



"As well as being convenient for London, Manchester and Birmingham, Bristol is a nice environment to live in."

Allan Jarret, Communications Officer, DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company

Infrastructure & Connectivity



The Bristol city-region hosts a strategic road and rail network that offers good proximity to London, Birmingham, Cardiff and Southampton (all within 2 hours) and provides the main gateway to the South West.

"Bristol has proved to be exactly the right kind of location to start a new high tech industry, thanks to synergies with its thriving industrial base and the excellent transport infrastructure serving the city."

Martin Wright, Managing Director of Marine Current Turbines Ltd.

Wider national and international connectivity has dramatically expanded in recent years with the rapid growth of the airport (8 miles south west of the city) and seaport (at Avonmouth and Royal Portbury on the Bristol Channel).

Bristol International Airport now has scheduled services to 17 cities across UK and Ireland, and 27 cities across Europe and the USA (New York).

The Bristol Port Company operates one of the UK's most successful and fastest growing commercial ports. Bristol is the closest port to the UK population as a whole with 74% of the UK population living within 300 kms.



Bristol has the largest free-to-access wi fi (wireless broadband) network in the UK. The Watershed and Bristol University both have their own wi-fi networks to enable people to access the Internet in their establishments.

Bristol City Council has developed a national profile for its work on electronic payments and e-procurement. The city is a leading authority for e-democracy, the use of technology to engage effectively with communities and was voted European City for e-Democracy in 2006.

Bristol also enjoys a growing international reputation for e-communications and digital technologies and media.

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