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Over budget? Why movers need to save an extra £2k to cover *these* hidden costs

- Over a third of Brits admit they could have done more research into the cost of moving home
- 83% of Brits say they'd have to rely on others to help them transport their belongings to a new home
- Brighton is the most expensive city for house movers, Birmingham is the cheapest
- A third of people use storage facilities when moving home
- 46% of people said they took time off work last time they moved, with most people taking between 3 and 6 days off work

A new UK-wide investigation by [Admiral Home Insurance](#) has revealed that Brits need to budget an extra £2,000 when it comes to buying or renting a new house, or risk being caught out by some unexpected costs.

While there's lots of noise around the cost of deposits and associated legal fees for both buyers and renters alike, the costs don't end there.

The most expensive city to move house

Aside from deposits, legal fees and paperwork, Admiral's investigation found that renters and buyers in the UK should budget an extra £2k for these hidden costs of moving house:

Service	Average UK cost
Home Removal service	£353
Storage space	£532
Professional cleaning	£147
Painting and decorating	£873
Post redirection	£34
TOTAL COST	£1,939

On top of these costs for moving from one home to another, and getting the new property ready for your arrival, many people have to factor in additional costs such as childcare or pet care.

Aside from deposits and legal paperwork, people moving in Birmingham face the lowest costs for actually moving home followed by Newcastle and then Plymouth.

Brighton is the most expensive city for house movers outside of London, followed by Southampton and then Oxford, as revealed in Admiral's [cost of moving calculator](#).

Over a third of Brits say they weren't fully prepared for the cost of moving house and admit they could have done more research to help inform their budgets.

Time out to move



46% of Brits took time off work last time they relocated and most people who take time off to move, take between 3 and 6 days off work.

The average day wage in the UK is £105.80 which means people moving house could potentially be losing out between £317 and £634 for moving house if they take unpaid holiday to move house.

Getting from A to B

Research from the home insurer revealed that the majority (83%) of people couldn't fit all their belongings in their car, meaning they would have to rely on friends, family or professional services to help them move.

While 45% of movers say they'd call upon a home removal company to help them move house, one in 10 people admit they didn't budget for this service despite having to use it last time they moved home.

Admiral found that the average cost of using a home removal company in the UK totals up to £353ⁱ, and people can expect to pay more if they want help safely packing everything up.

Exeter was the most expensive city for home removal services with an average price tag of £495, while people in Birmingham pay the least – with an average cost of £247 for help moving.

Home removal service	
Cheapest	Most expensive
Birmingham £247	Exeter £495
Belfast £258	Manchester £470
Newcastle £276	Brighton £464

A quarter of home movers in the UK say they'd hire a van to drive themselves if they had to move tomorrow. The average cost for this in the UK is considerably cheaper than using a home removal service at £84 per day.

For those opting to drive the van themselves, movers in Norwich get the best deal with vans available to hire from as little as £50 a day, while those in Nottingham face paying just over double that with an average price tag of £109.

Van hire	
Cheapest	Most expensive
Norwich £50	Nottingham £109
Cambridge £50	West London £105
Newcastle £64	Glasgow £98

A safe space while you wait

A third of people have used storage facilities when moving between properties in the UK, with one in 10 people keeping their belongings in storage for between six months and a year.



The average cost for self-storage in the UK ranges between £532 for six months and £1,064 for a year's worth of storage.

Those looking to store their belongings in Brighton face the highest rates with six months of storage setting them back £852.

Storage facilities in Leeds are considerably cheaper with six months costing £354 – less than half the cost of Brighton.

Before you leave

Admiral's investigation revealed that home owners are more house proud than renters, with one in 10 admitting to having their house professionally cleaned before moving out, ready for the new occupants.

People in London were more likely than any other region to use professional cleaners, followed by Oxford and then Leeds.

14% of Brits admitted they had their new home cleaned before moving in.

Putting your own stamp on things

A fifth of people say they used a professional painter and decorator last time they moved to a new house, to put their own stamp on their new pad.

The cost for sprucing up a two bedroom house with a fresh lick of paint will set people in East London back the most in the UK, with professional painter and decorators charging £1,183 on average. Southampton painters charged the most outside of London for the same job, coming in at £1,066.

Birmingham was the cheapest city for painting and decorating, with the average quote coming in at £656, followed by Newcastle (£700) and Manchester (£716).

Noel Summerfield, Head of Household Insurance at Admiral said: "Regardless of whether you're buying or renting a house, there are lots of different costs you need to factor in, so it's important to do your research beforehand to make sure you budget enough to cover everything you need.

"It's very easy for insurance to slip off the list of things to think about, but this could leave your belongings and your home at risk when moving. It's vital to have your contents insurance sorted out before the day of the move because accidents can happen and the last thing you want is for your belongings to be broken or damaged during an already stressful time.

"When it comes to home insurance for your new address it's always best to get it sorted out as early as possible, so you're covered from the get-go. If you're buying your new home, make sure you have buildings cover in place when you exchange contracts. Your insurer may be able to transfer your existing policy to a new home, but there may be differences depending on the situation so it's important to do your research."



Admiral Gold and Admiral Platinum tier home insurance includes accidental loss or damage cover to contents whilst they are being moved by a professional removal company to a new home. It also provides up to 7 days cover while contents are stored at a temporary storage unit, prior to a home move.

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Notes to Editor

¹**Home removal company** costs based on moving from a 2 bedroom house to another 2 bedroom house within a 10 mile radius.

²**Van Hire** costs based on day rate for a 'large' manual drive van for a driver aged 28

³**Storage costs** based on one-week storage for a 75sqft storage space and multiplied to give six-month cost

⁴**Painter and decorator** costs based on quotes given to paint a 2 bedroom house (4 rooms, walls only, average size)

⁵**Professional cleanings** costs based on 6 hours of cleaning (advised length of time to clean a 2 bedroom house (2 bedroom plus kitchen, living room, bathroom, toilet and dining room))

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