

Overseas Visitors to the UK - Top Towns Visited 2005

Included below is the table of the Top 20 Towns visited in 2005 by overseas visitors to the UK ranked by number of visits.

In previous years we have shown tables with results for earlier years. We have also based the results on a weighted average using four years of data from the International Passenger Survey.

In 1999, however, there was a major methodological change to the survey. Visitors travelling over routes to and from the Irish Republic were included in the survey for the first time. This is a significant improvement to the survey and, for the first time, gives us a comprehensive picture of the geographical distribution of visitors from the Irish Republic across the UK as well as providing data on the numbers of other visitors to the UK using routes to and from the Irish Republic.

In the short-term, however, this also represents a major break in the historical series of results from IPS and it would be misleading to compare results for 1999 or subsequent years with those for earlier years or to use weighted average results with several years of results. Consequently we have presented here the results for a single year.

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Top Towns 2005: Visits

Rank	City/Town	Visits (000)
1	London	13,893
2	Edinburgh	1134
3	Manchester	824
4	Birmingham	728
5	Glasgow	684
6	Liverpool	438
7	Oxford	437
8	Cambridge	416
9	Bristol	398
10	Brighton / Hove	332
=11	Nottingham	282
=11	Cardiff	282
13	Bath	269
14	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	266
15	York	246
16	Inverness	227
17	Leeds	202
18	Reading	191
19	Coventry	164
20	Luton	148

Visits figures are rounded to nearest 10,000
Exclude day visits

Source: International Passenger Survey, Office for National Statistics