

2011 CENSUS: HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Introduction

This briefing note highlights 2011 Census data on the characteristics of households and people living in households in Swansea.

In the 2011 Census, 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.

There are a range of household types that reflect the living arrangements that exist between people. These are:

- One person households,
- One family households (Couple with or without children; single parents with child(ren),
- Other households: multi-person households including unrelated adults sharing, student households, multi-family households and households of one family and other unrelated adults.

Household composition in Swansea

The 2011 Census showed that of the 103,497 households in Swansea, 33.3% (34,485) were 'one person' households. This is above the proportion for Wales (30.8%) and England & Wales (30.2%). In Swansea, 13.4% (13,867) were categorised as 'one person households: aged 65 and over'.

Fig.1: One-person households in Swansea (%) by ward

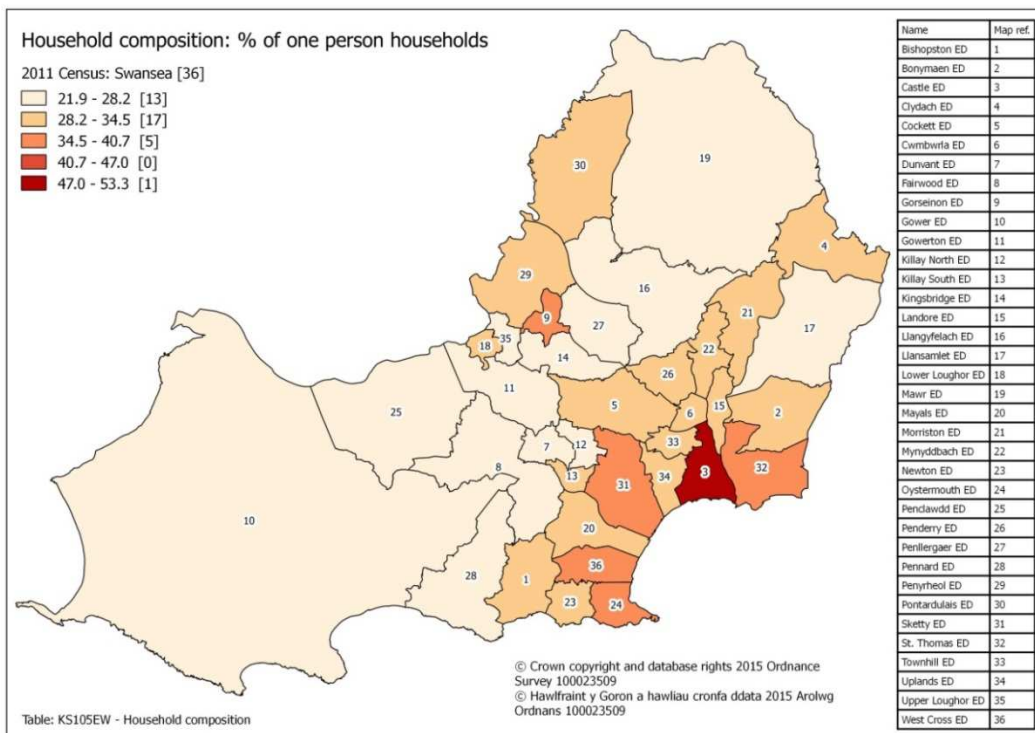


Figure 1 above shows the highest concentration of one person households in Swansea by ward is generally in the more urban and coastal areas (Castle, St. Thomas, Sketty, West Cross/Mumbles), plus Gorseinon. The figures for all 36 wards in Swansea are included in a table as Appendix 1.

In Swansea as a whole, 59.3% (61,419) of households were 'one family' (Wales 62.8%, England & Wales 61.8%); with 8.7% (8,966) 'one family households: aged 65 and over'. 30.4% (31,460) of households in Swansea were 'one family only: married or same sex civil partnership'. 11,627 one-family households (11.2% of all households) had no children, 13,629 (13.2%) had dependent children and 6,204 (6.2%) had non-dependent children*.

8.6% (8,901) of all households were categorised as 'one family only: cohabitating couple'. 4.4% (4,510) had no children, 3.8% (3,956) had dependent children and 0.4% (435) had non-dependent children.

11.7% (12,092) were 'one family only: lone parent' households, 7.8% (8,124) of these had dependent children and 3.8% (3,968) had non-dependent children. There were 7,593 households in Swansea in the 'Other household types' category (7.3% of all households).

Fig.2: One-family households in Swansea (%) by ward

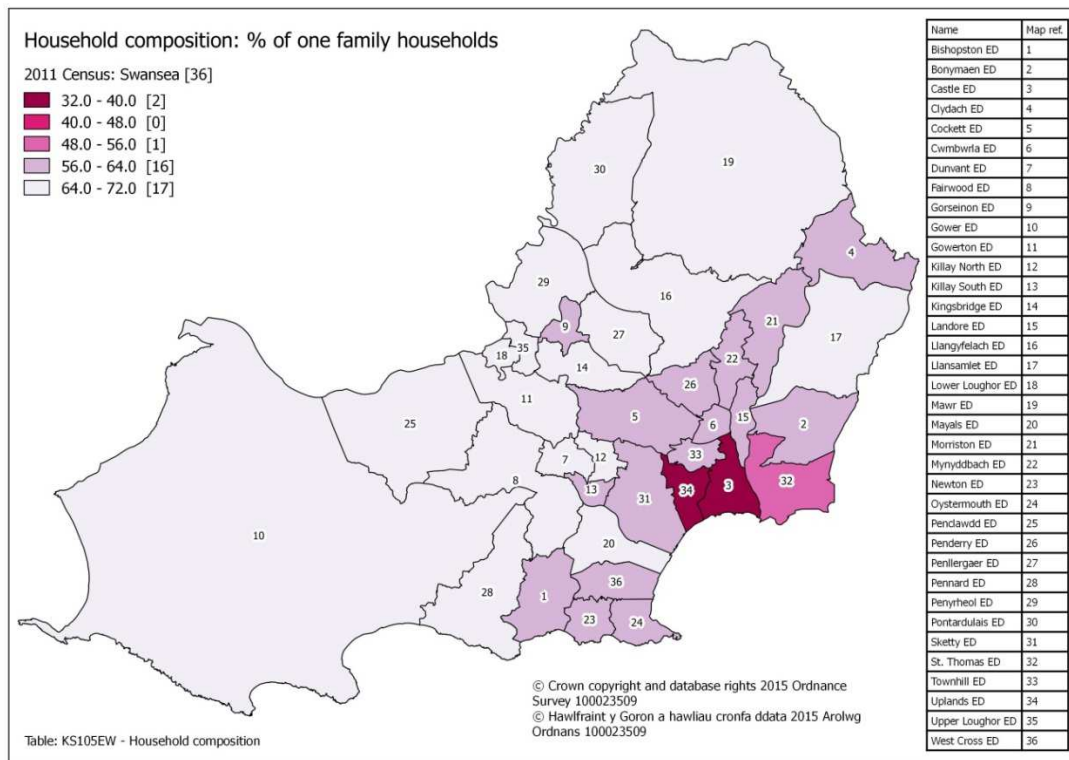


Figure 2 above shows that the lowest proportions of one-family households in Swansea can again be found in the urban areas, in particular Castle and Uplands wards, with the highest proportions in the generally more rural west and north areas of the county. The figures for all 36 wards in Swansea are included in a table as Appendix 2.

Household size

Households can be categorised by size; that is, the number of people usually resident in the household. In Swansea the most common household size recorded during the 2011 Census were 'two person' households, with 34,757 household spaces within this category (33.6% of all households). A further 34,485 (33.3%) were 'one person' households and only 171 (0.2%) had 8 or more persons within the household.

Households by housing tenure

64.3% (66,567) of all households in Swansea were owned outright, or by a mortgage, loan or shared ownership. 19.2% (19,878) were social rented and 16.5% (17,052) were private rented or living rent free.

Of the 34,757 'two person' households in Swansea, 44.9% (15,600) were owned outright and 25.5% (8,847) were owned by a mortgage, loan or shared ownership. 14.8% (5,151) were social rented and 14.8% (5,159) were private rented or living rent free. Within one-person households, private renting is more commonplace, with 27.0% (9,297) of all one-person households being social rented, compared with 19.2% across all household categories.

Household composition by car or van availability

Within the 34,485 'one person' households in Swansea, 47.6% (16,399) households had no car or van in the household. 48.4% (16,685) had 1 car or van in the household and only 4.1% (1,401) had 2 or more car or vans in the household.

Of the 61,419 'one family' households in Swansea, 13.7% (8,392) had no cars or vans in the household. 41.7% (25,591) had 1 car or van in the household and 44.7% (27,436) had 2 or more cars or vans in the household.

If you would like any further statistical information from the 2011 Census on households and household composition in Swansea, please contact:

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* **Note:** a dependent child is any person aged 0 to 15 in a household (whether or not in a family) or a person aged 16 to 18 in full-time education and living in a family with his or her parent(s) or grandparent(s). It does not include any people aged 16 to 18 who have a spouse, partner or child living in the household.

(Source: 2011 Census Glossary of Terms, ONS, May 2014)

APPENDIX 1:
One Person Households in Swansea (%) by Ward (2011 Census)

Rank: 1-36	Swansea Ward	Number	% of total
1	Castle	4,406	53.3
2	West Cross	1,143	37.3
3	Sketty	2,244	36.6
4	Oystermouth	715	36.2
5	St. Thomas	1,200	36.1
6	Gorseinon	692	36.0
7	Uplands	2,026	34.4
8	Townhill	1,306	33.9
9	Killay South	356	33.7
10	Penderry	1,731	33.5
11	Landore	906	33.3
12	Newton	501	33.3
13	Bonymaen	986	33.1
14	Mynyddbach	1,323	33.0
15	Cwmbwrla	1,123	32.6
16	Cockett	1,889	32.4
17	Mayals	387	32.0
18	Bishopston	465	31.8
19	Clydach	1,039	31.8
20	Lower Loughor	313	31.0
21	Morrleston	2,249	30.9
22	Pontardulais	805	30.3
23	Penyrheol	647	28.4
24	Penclawdd	439	28.1
25	Mawr	212	27.6
26	Pennard	317	27.2
27	Killay North	261	26.9
28	Upper Loughor	314	26.8
29	Kingsbridge	450	26.7
30	Llangyfelach	558	26.7
31	Penllergaer	320	26.7
32	Gowerton	563	26.2
33	Llansamlet	1,537	25.7
34	Dunvant	458	24.9
35	Gower	353	24.0
36	Fairwood	251	21.9
	Swansea	34,485	33.3

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APPENDIX 2: One Family Households in Swansea (%) by Ward (2011 Census)

Rank: 1-36	Swansea Ward	Number	% of total
1	Fairwood	827	72.0
2	Dunvant	1,319	71.7
3	Llangyfelach	1,452	69.5
4	Gowerton	1,492	69.3
5	Gower	1,016	69.1
6	Llansamlet	4,126	69.1
7	Penllergaer	824	68.7
8	Upper Loughor	804	68.7
9	Kingsbridge	1,154	68.4
10	Killay North	658	67.8
11	Pennard	791	67.8
12	Penclawdd	1,045	67.0
13	Penyrheol	1,504	66.1
14	Mawr	503	65.6
15	Pontardulais	1,740	65.4
16	Lower Loughor	654	64.8
17	Mayals	776	64.2
18	Bishopston	934	63.8
19	Morrison	4,631	63.6
20	Newton	954	63.5
21	Clydach	2,059	63.0
22	Cockett	3,648	62.6
23	Killay South	658	62.3
24	Mynyddbach	2,495	62.2
25	Cwmbwrla	2,124	61.6
26	Penderry	3,140	60.7
27	Bonymaen	1,806	60.6
28	Townhill	2,302	59.8
29	Gorseinon	1,144	59.5
30	Landore	1,618	59.4
31	Sketty	3,564	58.2
32	West Cross	1,775	58.0
33	Oystermouth	1,143	57.9
34	St. Thomas	1,841	55.4
35	Uplands	2,255	38.3
36	Castle	2,643	32.0
	Swansea	61,419	59.3

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