

2021 Census Data for Carmarthenshire – Legal Partnership Status

The Office for National Statistics has used a new statistical disclosure control methodology for Census 2021. As a result, figures created by summing lower-level geographies will not match figures released for higher geographies. The Office for National Statistics does not recommend the aggregation of lower-level geographies to create higher geographies.

Legal Partnership Status	Carmarthenshire				Wales				England & Wales			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
All aged 16+	150,763		155,486		2,507,160		2,559,415		45,469,780		48,566,373	
Single: Never married and never registered a civil partnership	44,478	29.5%	50,384	32.4%	840,347	33.5%	951,656	37.2%	15,730,275	34.6%	18,401,778	37.9%
Married:	74,636	49.5%	73,191	47.1%	1,167,315	46.6%	1,116,418	43.6%	21,196,684	46.6%	21,580,492	44.4%
Married: Opposite sex	Not asked		72,771	46.8%	Not asked		1,109,656	43.4%	Not asked		21,446,221	44.2%
Married: Same sex	Not asked		420	0.3%	Not asked		6,762	0.3%	Not asked		134,271	0.3%
In a registered civil partnership: Opposite sex	Not asked		122	0.1%	Not asked		1,730	0.1%	Not asked		35,797	0.1%
In a registered civil partnership: Same sex	205	0.1%	216	0.1%	4,654	0.2%	3,311	0.1%	104,942	0.2%	66,812	0.1%
Separated, but still married	Not asked		3,133	2.0%	Not asked		52,074	2.0%	Not asked		1,078,052	2.2%
Separated, but still in a registered civil partnership	Not asked		24	0.0%	Not asked		394	0.0%	Not asked		7,935	0.0%
Divorced	Not asked		16,288	10.5%	Not asked		252,159	9.9%	Not asked		4,412,518	9.1%
Formerly in a civil partnership now legally dissolved	Not asked		21	0.0%	Not asked		548	0.0%	Not asked		11,828	0.0%
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership	13,450	8.9%	12,109	7.8%	197,965	7.9%	181,125	7.1%	3,169,667	7.0%	2,971,161	6.1%

Analysis:

- Proportionately, more of Carmarthenshire's population (aged 16+) are married in comparison to national levels. However, the total proportion of those married have decreased slightly over the last ten years by 2.4%.
- Levels for same sex marriage and civil partnerships for both same sex and opposite sex couples are consistent with national averages.
- Rates of divorce are slightly higher in the county compared with national averages. This is also true for levels of those widowed or are surviving partners from a same sex civil partnership.

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Definition:

This dataset provides Census 2021 estimates that classify usual residents in England and Wales by their legal partnership status. The estimates are at Census Day, 21 March 2021.

Variable Description: Classifies a person according to their legal marital or registered civil partnership status on Census Day 21 March 2021.

It is the same as the 2011 census variable "Marital status" but has been updated for Census 2021 to reflect the revised Civil Partnership Act that came into force in 2019.

In Census 2021 results, "single" refers only to someone who has never been married or in a registered civil partnership.