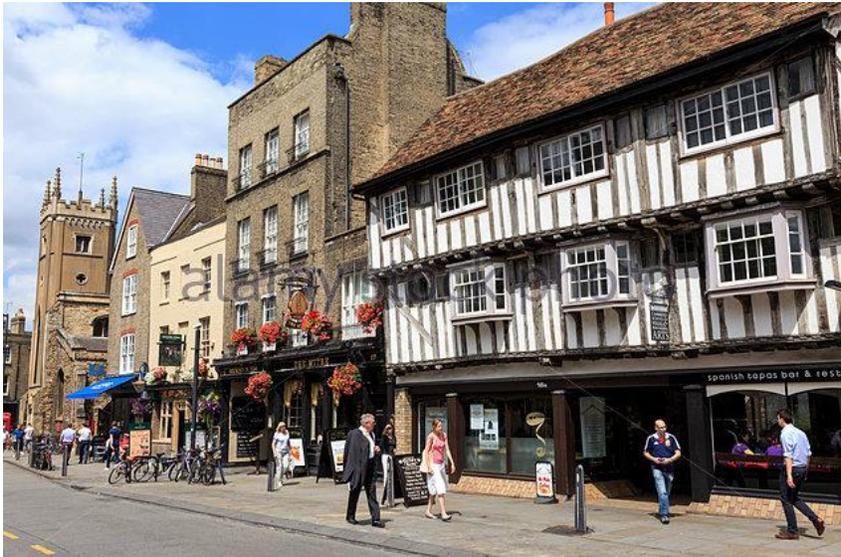


# Top Twenty UK Cities to live and work in



**E**veryone likes to think they live in the best city, but how many of us can claim it for a certainty?

Glassdoor has released their list of the **20** best cities to live and work in within the UK, with some rather surprising results. Candidates living in Nottingham, Milton Keynes and Leeds are amongst the luckiest in the UK – with average salaries placing between £27,000 and £36,000.

**Cambridge** was placed first, based on hiring opportunities, cost of living and overall satisfaction, according to the Glassdoor report.

Dr Andrew Chamberlain, Glassdoor's Chief Economist, commented on the results: *"Cambridge has long had a reputation as one of Britain's most-loved cities, but now it's emerged as a prime spot for high-tech companies which are clearly having an impact on where people decide to live and work."*

The average salary of jobseekers in Cambridge is around £35,000 per year.

Noticeable absence is London which, whilst it still has the most job opportunities, misses out due to the high cost of housing in the City.

Reading and Swindon, situated along the M4, commonly referred to as the UK's Silicone Valley, rate well too.

Nottingham has also recently seen a number of high-tech companies locating there.

Looking through the remainder of the list we note that a number of the cities that feature have been the focus of recent regeneration programs, which is very encouraging and shows what a little investment can bring to an area.

New cities, with their modern infrastructure also feature well. It's interesting to see, that when it comes to the best places to live and work, there is little, or no, North South divide, but it is disappointing that no Welsh or NI cities make it onto this list this year. Here at **Across-the-Board** we recruit across the whole of the UK, and beyond, and have recruited for companies, and placed excellent candidates, in a number of these wonderful cities.

Here is the Top Twenty:

- 1 Cambridge**
- 2 Milton Keynes
- 3 Nottingham
- 4 Leeds
- 5 Peterborough
- 6 Coventry
- 7 Reading
- 8 Bradford
- 9 Northampton
- 10 Swindon
- 11 Manchester
- 12 Aberdeen
- 13 Warrington
- 14 Bristol
- 15 Glasgow
- 16 Edinburgh
- 17 Oxford
- 18 Liverpool
- 19 Birmingham
- 20 Derby

