

Newcastle

Retail

Looking south along Northumberland Street in July 2006 In 2010, Newcastle was positioned ninth in the retail centre expenditure league of the UK. There are several major shopping areas in Newcastle city centre. The largest of these is the [Eldon Square Shopping Centre](#), one of the largest city centre shopping complexes in the UK. It incorporates a flagship [Debenhams](#) store as well as one of the largest [John Lewis](#) stores in the UK. John Lewis is still known to many in Newcastle as Bainbridges which according to sources was one of the first department stores in the world. Eldon Square is currently undergoing a full redevelopment. A new bus station, replacing the old underground bus station, was officially opened in March 2007. The wing of the centre, including the undercover Green Market, near Grainger Street was demolished in 2007 so that the area could be redeveloped. This was completed in February 2010 with the opening of a flagship [Debenhams](#) department store as well as other major stores including [Apple](#), [Hollister](#) & [Guess](#).

The main shopping street in the city is [Northumberland Street](#). In a 2004 report, it was ranked as the most expensive shopping street in the UK for rent, outside of London. It is home to two major department stores including the first and largest [Fenwick](#) department store, which houses some of the most luxurious [designer labels](#), and one of the largest [Marks and Spencer](#) stores outside London. Both stores have entrances into Eldon Square Shopping Centre.

Other shopping destinations in Newcastle include Grainger Street and the area around [Grey's Monument](#), the relatively modern Eldon Garden and [Monument Mall](#) complexes, the Newgate Centre, [Central Arcade](#) and the traditional [Grainger Market](#). Outside the city centre, the largest suburban shopping areas are [Gosforth](#) and [Byker](#). The largest [Tesco](#) store in the United Kingdom is located in [Kingston Park](#) on the edge of Newcastle. Close to Newcastle, the largest indoor shopping centre in Europe, the [MetroCentre](#), is located in [Gateshead](#).

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