

## 2021 Census Data for Carmarthenshire – Industry of Employment

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All People	Carmarthenshire				Wales				England & Wales			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
<b>All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment the week before the Census</b>	<b>80,680</b>		<b>81,953</b>		<b>1,363,615</b>		<b>1,368,454</b>		<b>26,526,336</b>		<b>27,773,661</b>	
A. Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	3,338	4.1%	3,483	4.2%	23,497	1.7%	25,182	1.8%	227,286	0.9%	237,049	0.9%
B. Mining and quarrying	218	0.3%	158	0.2%	3,176	0.2%	2,569	0.2%	46,478	0.2%	42,699	0.2%
C. Manufacturing	7,021	8.7%	6,364	7.8%	143,751	10.5%	118,800	8.7%	2,369,998	8.9%	2,040,203	7.3%
D. Electricity, gas, steam, and air conditioning supply	373	0.5%	359	0.4%	10,903	0.8%	9,462	0.7%	151,051	0.6%	161,604	0.6%
E. Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	691	0.9%	730	0.9%	12,402	0.9%	13,409	1.0%	187,616	0.7%	203,710	0.7%
F. Construction	7,223	9.0%	7,474	9.1%	111,293	8.2%	117,678	8.6%	2,043,229	7.7%	2,406,228	8.7%
G. Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	13,411	16.6%	12,435	15.2%	212,554	15.6%	198,041	14.5%	4,220,124	15.9%	4,156,299	15.0%
H. Transport and storage	3,096	3.8%	2,983	3.6%	53,222	3.9%	52,592	3.8%	1,313,316	5.0%	1,381,362	5.0%
I. Accommodation and food service activities	4,304	5.3%	3,710	4.5%	84,907	6.2%	71,437	5.2%	1,484,838	5.6%	1,362,991	4.9%

J. Information and communication	1,357	1.7%	1,566	1.9%	31,004	2.3%	37,428	2.7%	1,055,356	4.0%	1,283,997	4.6%
K. Financial and insurance activities	1,567	1.9%	1,362	1.7%	41,630	3.1%	39,210	2.9%	1,145,488	4.3%	1,046,740	3.8%
L. Real estate activities	888	1.1%	725	0.9%	17,040	1.2%	17,842	1.3%	384,499	1.4%	430,490	1.5%
M. Professional, scientific, and technical activities	2,915	3.6%	2,932	3.6%	58,616	4.3%	60,403	4.4%	1,745,743	6.6%	1,828,909	6.6%
N. Administrative and support service activities	2,646	3.3%	2,868	3.5%	54,366	4.0%	58,130	4.2%	1,293,788	4.9%	1,457,167	5.2%
O. Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	7,311	9.1%	8,186	10.0%	108,164	7.9%	125,411	9.2%	1,591,614	6.0%	1,646,592	5.9%
P. Education	8,447	10.5%	7,767	9.5%	137,864	10.1%	131,149	9.6%	2,628,063	9.9%	2,732,876	9.8%
Q. Human health and social work activities	12,524	15.5%	15,527	18.9%	197,226	14.5%	232,722	17.0%	3,318,464	12.5%	4,089,373	14.7%
R, S, T, U. Other	3,350	4.2%	3,324	4.1%	62,000	4.5%	56,989	4.2%	1,319,385	5.0%	1,265,372	4.6%

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### Analysis:

- *The highest industry of employment in Carmarthenshire is 'Human health and social work activities' which has increased by 3.4 percentage points. In 2011, the highest industry was 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles', this has reduced by 1.4%. This is also the case in Wales, but in England and Wales, despite a 2.2 percentage point increase in the number of 'Human health and social work activities' industry, there continues to be a slightly higher proportion in the 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' industry.*
- *The effect of Covid 19 pandemic when the 2021 census took place may have influenced these figures, it was a time when many shops and businesses were closed or not fully functional, and the demand for human health and social workers were very high.*
- *A significantly higher proportion of people are employed within the 'Agriculture, forestry, and fishing' industry in Carmarthenshire. This substantiates its importance as a, industry of strategic importance to the county.*
- *Employment within the 'Public administration and defence; compulsory social security' industry is also significant within the county. This is due to a reliance on public sector employment in the county.*

### Definition:

- *Classifies people aged 16 years and over who were in employment between 15 March and 21 March 2021 by the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code that represents their current industry or business.*
- *The SIC code is assigned based on the information provided about a firm or organisation's main activity.*