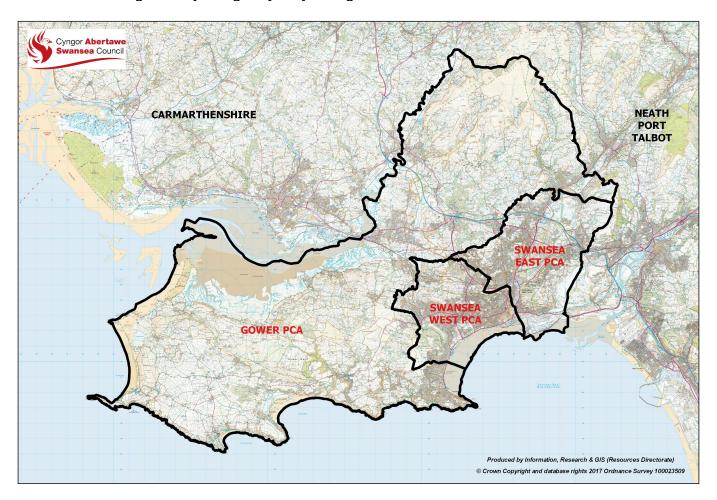
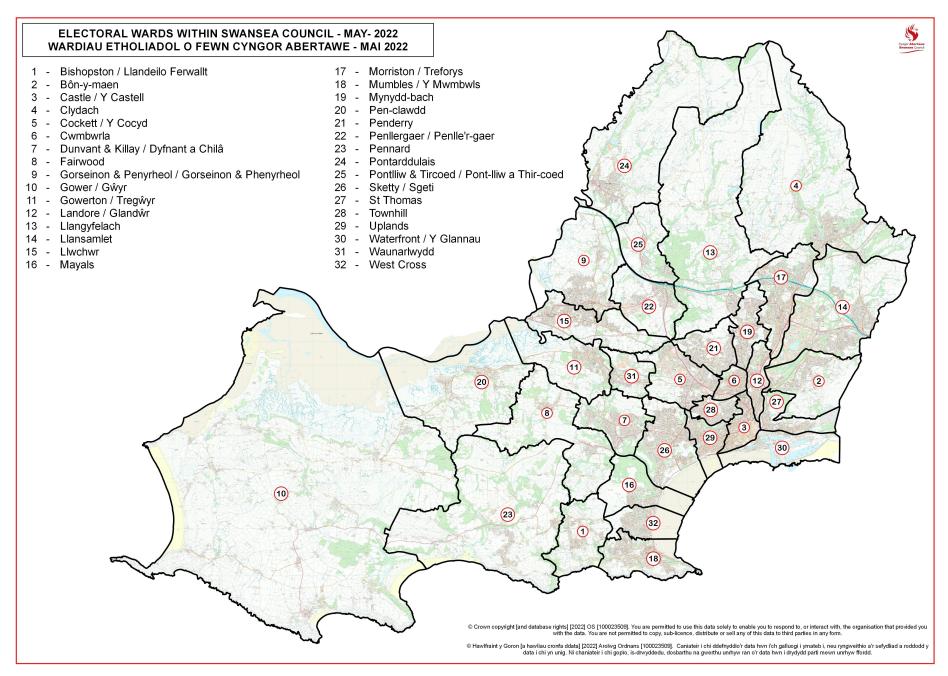


CITY & COUNTY OF SWANSEA PROFILE: July 2023

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- Location: Situated on the South West Wales coast, Swansea is Wales' second largest city. The wider county area also includes a number of suburban centres, and the more rural Gower peninsula and Lliw uplands areas.
- Adjacent local authorities: Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot.
- Constituency areas (Welsh Government / UK Parliament): Gower, Swansea East and Swansea West.
- **Population**: 237,800 (source: mid-2021 rounded estimates, Office for National Statistics)
- Area: 378 square kilometres (km²).
- Population Density: 630 people per km² (ONS 2021)
- Population Change: -900 / -0.4% (2011 to 2021 mid-year estimates, ONS).
- Employment (ONS workplace estimate, 2021): 108,000.



POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD STATISTICS

Population estimates: City and County of Swansea

Population	a.) Swansea: mid-2021		Wales		b.) Swansea:	Wales	
Population	Total	%	%		Total	%	%
Aged : 0-4	11,300	4.8	4.9		11,427	4.8	5.0
5-15	29,200	12.3	12.7		29,206	12.2	12.6
16-24	30,100	12.7	10.5		31,103	13.0	10.6
25-44	57,700	24.3	24.0		57,652	24.2	24.0
45-64	60,200	25.3	26.5		60,226	25.3	26.5
65-74	25,900	10.9	11.6		25,844	10.8	11.6
75+	23,300	9.8	9.9		23,035	9.7	9.8
Total	237,800	100	100		238,493	100	100
Female	120,700	50.7	51.1		120,968	50.7	51.1
Male	117,100	49.3	48.9		117,525	49.3	48.9

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS). a.) Mid-2021 rounded population estimates. b.) 2021 Census Table RM121.

Note: The mid-2021 annual estimates are the latest official local authority level estimates of the population by age and sex. The Census 2021 data is also included above for context and to use in conjunction with other tables in this profile.

Summary

- 3rd highest local authority area population in Wales, and 5th highest population density (mid-2021).
- Higher proportion of young people aged 16-24, in part due to students.
- Slightly lower percentages of children (aged 5-15) and residents aged 45-74.
- Higher proportions (than the Wales average) of people born outside the UK and in nonwhite ethnic group (2021 Census).
- Lower percentage of people able to speak Welsh than Wales average.
- Slightly higher proportion of adults with higher (level 4+) qualifications.
- Smaller average household size than Wales.
- > Higher proportions of one person (under 66) and other household types.
- Larger percentage of semi-detached housing and flats, maisonettes or apartments than Wales averages.
- Below average levels of home ownership and higher percentage of households in Council and private rented tenures.
- Below average economic activity rates and lower proportions of employee and selfemployed residents, and higher economic inactivity rates – mostly due to students.

Population characteristics

People:	Swansea	%	Wales %
born in the UK	216,019	90.6	93.1
born outside UK	22,471	9.4	6.9
in non-white ethnic group	20,439	8.6	6.2
able to speak Welsh (aged 3+)	25,986	11.2	17.8
in good health	187,612	78.7	78.6
disabled under the Equality Act	53,484	22.4	21.6
with Level 4+ qualifications (aged 16+)	64,835	32.8	31.5
with no qualifications (aged 16+)	37,304	18.9	19.9

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Tables TS004, TS021, TS033, TS037, TS038, TS067).

Household composition

	Swansea	%	Wales %
Total households / (Average Household Size)	104,961	(2.22)	(2.27)
Composition: One person: Age 66+	15,259	14.5	14.6
Other	20,895	19.9	17.3
Single family household: All aged 66+	10,017	9.5	10.2
Married or civil partnership couple	28,088	26.8	28.7
Cohabiting couple family	10,904	10.4	11.6
Lone parent family	13,217	12.6	12.0
Other single family household	701	0.7	0.6
Other household types	5,880	5.6	5.0

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS003).

HOUSING: Type and Tenure

Household accommodation type	Swansea	%	Wales %
Detached	25,167	24.0	28.5
Semi-detached	36,244	34.5	32.1
Terraced (incl. end terrace)	26,665	25.4	26.6
Flat, maisonette or apartment	16,642	15.9	12.5
Caravan or other mobile/temporary	243	0.2	0.3

Tenure	Swansea	%	Wales %
Households: Owned: Outright	37,162	35.4	38.0
Owned with a mortgage or loan	28,224	26.9	28.0
Households: Rented: Social rented; from Council	12,257	11.7	8.7
Social rented; Other (incl. Housing Association)	7,788	7.4	7.8
Private rented	18,901	18.0	17.0
Other (incl. Shared ownership, Living rent free)	630	0.6	0.5

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Tables TS044, TS054).

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

People aged 16 and over:	Swansea	%	Wales %
Economically Active	107,375	54.3	56.5
Employees: Part-time and Full-time	83,405	42.2	43.7
Self-employed	12,614	6.4	8.2
Unemployed	4,873	2.5	2.5
Economically active student	6,483	3.3	2.2
Economically Inactive	90,482	45.7	43.5
Retired	47,263	23.9	24.7
Student	16,636	8.4	5.7
Looking after home or family	8,283	4.2	4.3
Long-term sick or disabled	12,529	6.3	5.9
Other	5,771	2.9	2.9

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS066).

WELSH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (WIMD 2019)

Rankings from WIMD are not available for local authority areas in Wales. For further information, please visit our WIMD web page: www.swansea.gov.uk/wimd2019.

Note: The content in this profile will be developed as further ward data becomes available.

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