

2021 Census Data for Carmarthenshire – Method of Travel to Work

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All People	Carmarthenshire				Wales				England & Wales			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment	80,680		81,949		1,363,615		1,368,445		26,526,336		27,773,666	
Work mainly at or from home	11,630	14.4%	19,243	23.5%	142,178	10.4%	350,470	25.6%	2,724,010	10.3%	8,671,722	31.2%
Underground, metro, light rail or tram	58	0.1%	39	0.0%	1,133	0.1%	595	0.0%	995,559	3.8%	505,311	1.8%
Train	778	1.0%	361	0.4%	26,504	1.9%	11,559	0.8%	1,323,738	5.0%	529,461	1.9%
Bus, minibus, or coach	1,630	2.0%	879	1.1%	61,731	4.5%	31,448	2.3%	1,905,645	7.2%	1,160,990	4.2%
Taxi	206	0.3%	304	0.4%	5,905	0.4%	7,606	0.6%	127,196	0.5%	200,490	0.7%
Motorcycle, scooter or moped	422	0.5%	241	0.3%	7,520	0.6%	4,642	0.3%	208,600	0.8%	128,849	0.5%
Driving a car or van	53,340	66.1%	50,785	62.0%	872,210	64.0%	772,621	56.5%	14,448,767	54.5%	12,524,571	45.1%
Passenger in a car or van	5,247	6.5%	3,790	4.6%	90,484	6.6%	66,045	4.8%	1,324,299	5.0%	1,083,447	3.9%
Bicycle	615	0.8%	463	0.6%	19,156	1.4%	15,081	1.1%	741,383	2.8%	569,295	2.0%
On foot	6,369	7.9%	5,138	6.3%	130,176	9.5%	96,676	7.1%	2,596,907	9.8%	2,113,657	7.6%
Other method of travel to work	385	0.5%	706	0.9%	6,618	0.5%	11,702	0.9%	130,232	0.5%	285,873	1.0%

Analysis:

- 62% of those in employment living in Carmarthenshire travel to work by car, although this has reduced by 4.1 percentage points from the 2011 census, this continues to be far higher than in Wales (56.4%) and England and Wales (45.1%), which is not surprising given the rurality of the county. The reduction in England is 7.5 percentage points and 9.5 in England and Wales.
- Perhaps unsurprisingly, far more people said they mainly work at or from home with an increase of 9.1 percentage points in Carmarthenshire, 15.2 in Wales and 20.9 in England and Wales. The census took place in March 2021 in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic when people were requested to 'work from home wherever possible' therefore this may well be different by now.
- There has been a reduction in the number of people using public transport to travel to work, but this is mainly seen in Wales as a whole and combined England and Wales as the figures in Carmarthenshire are relatively low.

Definition:

- *A person's place of work and their method of travel to work. This is the 2001 method of producing travel to work variables.*
- *"Work mainly from home" applies to someone who indicated their place of work as their home address and travelled to work by driving a car or van, for example visiting clients.*

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