

2021 Census Data for Carmarthenshire – Household Deprivation

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Households by Deprivation Dimensions	Carmarthenshire				Wales				England & Wales			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
All Households	78,829		81,579		1,302,676		1,347,114		23,366,044		24,783,199	
Household is not deprived in any dimension	29,639	37.6%	37,050	45.3%	508,125	39.0%	618,587	45.9%	9,893,044	42.3%	11,968,324	48.3%
Household is deprived in one dimension	25,587	32.4%	27,869	34.1%	415,983	31.9%	450,057	33.4%	7,620,164	32.6%	8,292,747	33.5%
Household is deprived in two dimensions	18,590	23.6%	13,425	16.4%	288,871	22.2%	215,492	16.0%	4,512,853	19.3%	3,536,076	14.3%
Household is deprived in three dimensions	4,729	5.6%	3,324	4.1%	83,439	6.4%	60,583	4.5%	1,217,061	5.2%	928,687	3.7%
Household is deprived in four dimensions	284	0.4%	91	0.1%	6,258	0.5%	2,395	0.2%	122,193	0.5%	57,365	0.2%

Analysis:

- 54.7% of households in Carmarthenshire are deprived in at least one dimension. This is a decrease of 7.3% since the last Census.
- The averages for Carmarthenshire compare negatively with the average for England and Wales in all measures apart from 'household is deprived in four dimensions' where the average for Carmarthenshire is 0.1% lower than that for Wales and England.
- Poverty rates are rising in Carmarthenshire and at a national level, therefore it is interesting to see from this measure that less households are seemingly classed as deprived. This suggests that whilst households are improving their standard of living through education, employment, health or housing the effects of those improvements are not necessarily translating to reducing the risk of those households falling into poverty or helping households to lift themselves out of poverty.

Definition:

This dataset provides Census 2021 estimates that classify households in England and Wales by four dimensions of deprivation: Employment, education, health and disability, and household overcrowding. The estimates are as at Census Day, 21 March 2021.

Variable Description: The dimensions of deprivation used to classify households are indicators based on four selected household characteristics.

Education

A household is classified as deprived in the education dimension if no one has at least level 2 education and no one aged 16 to 18 years is a full-time student.

Employment

A household is classified as deprived in the employment dimension if any member, not a full-time student,

Health

A household is classified as deprived in the health dimension if any member is disabled.

Housing

A household is classified as deprived in the housing dimension if the household's accommodation is either overcrowded, in a shared dwelling, or has no central heating.