

## SWISS VALLEY WARD: ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILE

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**Councillors (Electoral Vote 2017):** Giles Morgan (Independent). Turnout = 45.31%

**Electorate (April 2021):** 2,117

**Population:** 2,500 (2019 Mid Year Population Estimates, ONS)

**Welsh Assembly and UK Parliamentary Constituency:** Llanelli



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### Location: Approximately 31km from Carmarthen Town

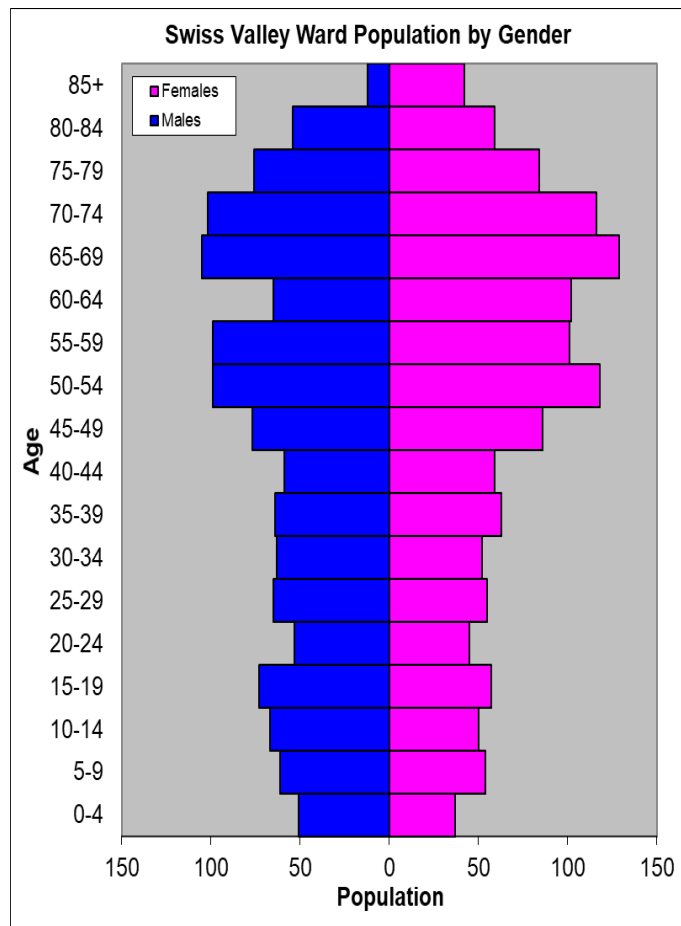
- ⇒ Area: 10.09km<sup>2</sup>
- ⇒ Population Density: 248 people per km<sup>2</sup>
- ⇒ Population Change: 2011-2019: -36 (-1.4%)

## POPULATION STATISTICS

### 2019 Mid Year Population Estimates

Age Structure	Swiss Valley Population	Swiss Valley %	Carmarthenshire %
Aged: 0-4	76	3.0	5.0
5-14	217	8.7	11.5
15-24	210	8.4	10.2
25-44	462	18.5	21.6
45-64	734	29.4	28.0
65-74	383	15.3	11.9
75+	418	16.7	11.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: aggregated lower Super Output Area (LSOA) Small Area Population Estimates, 2019, Office for National Statistics (ONS)



- ⇒ 20<sup>th</sup> lowest ward population in Carmarthenshire, and 21<sup>st</sup> highest population density.
- ⇒ Highest proportion of people aged over 45, proportion aged over 65 higher than the Carmarthenshire Average.
- ⇒ Relatively high proportion of people with higher level qualifications
- ⇒ Low proportion of Welsh Speakers

## 2011 Census Data

Population: Key Facts	Swiss Valley	Swiss Valley %	Carmarthenshire
<b>People:</b> born in Wales	2118	83.5	76.0
born outside UK	100	3.9	4.1
in non-white ethnic groups	46	1.7	1.9
with limiting long-term illness	633	24.9	25.4
with no qualifications (aged 16-74)	463	21.3	26.8
with higher level qualifications (aged 16-74)	621	28.5	23.9
able to speak Welsh	822	33.1	43.9

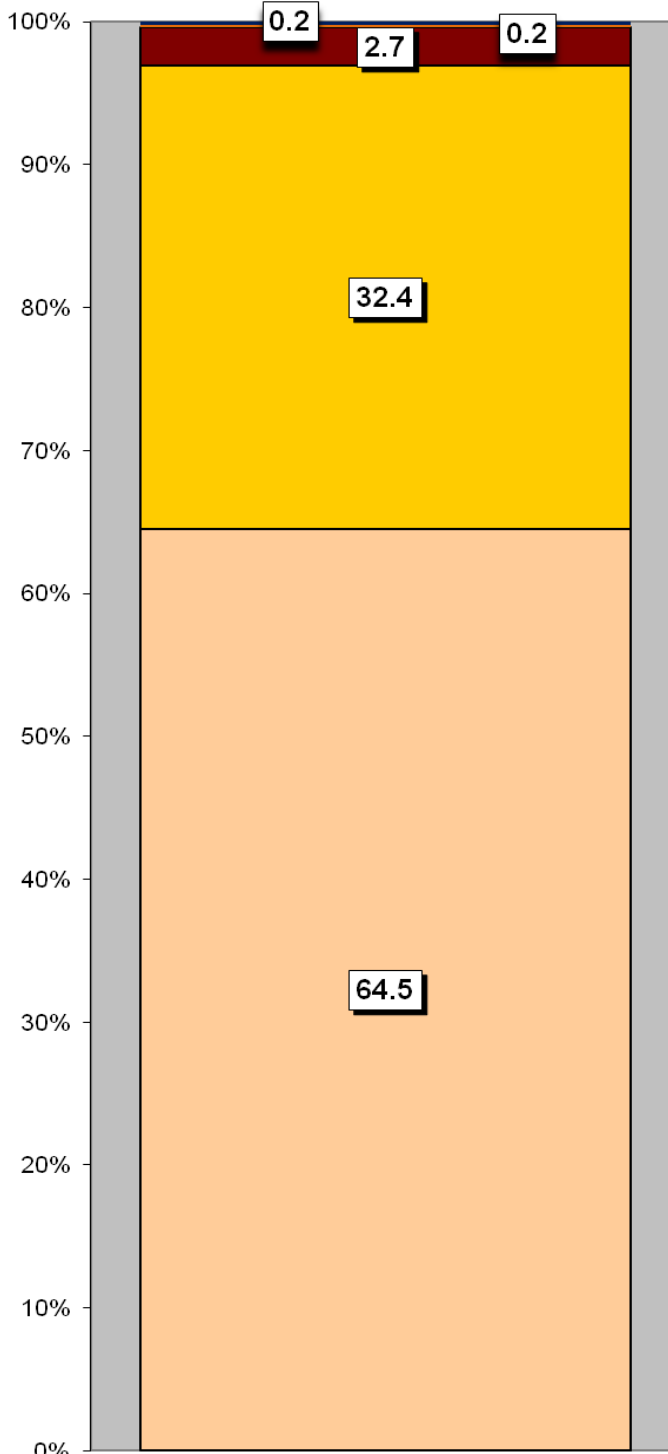
Household Composition	Swiss Valley	Swiss Valley %	Carmarthenshire
<b>Total Households/</b> (Average Household Size)	1109	(2.3)	(2.3)
Household Type: one person: pensioner	165	14.9	14.8
one person: other	106	9.6	15.4
one family: all pensioners	151	13.6	9.8
one family: married couple	488	44.0	34.1
one family: cohabiting couple	76	6.9	8.7
one family: lone parent	80	7.2	11.3
one family: other	43	3.9	5.9

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

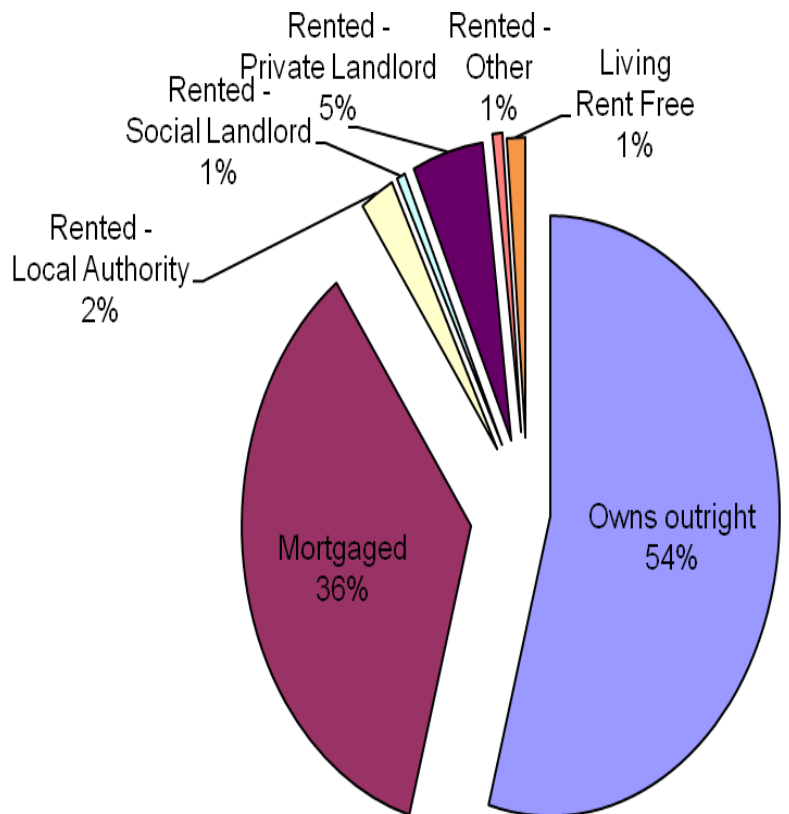
## HOUSING

The area's housing consists mostly of detached and semi-detached houses with a small proportion of terraced housing. The ward consists of 26 local authority owned properties and 11 Housing Association properties.

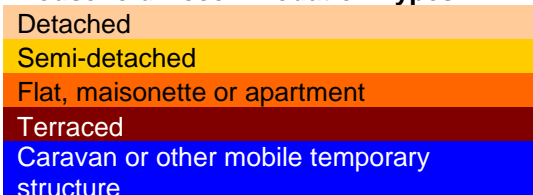
### Household Accommodation Types



Household Tenure	%
Owns outright	54.4
Mortgaged	35.7
Rented - Local Authority	2.4
Rented - Social Landlord	0.6
Rented - Private Landlord	5.0
Rented - Other	0.7
Living Rent Free	1.3



### Household Accommodation Types



## SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

- ⇒ The estimated median household income for Swiss Valley, based on CACI's 2020 'PayCheck' data, is £33,593 which is the 5<sup>th</sup> highest (of 58 wards) in Carmarthenshire and 16.1% above the Carmarthenshire median of £28,186.
- ⇒ The social profile information indicates a higher than average level of people employed in higher and lower managerial and professional administrative occupations (Levels 1-2) and a lower than average number of people who have never worked and long term unemployed (Level 8).

Social Profile	Swiss Valley	%	Carmarthenshire %
<i>All people aged 16-74 in households</i>	1933	100	100
<b>1: Higher Managerial &amp; Professional Admin. Occupations</b>	396	20.4	13.8
<b>2: Lower Managerial &amp; Professional Admin. Occupations</b>	485	25.1	19.9
<b>3: Intermediate Occupations</b>	263	13.6	11.6
<b>4: Small Employers &amp; Own Account Workers</b>	182	9.4	12.6
<b>5: Lower Supervisory &amp; Technical Occupations</b>	150	7.8	7.6
<b>6: Semi-routine Occupations</b>	304	15.7	16.7
<b>7: Routine Occupations</b>	190	9.8	13.0
<b>8: Never Worked &amp; Long Term Unemployed</b>	39	2.0	4.9

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

## ECONOMY AND LABOUR MARKET

Economic Status (people aged 16-74)	Swiss Valley	Swiss Valley %	Carmarthenshire %
<b>Economically Active</b>	1218	63.0	64.9
Employees: Part-time	272	14.1	13.9
Employees: Full-time	687	35.5	33.7
Self-employed	168	8.7	11.0
Unemployed	35	1.8	3.7
Full-time Student	56	2.9	2.5
<b>Economically Inactive</b>	715	36.9	35.1
Retired	488	25.2	18.1
Student	66	3.4	4.5
Looking after home/family	47	2.4	3.8
Permanently sick/disabled	96	5.0	6.8
Other	18	0.9	1.9

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

Benefit Claimants	Swiss Valley	Rate %	Carmarthenshire Working Population %
Claimant Count unemployment (JSA) – March 2021	6	0.4	0.6
Universal Credit (total claimants) – February 2021	91	6.6	11.3
Incapacity Benefits (ESA and IB/SDA) – August 2020	84	6.1	7.9
Disability-related benefits (PIP, DLA and AA) – August 2020	339	24.5	22.3
Pension Credit (PC) – August 2020	58	7.2	13.0

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.

Under WIMD, where Rank 1 is the most deprived, **Swiss Valley 1** ranks 111 in Carmarthenshire from 112 LSOAs (one of the least deprived LSOAs in the county) and is ranked 1690 in Wales from 1909 LSOAs. **Swiss Valley 2** ranks as the 102 most deprived area in Carmarthenshire and is ranked 1418 from 1909 LSOAs in Wales.

The highest level of deprivation attributed to **Swiss Valley 1** is the Physical Environment domain, being ranked 53 in Carmarthenshire and 951 in Wales for this domain. In **Swiss Valley 2** the Health domain is the most prominent ranking 54 in Carmarthenshire and 950 in Wales.

### Swiss Valley 1 – Westfa Swiss Valley 2 – Llethri

LSOA	Overall Index		Income		Employment		Health		Education		Access to Services		Community Safety		Physical Environment		Housing	
	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales	Carmarthenshire	Wales	
Swiss Valley 1	1690	111	1787	111	1605	109	1508	87	1548	105	651	58	1780	102	951	53	1869	112
Swiss Valley 2	1418	102	1326	89	1109	80	950	54	1116	74	841	67	1861	108	1733	110	1784	110

Source: Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 Welsh Assembly Government.

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

## CRIME

Swiss Valley	Offence Group												Annual Total				
	Arson & Criminal Damage	Burglary – Business & Community	Burglary – Residential	Drug Offences	Miscellaneous Crime Against Society	Possession of Weapons	Public Order Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft	Vehicle Offences	Violence Against the Person					
Fiscal Year (1st April to 31st March)																	
2020/2021	8	3	1	12	3	0	11	0	2	1	2	42	85				

Source: Dyfed Powys Police, Headquarters, Llanguunor.

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