

Fairer Futures | Glasgow City Fact Card



Population: 1,861,315

Size: 492km²

Biggest Industries

Glasgow was once a major shipbuilding and manufacturing city. It's still an important location for manufacturing, especially for satellites, but it's also important in financial and business services, communications, biosciences, creative industries, healthcare, higher education, retail and tourism.

Weather

- Annual rainfall is 1,245 mm or 49 inches. Glasgow is the rainiest city in the UK.
- Generally, like most of Scotland, the weather is very changeable. The winters are cold and overcast with short spells of snow, if any. The summers are mild and typically overcast or humid. Heatwaves and sunny spells are rare, but even then, temperatures will typically remain below 30°C.

Landforms

The city is located on the banks of the River Clyde, 20 miles from the west coast of Scotland. The River Clyde is not the only river that runs through the city, there is also the River Kelvin. It is only approximately 30 miles from the famous Loch Lomond and approximately 40 miles from Loch Katrine, which is where Glasgow gets most of its fresh water supply.

Housing

- Most people in Glasgow (72%) live in flats.
- Glasgow has one of the highest percentages of highly energy efficient rated homes in Scotland, with over 50% of homes ranking in the 2nd or 3rd highest categories.
- Across Scotland, approximately 25% of people live in fuel poverty (when the cost of heating a home is more than 10% of the household income), for those living in flats this percentage tends to be higher.

Transport

- 50% of journeys around Glasgow are less than 3km.
- 46% of households in Glasgow don't have access to a car, in social housing this rises to 71%.
- Only 45% of people in Glasgow believe that buses were good value for money, compared to 61% in other large urban areas across Scotland.
- There is a large train network connecting Glasgow City to the Greater Glasgow Area and an underground train service that circulates round the city.
- City Bikes are available across the city.