

CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY PROFILE

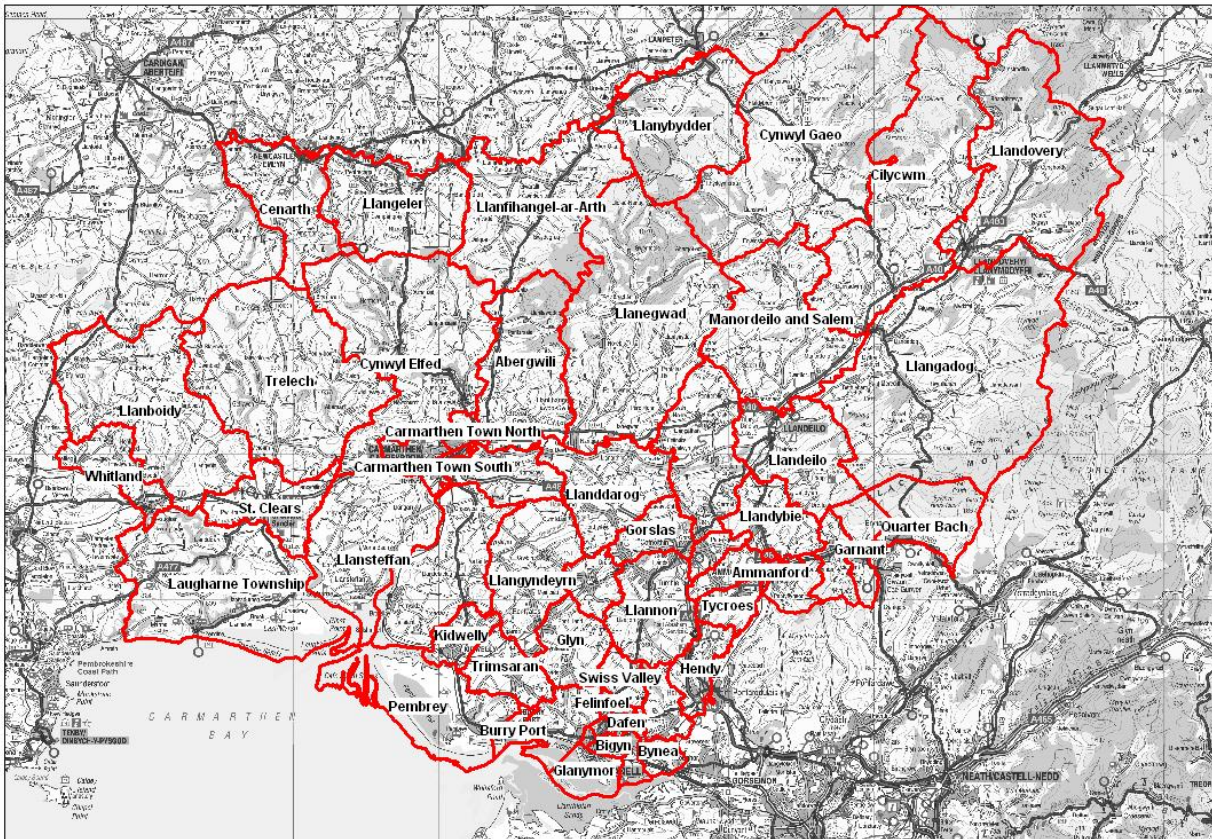
Research and Information Unit, Carmarthenshire County Council, March 2021

Councillors (Electoral Vote 2017): 74 Elected Members Turnout = 46.81%

Electorate (February 2020): 141,985

Population: 187,568 (2018 Mid Year Population Estimates)

Welsh Assembly and UK Parliamentary Constituencies: Carmarthenshire East & Dinefwr; Carmarthen West & Pembrokeshire; and Llanelli



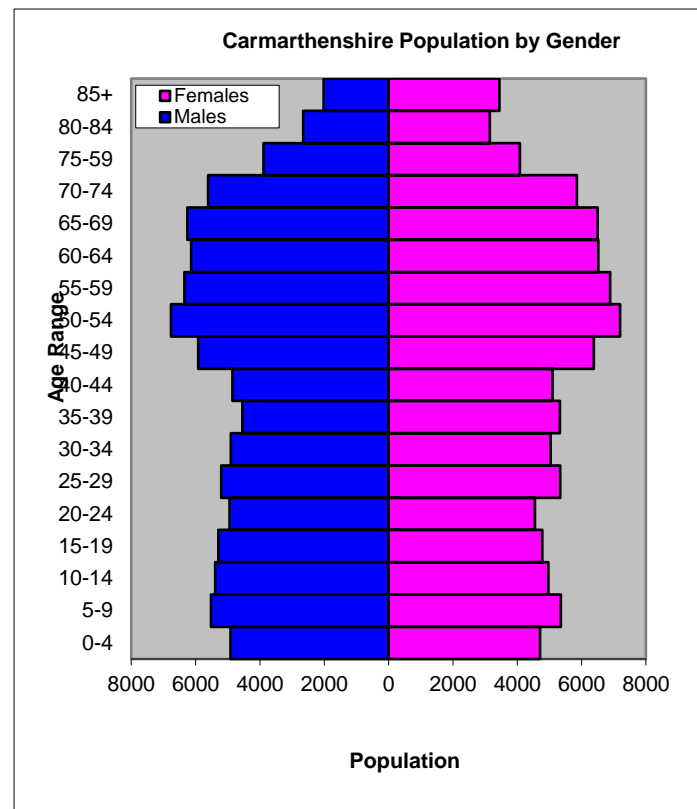
- ⇒ Location: West Wales
- ⇒ Neighbouring Authorities: Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire, Swansea, Powys and Neath Port Talbot
- ⇒ Area: 2,370 km²
- ⇒ Population Density: 77 people km²
- ⇒ Population Change: 2011-2018 +1,780 (+1%)
- ⇒ Major Employers: Carmarthenshire County Council, Dyfed Powys Police

POPULATION STATISTICS

2018 Mid-year Population Estimates

Age Structure	Carms Population	Carms %	Wales Population	Wales %
Aged: 0-4	9,615	5.1	168,703	5.4
5-14	21,555	11.5	361,117	11.5
15-24	19,310	10.3	379,526	12.1
25-44	40,450	21.6	747,570	23.8
45-64	52,627	28.1	829,722	26.4
65-74	24,281	12.9	359,535	11.5
75+	19,730	10.5	292,458	9.3
Total	187,568	100	3,125,165	100

Source: 2018 Mid Year Population Estimates, ONS.



- ⇒ Carmarthenshire has the 4th highest population in Wales.
- ⇒ Highest proportion of people are aged over 45 accounting for 51% of the total population, and 23% of the total population are aged over 65.
- ⇒ 76% of the population were born in Wales and 44% are able to speak the Welsh Language.

2011 Census Data

Population: Key Facts	Carms	Carms %	Ceredigion %	Pembs %	S'sea %	Wales %
People: born in Wales	139,639	76.0	55.3	67.0	77.7	72.7
born outside UK	7,585	4.1	5.9	4.6	7.2	5.5
in non-white ethnic groups	3,454	1.9	2.9	1.7	5.6	3.9
with limiting long-term illness	46,675	25.4	21.1	22.5	23.4	22.7
with no qualifications (aged 16-74)	40,334	26.8	19.8	24.6	23.9	25.9
with higher level qualifications (aged 16-74)	103,813	23.9	27.9	24.8	25.8	24.5
able to speak Welsh	78,048	43.9	47.3	19.2	11.4	19.0

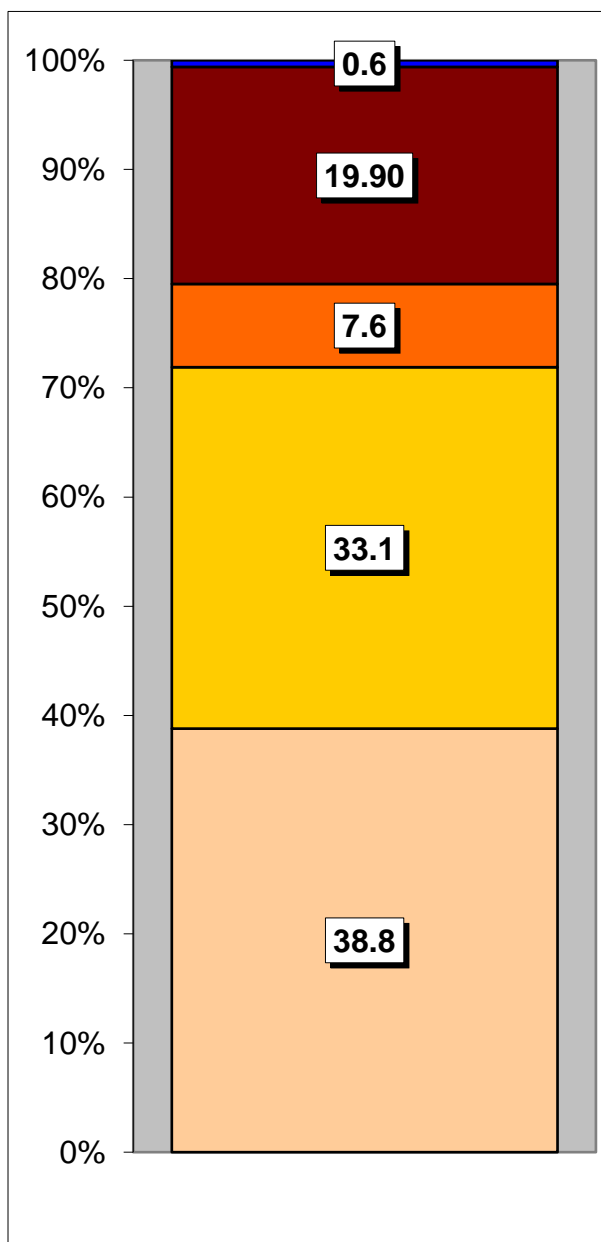
Household Composition	Carms	Carms %	Ceredigion %	Pembs %	S'sea %	Wales %
Total Households/ (Average Household Size)	78,829					
Household Type: one person: pensioner	11,652	14.8	15.5	15.0	13.4	13.7
one person: other	12,118	15.4	17.7	15.8	19.9	17.1
one family: all pensioners	7,729	9.8	10.1	10.9	8.7	8.9
one family: married couple	26,819	34.1	30.3	33.1	30.4	32.8
one family: cohabiting couple	6,904	8.7	9.1	8.7	8.6	9.6
one family: lone parent	8,922	11.3	7.9	11.0	11.6	11.3
Other Household Types	4,685	5.9	9.4	5.4	7.3	6.4

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

HOUSING

The County's housing consists mostly of detached houses with a very low proportion of flats, maisonettes, apartments and caravan or temporary structures.

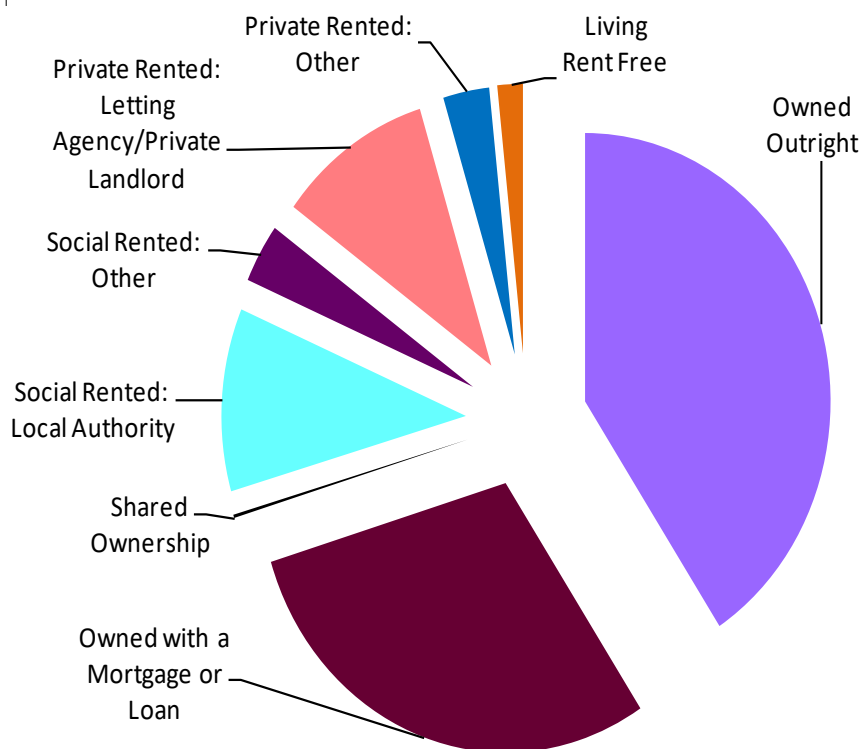
Household Accommodation Types



Household Tenure

Owns outright	41.4%
Mortgaged	30.0%
Shared Ownership	0.2%
Rented from Local Authority	11.2%
Rented from Registered Social Landlord	3.6%
Rented from Private Landlord	10.4%
Rented from other	1.4%
Living Rent Free	1.7%

Source: 2011 Census, ONS



Household Accommodation Types

- Caravan or other mobile temporary structure
- Flat, maisonette or apartment
- Terraced
- Semi-detached
- Detached

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

- ⇒ The estimated median household income for Carmarthenshire, based on CACI's 2019 'PayCheck' data, is £27,148 which is the 8th lowest from the 22 authorities in Wales and 3% below the Wales median of £27,962.
- ⇒ The social profile information indicates the County has a higher percentage of Managerial, Professional, Administrative & Intermediate Occupations (Levels 1-3) and a lower percentage than Wales of people who have Never Worked & Long Term Unemployed (Level 8)

(In statistics, a **median** is described as the numerical value separating the higher half of a sample, a statistical population, probability distribution from the lower half. Whilst the **mean** is just the average of the numbers).

Social Profile	Carms	Carms %	Ceredigion %	Pembs %	S'sea %	Wales %
All people aged 16-74 in households	132,930					
1: Higher Managerial & Professional Admin. Occupations	18,216	13.8	16.1	12.8	15.8	15.6
2: Lower Managerial & Professional Admin. Occupations	26,462	19.9	18.2	19.9	19.6	19.6
3: Intermediate Occupations	15,416	11.6	8.7	10.3	13.2	12.0
4: Small Employers & Own Account Workers	16,708	12.6	16.0	15.0	7.1	9.4
5: Lower Supervisory & Technical Occupations	10,152	7.6	6.0	9.0	16.7	8.1
6: Semi-routine Occupations	22,210	16.7	12.1	16.9	15.0	16.0
7: Routine Occupations	17,291	13.0	8.1	12.1	11.5	12.8
8: Never Worked & Long Term Unemployed	6,522	4.9	3.1	4.7	5.2	5.4

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

ECONOMY AND LABOUR MARKET

Economic Status (People Aged 16-74)	Carms	Carms %	Ceredigion %	Pembs %	S'sea %	Wales %
Economically Active	86,217	64.9	61.0	66.0	63.0	65.8
Employees: Part-time	18,475	13.9	11.5	15.3	14.2	13.9
Employees: Full-time	44,839	33.7	26.4	30.9	33.7	35.6
Self-employed	14,642	11.0	14.4	13.5	6.6	8.6
Unemployed	4,962	3.7	2.6	4.0	3.9	4.3
Full-time Student	3,299	2.5	6.2	2.2	4.6	3.3
Economically Inactive	46,713	35.1	38.9	34.0	37.0	34.2
Retired	19,809	18.1	16.6	18.7	15.6	16.1
Student	5,539	4.5	13.6	3.8	4.7	6.0
Looking after home/family	7,658	3.8	2.8	4.3	3.7	3.8
Permanently sick/disabled	13,599	6.8	4.4	5.3	6.9	6.3
Other	4,258	1.9	1.4	1.9	2.1	2.0

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

Benefit Claimants (August 2020)	Carms	Carms %	Ceredigion %	Pembs %	S'Sea %	Wales %
Claimant Count unemployment (JSA)	6,230	5.6	4.6	6.3	6.0	6.2
Universal Credit (total claimants)	13,411	12.1	10.0	13.7	13.9	13.8
Incapacity Benefits (ESA and IB/SDA)	8,803	8.0	6.3	6.8	6.9	6.9
Disability-related benefits (PIP, DLA and AA)	24,656	13.1	10.0	11.1	12.5	11.9
Pension Credit (PC)	5,824	13.0	11.2	11.9	14.7	13.7

Source: Department for Work & Pensions and ONS.

Note: Claimant Count unemployment includes Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants plus Universal Credit (UC) claimants who are required to seek work. ESA = Employment Support Allowance; IB/SDA = Incapacity Benefit / Severe Disablement Allowance; PIP = Personal Independence Payment; DLA = Disability Living Allowance; AA = Attendance Allowance. Estimated rates shown as % of population aged 16-64, except disability benefits (all people and PC (aged 65+)). Universal Credit is replacing six means-tested benefits and tax credits (known as legacy benefits): Income-based JSA; Income-related ESA; Income Support; Working Tax Credit; Child Tax Credit; Housing Benefit. Further statistical information on UC and other benefits is available.

WELSH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (WIMD)

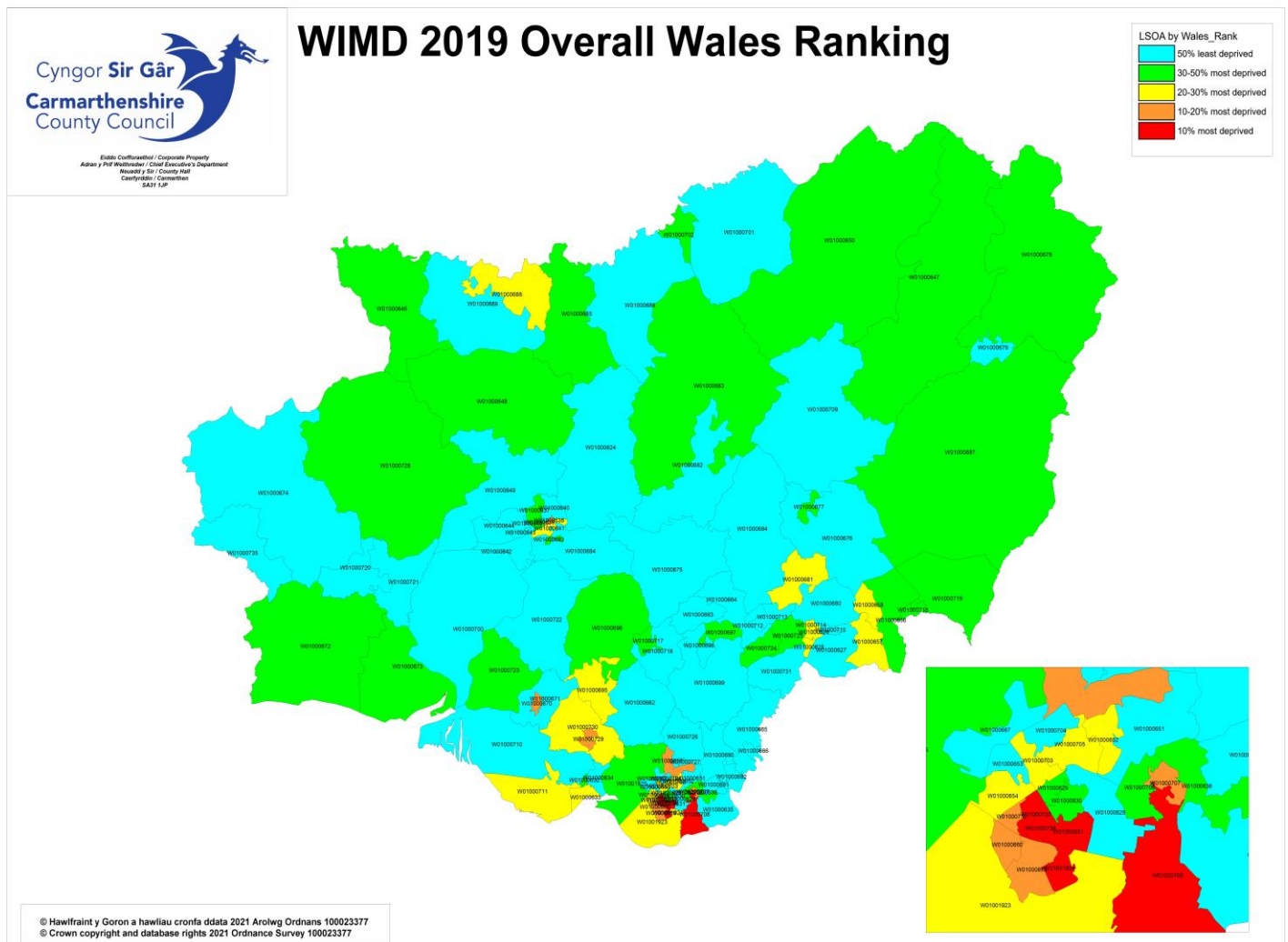
WIMD 2019 based on fine-grained geography of Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs). The WIMD 2019 is compiled from eight domains: Income; Employment; Health, Education; Housing; Access to Services; Physical Environment; and Community Safety and is published at Lower Super Output Area of which there are 112 in Carmarthenshire.

The table below indicates the % of our LSOAs which are in the most deprived of all Wales. These figures clearly state that 54% of our LSOAs are in the most deprived 50% of All Wales and 4% of them are in the most deprived 10% of All Wales.

Local Authority	Number of LSOAs	% of LSOAs in most deprived 10% of All Wales	% of LSOAs in most deprived 20% of All Wales	% of LSOAs in most deprived 30% of All Wales	% of LSOAs in most deprived 50% of All Wales
Carmarthenshire	112	4	11	22	53
Ceredigion	46	2	2	7	39
Pembrokeshire	71	6	8	15	37
Swansea	148	12	24	28	47

Source: Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 (released November 2014), Welsh Assembly Government.

Note: LSOAs ranked 1-112 (Carmarthenshire), 1-1909 (Wales).



(see [ward profiles](#) for information regarding particular wards)

CRIME (* Fraud reports are now recorded centrally by Action Fraud)

County: Carmarthenshire	Offence group												Annual Total
Fiscal Year (1st April to 31st March)	Arson & Criminal Damage	Burglary Business & Community	Burglary Residential	Drug Offences	Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	Possession of Weapons	Public Order Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft	Vehicle Offences	Violence Against the Person	
2019-20	1,592	426	195	684	309	82	839	25	445	2,026	451	5,121	12,195

Source: Dyfed Powys Police, Headquarters, Llangunnor.

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