

2021 Census Data for Carmarthenshire – Living Arrangements

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Living Arrangements	Carmarthenshire				Wales				England & Wales			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
All usual residents aged 16+ in households	148,278		153,225		2,455,794		2,504,309		44,533,150		47,559,763	
Living in a couple												
Opposite-sex couple: Married or in a civil partnership	Not asked		70,370	46.2%	Not asked		1,076,796	43.0%	Not asked		20,604,698	43.3%
Same-sex couple: Married or in a same-sex civil partnership	72,635	49.0%	489	0.3%	1,132,855	46.1%	7,818	0.3%	20,429,310	45.9%	158,211	0.3%
Separated, but still married or in a civil partnership	Not asked		126	0.1%	Not asked		1,948	0.1%	Not asked		47,328	0.1%
Cohabiting (opposite-sex)	15,930	10.7%	19,795	12.9%	285,241	11.6%	338,026	13.5%	5,310,090	11.9%	6,375,637	13.4%
Cohabiting (same sex)			999	0.7%			17,570	0.7%			317,994	0.7%
Not living in a couple												
Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	33,012	22.3%	34,816	22.7%	613,871	25.0%	648,604	25.9%	11,475,890	25.8%	12,681,906	26.7%
Married or in a registered civil partnership	1,436	1.0%	1,379	0.9%	26,123	1.1%	22,998	0.9%	640,114	1.4%	652,734	1.4%
Separated (including those who are married and those who are in civil partnerships)	2,362	1.6%	2,544	1.7%	43,691	1.8%	43,597	1.7%	941,885	2.1%	884,926	1.9%
Divorced or formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	10,807	7.3%	11,510	7.5%	176,590	7.2%	182,796	7.3%	2,922,463	6.6%	3,159,113	6.6%
Widowed or surviving partner from a civil partnership	12,096	8.2%	10,837	7.1%	177,423	7.2%	164,156	6.6%	2,813,398	6.3%	2,677,216	5.6%

Analysis:

- For residents living as a couple in Carmarthenshire, there has been a slight increase in the number of households that are cohabiting since the 2011 Census, which is similar to national levels.
- For residents that are not living as a couple, the highest proportion in Carmarthenshire is for the single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership) with 22.7% of the total, this is a slight increase since 2011.
- Carmarthenshire has a higher proportion of residents who are divorced (7.5%) than Wales (7.3%) and England and Wales (6.6%).
- Carmarthenshire also has a higher proportion of widowed or surviving partners from a civil partnership (7.1%) than Wales (6.6%) or England and Wales (5.6%).

Definition:

This dataset provides Census 2021 estimates that classify usual residents aged 16 years and over in England and Wales by their living arrangements. The estimates are as at Census Day, 21 March 2021.

The “living arrangements” classification combines responses to the question on marital and civil partnership status with information about whether or not a person is living in a couple. This topic is only applicable to people in households. Living arrangements differs from marital and civil partnership status because cohabiting takes priority over other categories. For example, if a person is divorced and cohabiting, then in results for living arrangements they are classified as cohabiting.