

2021 Census Data for Carmarthenshire – Distance travelled to work

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.

All People	Carmarthenshire				Wales				England & Wales			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment the week before the census	80,680		81,951		1,363,615		1,368,449		26,526,336		27,773,665	
Less than 2Km	13,248	16.4%	9,864	12.0%	233,969	17.2%	158,919	11.6%	4,404,107	16.6%	3,057,913	11.0%
2Km to less than 5 Km	8,744	10.8%	7,382	9.0%	223,884	16.4%	163,384	11.9%	4,851,173	18.3%	3,499,333	12.6%
5Km to less than 10Km	7,827	9.7%	6,726	8.2%	230,182	16.9%	174,625	12.8%	4,595,170	17.3%	3,273,927	11.8%
10Km to less than 20Km	15,982	19.8%	13,855	16.9%	219,329	16.1%	174,245	12.7%	4,067,393	15.3%	2,924,547	10.5%
20Km to less than 30Km	7,899	9.8%	6,504	7.9%	91,306	6.7%	75,403	5.5%	1,531,161	5.8%	1,127,371	4.1%
30Km to less than 40Km	2,602	3.2%	2,072	2.5%	38,210	2.8%	31,059	2.3%	680,415	2.6%	470,353	1.7%
40Km to less than 60Km	2,518	3.1%	1,824	2.2%	29,844	2.2%	22,351	1.6%	616,333	2.3%	358,932	1.3%
60Km and over	3,460	4.3%	2,140	2.6%	48,322	3.5%	27,546	2.0%	822,306	3.1%	382,608	1.4%
Works mainly from home	11,630	14.4%	19,243	23.5%	142,178	10.4%	350,470	25.6%	2,724,010	10.3%	8,671,722	31.2%
Other	6,770	8.4%	12,341	15.1%	106,319	7.8%	190,447	13.9%	2,234,268	8.4%	4,006,959	14.4%

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Analysis:

- *The number and proportion of residents travelling to work in all categories of distance (from 'Less than 2km' to '60km and over') have reduced in Carmarthenshire, Wales, and England and Wales. The highest number in Carmarthenshire travel between 10 and 20km to work but has reduced by 2.9 percentage points from the 2011 census.*
- *Reduction in the above figures is mainly due to the increase in the number that work at or from home with a 9.1 percentage points increase in Carmarthenshire, 15.2 in Wales and 20.9 in England and Wales. The census took place in March 2021 in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic when people were requested to 'work from home wherever possible' therefore this may well be different by now.*

Definition:

- *The distance, in kilometres, between a person's residential postcode and their workplace postcode measured in a straight line. A distance travelled of 0.1km indicates that the workplace postcode is the same as the residential postcode. Distances over 1200km are treated as invalid, and an imputed or estimated value is added*
- *"Work mainly at or from home" is made up of those that ticked either the 'Mainly work at or from home' box for the address of workplace question, or the "Work mainly at or from home" box for the method of travel to work question.*
- *"Other" includes no fixed place of work, working on an offshore installation and working outside of the UK.*
- *Distance is calculated as the straight line distance between the enumeration postcode and the workplace postcode.*