

2011 Census data for Carmarthenshire County Council – Rooms, Bedrooms and Central Heating

	Carmarthenshire		Wales		England & Wales	
All households	78,829		1,302,676		23,366,044	
Central heating						
Does not have central heating	1,821	2.3%	29,534	2.3%	624,095	2.7%
Does have central heating	77,008	97.7%	1,273,142	97.7%	22,741,949	97.3%
Occupancy rating						
Occupancy rating (rooms) of -1 or less	2,709	3.4%	67,264	5.2%	1,995,860	8.5%
Occupancy rating (bedrooms) of -1 or less	1,947	2.5%	39,639	3.0%	1,100,606	4.7%
Average household size	2.3		2.3		2.4	
Average number of rooms per household	6.0		5.7		5.4	
Average number of bedrooms per household	2.9		2.8		2.7	

Definitions:

Average Household Size:

The average household size for an area is equal to the total number of usual residents living in households in that area divided by the total number of households in the area that have at least one usual resident.

Average number of bedrooms per household:

The average number of bedrooms per household for any area is equal to the total number of bedrooms in households in the area divided by the number of households in the area.

Average number of rooms per household:

The average number of rooms per household for any area is equal to the total number of rooms in households in the area divided by the number of households in the area.

Bedrooms:

The number of bedrooms in a household's accommodation.

A bedroom is defined as any room that was intended to be used as a bedroom when the property was built, or any room that has been permanently converted for use as a bedroom. It also includes all rooms intended for use as a bedroom even if not being used as a bedroom at the time of the Census.

Bedsits and studio flats are counted as having one bedroom.

Central Heating:

A household's accommodation is classified as having central heating if it is present in some or all rooms (whether used or not). Central heating is classified by type, for example one or more of the types – gas, electric (including storage heaters), oil, solid fuel (for example wood or coal) or other types (including solar, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) or other bottled gas).

Household:

A household is defined as one person living alone, or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities and share a living room or sitting room or dining area.

A household must contain at least one person whose place of usual residence is at the address. A group of short-term residents living together is not classified as a household and neither is a group of people at an address where only visitors are staying.

Household Size:

The size of a household is equal to the number of usual residents in the household. Visitors staying at an address do not combine to that household's size because they are counted in the household of their place of usual residence.

Household size is only applicable to household spaces with at least one usual resident.

Occupancy Rating:

Occupancy rating provides a measure of whether a household's accommodation is overcrowded or under occupied. There are two measures of occupancy rating, one based on the number of rooms in a household's accommodation, and one based on the number of bedrooms. The ages of the household members and their relationships to each other are used to derive the number of rooms/bedrooms they require, based on a standard formula. The number of rooms/bedrooms required is subtracted from the number of rooms/bedrooms in the household's accommodation to obtain the occupancy rating. An occupancy rating of -1 implies that a household has one fewer room/bedroom than required, whereas +1 implies that they have one more room/bedroom than the standard requirement.

Rooms:

The number of rooms in a household's accommodation.

The definition of a room does not include bathrooms, toilets, halls or landings, or rooms that can only be used for storage. All other rooms, for example, kitchens, living rooms, bedrooms, utility rooms, studies and conservatories are counted.

If two rooms have been converted into one they are counted as one room. Rooms shared between a number of households, for example a shared kitchen, are not counted.