

2021 Census Data for Carmarthenshire – Religion

The Office for National Statistics has used a new statistical disclosure control methodology for Census 2021. As a result, figures created by summing lower-level geographies will not match figures released for higher geographies. The Office for National Statistics does not recommend the aggregation of lower-level geographies to create higher geographies.

Religion	Carmarthenshire				Wales				England & Wales			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
All People	183,777		187,899		3,063,456		3,107,494		56,075,912		59,597,540	
Christian	113,534	61.8%	89,378	47.6%	1,763,299	57.6%	1,354,773	43.6%	33,243,175	59.3%	27,522,672	46.2%
Buddhist	420	0.2%	557	0.3%	9,117	0.3%	10,075	0.3%	247,743	0.4%	272,508	0.5%
Hindu	351	0.2%	419	0.2%	10,434	0.3%	12,242	0.4%	816,633	1.5%	1,032,775	1.7%
Jewish	82	0.0%	103	0.1%	2,064	0.1%	2,044	0.1%	263,346	0.5%	271,327	0.5%
Muslim	625	0.3%	1,026	0.5%	45,950	1.5%	66,947	2.2%	2,706,066	4.8%	3,868,133	6.5%
Sikh	125	0.1%	177	0.1%	2,962	0.1%	4,048	0.1%	423,158	0.8%	524,140	0.9%
Other Religion	945	0.5%	1,127	0.6%	12,705	0.4%	15,926	0.5%	240,530	0.4%	348,334	0.6%
No Religion	53,036	28.9%	83,409	44.4%	982,997	32.1%	1,446,398	46.5%	14,097,229	25.1%	22,162,062	37.2%
Religion Not Stated	14,659	8.0%	11,703	6.2%	233,928	7.6%	195,041	6.3%	4,038,032	7.2%	3,595,589	6.0%

Analysis:

- For the first time, less than half of people in Carmarthenshire, Wales and England and Wales describe themselves as Christian. Despite this, Christianity remains the most prominent religion in Carmarthenshire (47.6%), although proportionally this figure has dropped by 14.2% since 2011.
- There has been a significant increase in the proportion of people who indicate that they have 'no religion', this has increased proportionally by 15.5% at a Carmarthenshire level. This is in line with figures for Wales but is a larger proportional increase than the breakdown for England and Wales.

Definition:

The religion people connect or identify with (their religious affiliation), whether or not they practice or have belief in it. This question was voluntary and includes people who identified with one of 8 tick-box response options, including 'No religion', alongside those who chose not to answer this question.