

2021 Census Data for Carmarthenshire – Current Occupation

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Current Occupation	Carmarthenshire				Wales				England & Wales			
	2011		2021		2011		2021		2011		2021	
All usual residents aged 16 to 74 in employment the week before the Census	80,680		81,853		1,363,615		1,368,451		26,526,336		27,773,667	
1. Managers, directors, and senior officials	7,355	9.1%	8,341	10.2%	125,802	9.2%	143,938	10.5%	2,860,702	10.8%	3,547,854	12.8%
2. Professional occupations	12,203	15.1%	13,868	16.9%	215,384	15.8%	249,466	18.2%	4,615,759	17.4%	5,606,115	20.2%
3. Associate professional and technical occupations	7,841	9.7%	8,829	10.8%	147,246	10.8%	161,273	11.8%	3,366,313	12.7%	3,661,022	13.2%
4. Administrative and secretarial occupations	8,446	10.5%	7,241	8.8%	151,407	11.1%	128,116	9.4%	3,034,637	11.4%	2,574,681	9.3%
5. Skilled trades occupations	13,189	16.4%	12,162	14.8%	183,277	13.4%	166,613	12.2%	3,041,957	11.5%	2,849,754	10.3%
6. Caring, leisure, and other service occupations	8,965	11.1%	10,086	12.3%	143,467	10.5%	153,029	11.2%	2,492,117	9.4%	2,600,177	9.4%
7. Sales and customer service occupations	7,026	8.7%	6,822	8.3%	123,392	9.0%	114,559	8.4%	2,240,869	8.4%	2,087,112	7.5%
8. Process, plant, and machine operatives	6,552	8.1%	6,435	7.9%	110,993	8.1%	107,475	7.9%	1,919,017	7.2%	1,940,141	7.0%
9. Elementary occupations	9,103	11.3%	8,169	10%	162,647	11.9%	143,982	10.5%	2,954,965	11.1%	2,906,811	10.5%

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Analysis:

- *In Carmarthenshire, the highest occupation category is 'professional occupations' with 16.9% (13,868), which has increased by 1.8 percentage points. However, Carmarthenshire continues to exhibit lower than average levels of people employed in this category compared with national averages. This is also true for numbers employed in the 'Managers, directors and senior officials' and 'Associate professional and technical' occupational areas.*
- *In Carmarthenshire, more people on average are employed in the 'Skilled trades' and 'Caring, leisure and other service' occupational areas when compared with national figures.*
- *Positively, since the last Census, increases have been seen in the numbers of people employed in occupational groups 1 to 3 in Carmarthenshire. Notably, Professional occupations is now the highest occupational category having overtaken 'Skilled trades occupations' since the last Census.*

Definition:

Employed (in employment):

A person aged 16 to 74 is defined as employed (or in employment) if in the week before the census they carried out at least one hour's paid work, either as an employee or self-employed. This includes casual or temporary work, on a government-sponsored training scheme, doing paid or unpaid work for their own or family business, being away from work ill, on maternity leave, or on holiday or temporarily laid off.

Main Job:

The 'Main job' of a person aged 16 to 74 is the job in which they usually work the most hours. For people not working at the time of the census the main job relates to the person's last job. Topics based on employment all relate to a person's main job.

Occupation:

A person's occupation relates to their main job and is derived from either their job title or details of the activities involved in their job. This is used to assign responses to an occupation code based on the Standard Occupational Classification 2010 (SOC2010)