

2011 Census data for Carmarthenshire County Council – Qualifications and Students

All people	Carmarthenshire		Wales		England & Wales	
All aged 16+	150,763		2,507,160		45,496,780	
Qualifications						
No qualifications	40,334	26.8%	650,517	25.9%	10,307,327	22.7%
Highest level of qualification: level 1 qualifications	19,683	13.1%	332,943	13.3%	6,047,384	13.3%
Highest level of qualification: level 2 qualifications	24,748	16.4%	393,819	15.7%	6,938,433	15.3%
Highest level of qualification: apprenticeship	6,514	4.3%	98,843	3.9%	1,631,777	3.6%
Highest level of qualification: level 3 qualifications	16,832	11.2%	308,171	12.3%	5,617,802	12.3%
Highest level of qualification: level 4 qualifications and above	36,036	23.9%	614,116	24.5%	12,383,477	27.2%
Highest level of qualification: other qualifications	6,616	4.4%	108,751	4.3%	2,570,580	5.7%
School children & full-time students						
Schoolchildren and full-time students: age 16 to 17	4,059	2.7%	67,220	-	1,230,368	-
Schoolchildren and full-time students: age 18 and over	5,025	3.3%	136,804	-	2,485,001	-
Full-time students (age 18-74)						
Economically active: in employment	1,930	1.3%	44,886	32.9%	836,788	33.8%
Economically active: unemployed	336	0.2%	11,238	8.2%	219,756	8.9%
Economically inactive	2,736	1.8%	80,220	58.8%	1,420,951	57.4%

Definitions

Economically Active:

A person aged 16 to 74 is described as economically active if, in the week before the census, they were:

- in employment, as an employee or self-employed
- not in employment, but were seeking work and ready to start work within two weeks, or
- not in employment, but waiting to start a job already obtained and available.

Full-time students who fulfil any of these criteria are classified as economically active and are counted separately in the 'Full-time student' category of economically active - they are not included in any of the other categories such as employees or unemployed.

Economically Inactive:

A person aged 16 to 74 is described as economically inactive if, in the week before the census, they were not in employment but did not meet the criteria to be classified as 'Unemployed' This includes a person looking for work but not available to start work within two weeks, as well as anyone not looking for work, or unable to work - for example retired, looking after home/family, permanently sick or disabled. Students who fulfil any of these criteria are also classified as economically inactive. This does not necessarily mean in full-time education and excludes students who were working or in some other way were economically active.

Employed (in employment):

A person aged 16 to 74 is defined as employed (or in employment) if in the week before the census they carried out at least one hour's paid work, either as an employee or self-employed. This includes casual or temporary work, on a government-sponsored training scheme, doing paid or unpaid work for their own or family business, being away from work ill, on maternity leave, or on holiday or temporarily laid off.

Full-time Student:

A full-time student is a person of any age who has indicated that they are a schoolchild or student in full-time education. Schoolchildren and students in full-time education studying away from their family home are treated as usually resident at their term-time address.

Highest Level of Qualification:

The highest level of qualification is derived from the question asking people to indicate all types of qualifications held. People were also asked if they held foreign qualifications and to indicate the closest equivalent.

There were 12 response options (plus 'no qualifications') covering professional and vocational qualifications, and a range of academic qualifications.

These are combined into five categories for the highest level of qualification, plus a category for no qualifications and one for other qualifications (which includes vocational or work related qualifications, and for foreign qualifications where an equivalent qualification was not indicated):

No Qualifications: No academic or professional qualifications

Level 1 qualifications: 1-4 O Levels/CSE/GCSEs (any grades), Entry Level, Foundation Diploma, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic/Essential Skills

Level 2 qualifications: 5+ O Level (Passes)/CSEs (Grade 1)/GCSEs (Grades A*-C), School Certificate, 1 A Level/ 2-3 AS Levels/VCEs, Intermediate/Higher Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First/General Diploma, RSA Diploma Apprenticeship

Level 3 qualifications: 2+ A Levels/VCEs, 4+ AS Levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression/Advanced Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma, NVQ Level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma

Level 4+ qualifications: Degree (for example BA, BSc), Higher Degree (for example MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ Level 4-5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher level, Foundation degree (NI), Professional qualifications (for example teaching, nursing, accountancy)

Other qualifications: Vocational/Work-related Qualifications, Foreign Qualifications (Not stated/ level unknown).

Unemployed:

A person aged 16 to 74 is classified as unemployed if they are not in employment, are available to start work in the next two weeks, and either looked for work in the last four weeks or are waiting to start a new job.