

2021 Census Data for Carmarthenshire – Main and Household Language

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Main and Household Language	Carmarthenshire				Wales				England & Wales			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
All residents aged 3 and over	177,642		182,719		2,955,841		3,018,184		53,961,451		57,704,270	
Main Language												
English or Welsh	173,888	97.9%	178,287	97.6%	2,871,405	97.1%	2,917,644	96.7%	49,808,185	92.3%	52,569,816	91.1%
Other UK language	13	0.0%	3	0.0%	133	0.0%	154	0.0%	13,018	0.0%	4,239	0.0%
European and other languages												
Polish	1,943	1.1%	2,145	1.2%	17,001	0.6%	20,862	0.7%	546,174	1.0%	611,845	1.1%
Romanian	58	0.0%	282	0.2%	1,090	0.0%	6,020	0.2%	67,586	0.1%	471,954	0.8%
Any other European language	672	0.4%	697	0.4%	19,127	0.7%	25,279	0.8%	1,043,597	1.9%	1,432,730	2.5%
Other non UK or European languages	1,010	0.6%	1,203	0.7%	45,967	1.6%	46,975	1.6%	2,460,920	4.6%	2,577,753	4.5%
Sign Language	58	0.0%	102	0.1%	1,118	0.0%	1,236	0.0%	21,971	0.0%	26,738	0.0%
Household Language												
All Households	78,829		81,759		1,302,676		1,347,114		23,366,044		24,783,199	
All adults in household have English or Welsh as a main language	76,964	97.6%	79,589	97.4%	1,260,095	96.7%	1,295,565	96.2%	21,313,812	91.2%	22,215,902	89.6%
At least one but not all adults in household have English or Welsh as a main language	841	1.1%	758	0.9%	17,921	1.4%	20,463	1.5%	868,431	3.7%	1,036,736	4.2%
No adults in household, but at least one person aged 3 to 15 years, has English or Welsh as a main language	100	0.1%	247	0.3%	2,891	0.2%	6,594	0.5%	181,729	0.8%	330,002	1.3%
No people in household have English or Welsh as a main language	924	1.2%	1,158	1.4%	21,769	1.7%	24,492	1.8%	1,002,072	4.3%	1,200,559	4.8%
Household multi language												
All household members have the same main language	Not asked		55,333	67.7%	Not asked		888,881	66.0%	Not asked		15,821,402	63.8%
Main language differs between generations, but not within partnerships	Not Asked		299	0.4%	Not Asked		8,518	0.6%	Not Asked		480,381	1.9%
Main language differs within partnerships	Not asked		491	0.6%	Not asked		11,945	0.9%	Not asked		534,271	2.2%
Any other combination of multiple main languages	Not asked		287	0.4%	Not asked		8,213	0.6%	Not asked		465,357	1.9%
One-person household	Not asked		25,349	31.0%	Not asked		429,559	31.9%	Not asked		7,481,788	30.2%

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Analysis:

- *The proportion of resident's main language being English, or Welsh has decreased by 0.3% from 97.9% (2011) to 97.6% (2021). Languages such as Polish and Romanian have had marginal increases, which is in line with the increase in migration from these countries.*
- *Sign language as a main language has seen an increase in Carmarthenshire, which is consistent with national trends, although the county exhibits a slightly higher proportion than national levels.*
- *The proportion of households whereby all members speak the same language is higher in Carmarthenshire at 67.7% than it is nationally.*

Definition:

Main Language: *A person's first or preferred language.*

Household Language: *Classifies households by the combination of adults and children (aged 3 to 15 years) within a household that have English (English or Welsh in Wales) as their main language.*

Multiple Main Languages in Household: *Classifies households by whether members speak the same or different main language. If multiple main languages are spoken, this identifies whether they differ between generations or partnerships within the household.*