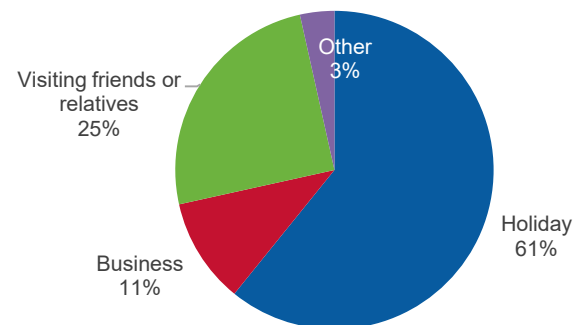


KEY FACTS

In 2019 there were 3.37 million air passengers between Edinburgh and the London airports, this was nearly as many passengers as the top 10 international cities combined.

Around one-in-four of all international visits into Scotland are for the purposes of visiting friends or relatives

82 International visits by purpose in Scotland 2019



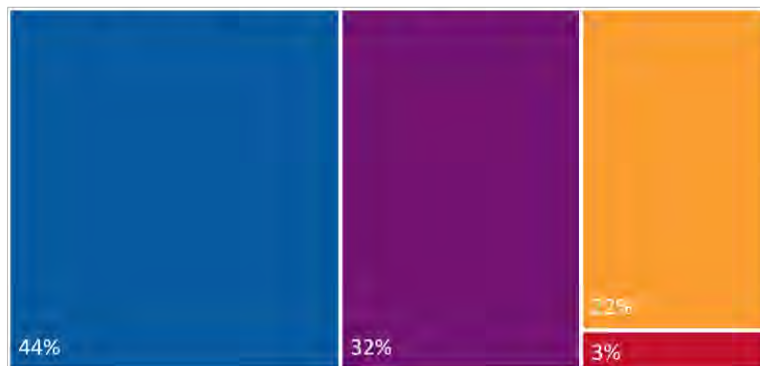
Source: [Office of National Statistics](#)

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Travel and connectivity

83 Main mode of travel in Edinburgh 2019

Walking Bus or Bicycle Car / Taxi Rail or other



KEY FACTS

During 2019, 56.0% of people in Edinburgh used alternatives to car and taxi as their main mode of travel, while the car or taxi is used by 44%.

Edinburgh reported the lowest percentage of journeys undertaken by car or taxi to work when compared to other Scottish cities at 41.0%.

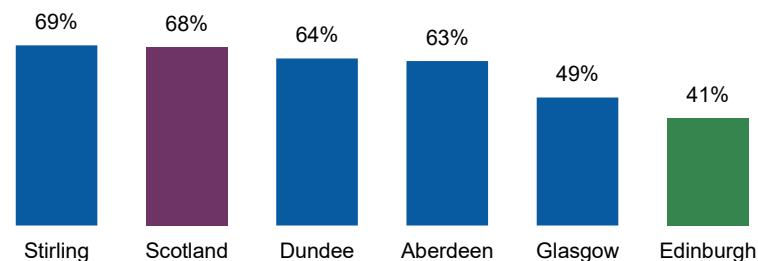
The percentage of people going to work by bus or bicycle is over three times the Scottish average at 37%.

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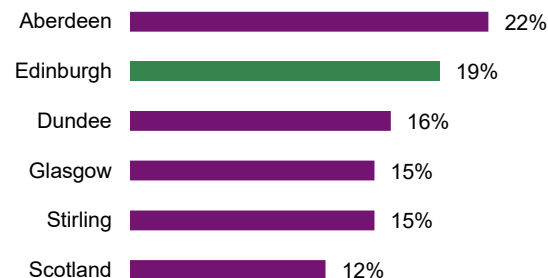
66.4% of people in Scotland used cars or taxis as their main mode of travel in 2019.

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

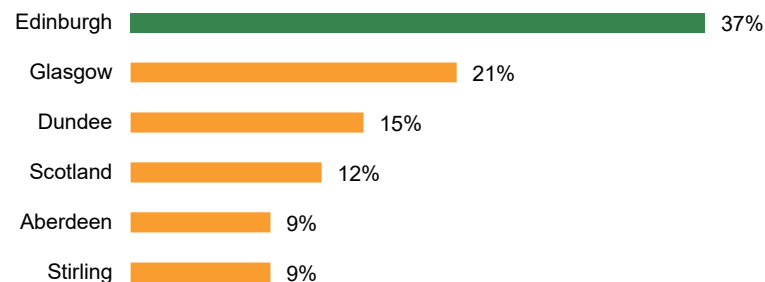
84 Percentage that take car/taxi to work in Scottish cities 2019



85 Percentage that walk to work in Scottish cities 2019



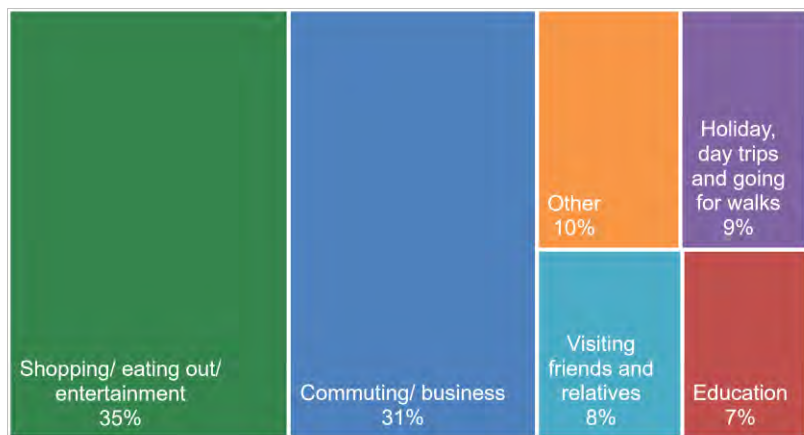
86 Percentage that bus / bike to work in Scottish cities 2019



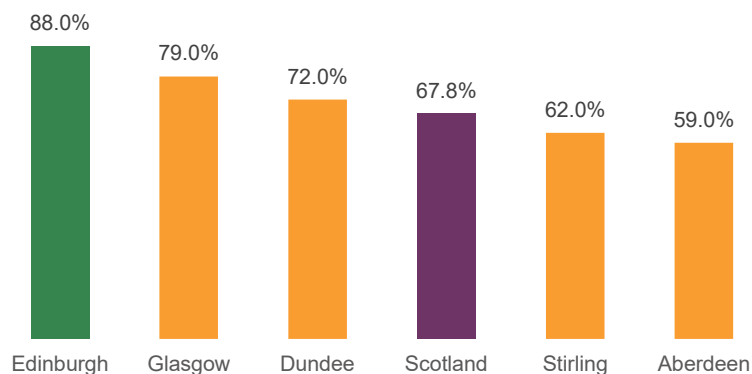
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87 Main purpose of travel Edinburgh 2019

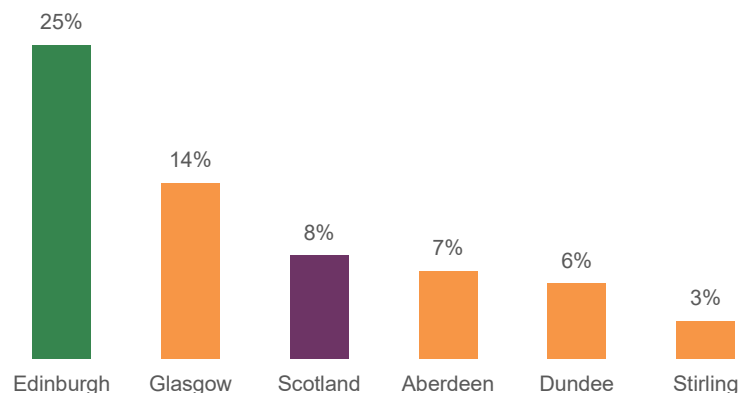


88 Percentage of Adults (16+) who are satisfied with public transport 2019



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

89 Percentage of Adults (16+) who use local bus services every day or almost every day 2019



KEY FACTS

Shopping, eating out or attending some form of entertainment was the purpose of 35% of all journeys taken in Edinburgh, 31% were for commuting or conducting business.

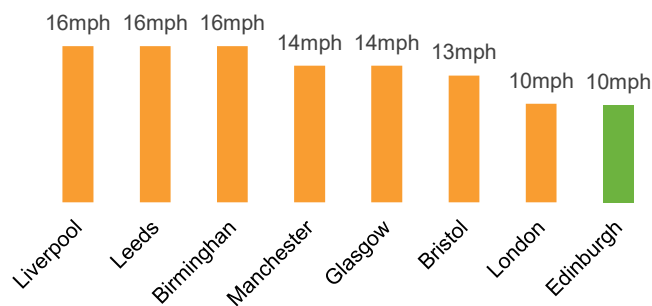
88% of people in Edinburgh are satisfied with public transport in the city, up by 1% from last year. Edinburgh has the highest level of public transport satisfaction compared to other in Scottish cities.

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

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Travel and connectivity

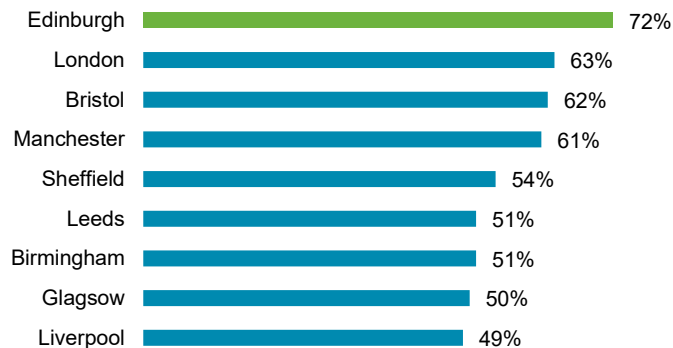
90 Last Mile Speed (mph) for inner city travel in major UK cities 2019



Source: [INRIX 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.

91 Increase in morning peak travel times when compared to free flow conditions UK cities 2019



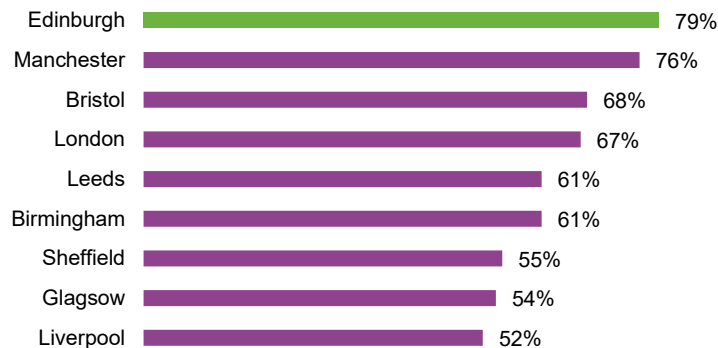
KEY FACTS

Due to traffic congestion, the average last mile speed in Edinburgh is 10mph, one of the slowest in comparison to other UK cities.

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 72%. This means that a 30 minute journey will take an additional 22 minutes longer when travelling in the morning peak hours compared to off peak travel journey time.

92 Increase in evening peak travel times when compared to free flow conditions UK cities 2019



Source: [TomTom Traffic Index](#)

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