

# Well-being in Pembrokeshire

Public service providers across West Wales are working together to assess the state of well-being of local people and communities, now and for the future.

Many factors can influence the well-being of individuals and communities, such as economic, environmental and social factors.

We have been looking at existing research and have put together a short list of things we know already about well-being in Pembrokeshire (see below).

What is just as important is finding out what YOU think affects your well-being, as well as that of those around you.

You can give your views by completing a Well-being Survey at [www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/haveyoursay)

We will also be working with local groups over the next few months to make sure we find out about the views of lots of different types of people.

The information will be used to inform a Pembrokeshire Well-being Assessment, which will be used by local public service providers to put together a Well-being Plan (by April 2018).

## Things we already know about well-being in Pembrokeshire

- Around 123,700 people currently live in Pembrokeshire
- Pembrokeshire is sparsely populated; this means there are around 76 people for each square kilometre of land and people are likely to live further away from things
- Looking ahead it is thought that by 2035 there will be 10% fewer 0 – 64 year olds and 47% more people aged 65 and over (than in 2011)
- It is predicted that the number of people in the county suffering from dementia is likely to increase by 70% by 2035 (from 2015) and that 10% of the over 65s will need care by 2036
- 63% of people in Pembrokeshire are active, and take part in sports, which is slightly higher than the national average
- Pembrokeshire residents are also less likely to smoke and drink, and more likely to eat healthily
- Overall, Pembrokeshire residents are slightly more likely to be overweight and there is a slightly higher number of overweight children, than elsewhere in Wales
- Life expectancy is favourable in Pembrokeshire
- Residents are likely to have good mental health (4% more report no mental health issues, than elsewhere in Wales)

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- Pembrokeshire has the second highest proportion of empty and second homes compared with other areas in Wales. It is estimated that, in parts of Pembrokeshire where a fifth or more of homes are either empty or second homes, house prices are now eight times average income
- The number of homes assessed as having hazards is higher than elsewhere in Wales
- Achievement by pupils at the end of primary school is slightly higher than the Wales average but achievement by pupils at the end of secondary school is lower. Achievement at the end of secondary school has been improving but it is not improving as quickly as it is across Wales generally
- At present, unemployment is low. The employment rate is similar to that in Wales as a whole but more people are self-employed and / or work part-time
- The average weekly wage is £464 (£484 Wales average)
- Thirty-six percent of households have a relatively low income compared with households in the UK as a whole
- 19,700 (19%) of children are calculated as living in poverty, compared with 22% elsewhere in Wales
- High numbers are employed in UK growth areas, including accommodation and food service, arts, entertainment, recreation, human health and social work. High numbers are also employed in areas that are declining in the UK, including construction, defence and public administration
- The number of new businesses starting in Pembrokeshire is higher than the national average, and the survival rate is good. Businesses report challenges in being able to employ the number of people they need
- In 2015, people were asked some questions about their local area in the National Survey for Wales:
  - 92% felt that people in Pembrokeshire treated each other with respect and consideration
  - 88% of people felt a sense of belonging to Pembrokeshire
  - 85% of people felt that people from different backgrounds got on well together in Pembrokeshire
- 89% of people reported that they felt it was safe to walk in their local area after dark
- 75% of households have internet access, the sixth lowest rate in Wales
- In the 2011 Census, 22,800 people said they were able to speak Welsh (19%)
- Attendance at arts events and historic places is in line with national averages, and the number attending museums is slightly lower
- 93% say they have easy access to a park or other open space
- The most recent recycling rates show that, at 64%, Pembrokeshire's is the highest in Wales
- Looking ahead it is thought that by 2050 there will be 14% more rain over winter and 16% over summer. It is also thought it will be 2.5°C warmer in winter and 3.4°C in summer
- Rising temperatures and an increased risk of flooding are likely to affect a number of things including water quality, tourism and farming