

# 2001 Census of Population

## Key Statistics for Assembly Constituencies:

# Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney



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<b>Population</b>			
Total Population	<b>72,228</b>	..	..
Population aged 16+	<b>78.5%</b>	79.8%	78.1%
Aged 0-15	<b>21.5%</b>	20.2%	21.9%
Aged 75 and over	<b>7.5%</b>	8.3%	6.3%
<b>Welsh Speakers</b>			
Can Speak Welsh	<b>10.1%</b>	20.8%	7.1%
One or more skills in Welsh	<b>17.5%</b>	28.4%	n/a
Identified as Welsh	<b>16.3%</b>	14.4%	n/a
<b>Ethnic Origin</b>			
Non-White Ethnic Group	<b>0.9%</b>	2.1%	0.7%
<b>Place of Birth</b>			
Wales	<b>92.5%</b>	75.4%	92.5%
Other UK	<b>6.2%</b>	21.4%	6.2%
Elsewhere in EU	<b>0.5%</b>	1.3%	0.5%
Non-EU	<b>0.8%</b>	1.9%	0.7%
<b>Religion</b>			
Christian	<b>69.1%</b>	71.9%	n/a
Muslim	<b>0.2%</b>	0.7%	n/a
Buddhist	<b>0.1%</b>	0.2%	n/a
Hindu	<b>0.2%</b>	0.2%	n/a
Other	<b>0.3%</b>	0.4%	n/a
No Religion/Not stated	<b>30.2%</b>	26.6%	n/a
<b>Marital Status (population aged 16+)</b>			
Single (Never Married)	<b>28.7%</b>	28.0%	24.4%
Married	<b>50.6%</b>	52.0%	58.4%
Separated or divorced	<b>10.7%</b>	10.6%	6.2%
Widowed	<b>10.1%</b>	9.4%	11.0%
<b>Health</b>			
Limiting Long-term illness	<b>30.4%</b>	23.3%	22.9%
General Health 'Not Good'	<b>18.4%</b>	12.5%	n/a
Providing 'unpaid' care 50+ hours a week	<b>3.9%</b>	3.1%	n/a
<b>Households</b>			
Total Households	<b>29,940</b>	..	..
Average Household size	<b>2.40</b>	2.37	2.55
One person households	<b>29.0%</b>	29.1%	25.2%
Lone Parent households with dependent children	<b>9.7%</b>	7.3%	5.7%
Pensioner Households	<b>24.5%</b>	25.6%	25.5%
Households with No Central Heating	<b>4.0%</b>	7.5%	13.8%
Households with One or more person with Limiting Long-term illness	<b>54.2%</b>	42.4%	43.3%

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<b>Household spaces</b>			
Total Household Spaces	<b>31,705</b>	..	..
Vacant	<b>5.7%</b>	4.2%	5.7%
Second Homes/holiday accommodation	<b>0.2%</b>	1.3%	0.1%
<b>Tenure</b>			
Owner Occupied	<b>65.8%</b>	71.3%	62.8%
Local Authority	<b>20.0%</b>	13.7%	28.0%
Housing Association/Registered Social Landlord	<b>5.0%</b>	4.2%	4.8%
Private Landlord	<b>5.1%</b>	7.4%	3.2%
Other	<b>4.2%</b>	3.3%	1.2%
<b>Transport</b>			
Households without a car/van	<b>36.0%</b>	26.0%	44.4%
Households with 2 or more car/vans	<b>19.5%</b>	28.5%	13.8%
Travel to work by car (16-74 in employment)	<b>72.4%</b>	70.7%	64.6%
Travel to work by public transport (16-74 in employment)	<b>9.5%</b>	6.5%	14.4%
Work at/from Home (16-74 in employment)	<b>6.2%</b>	9.7%	2.9%
<b>Education</b>			
People aged 16-74 with no qualifications	<b>45.7%</b>	33.0%	n/a
People aged 16-74 with degree level or higher qualification	<b>10.6%</b>	17.4%	2.2%

**Source:** Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright

**Notes**

The above table shows a selection of values and proportions taken from the 2001 Census of Population Key Statistics results for National Assembly for Wales Constituencies and Regions. The Office for National Statistics published these figures on 3 April 2003. Comparisons with the proportions for Wales as a whole are also shown, alongside comparisons with 1991 Census data where possible.

- (a) In 1991, the question was "Does the person speak Welsh?" (rather than "Can")
- (b) In 2001, this includes those of "Mixed" ethnic origin. This category was not identified separately in 1991
- (c) Figures for 1991 are for the European Union prior to enlargement (but include the Republic of Ireland)
- (d) Figures for 1991 are for Divorced people only (ie: excludes those who are separated)
- (e) Figures for 1991 are for those aged 16+ in employment and were based on a 10% sample
- (f) Figures for 1991 are for those aged 18+ and were based on a 10% sample