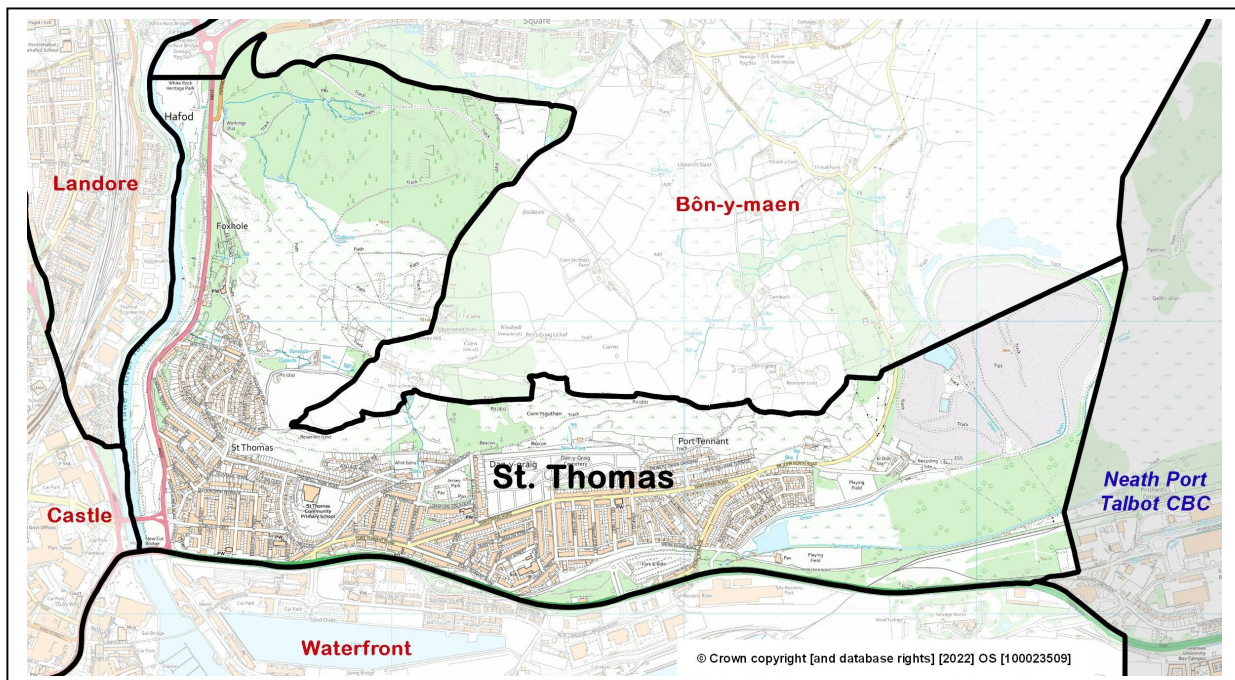


## ST. THOMAS WARD PROFILE

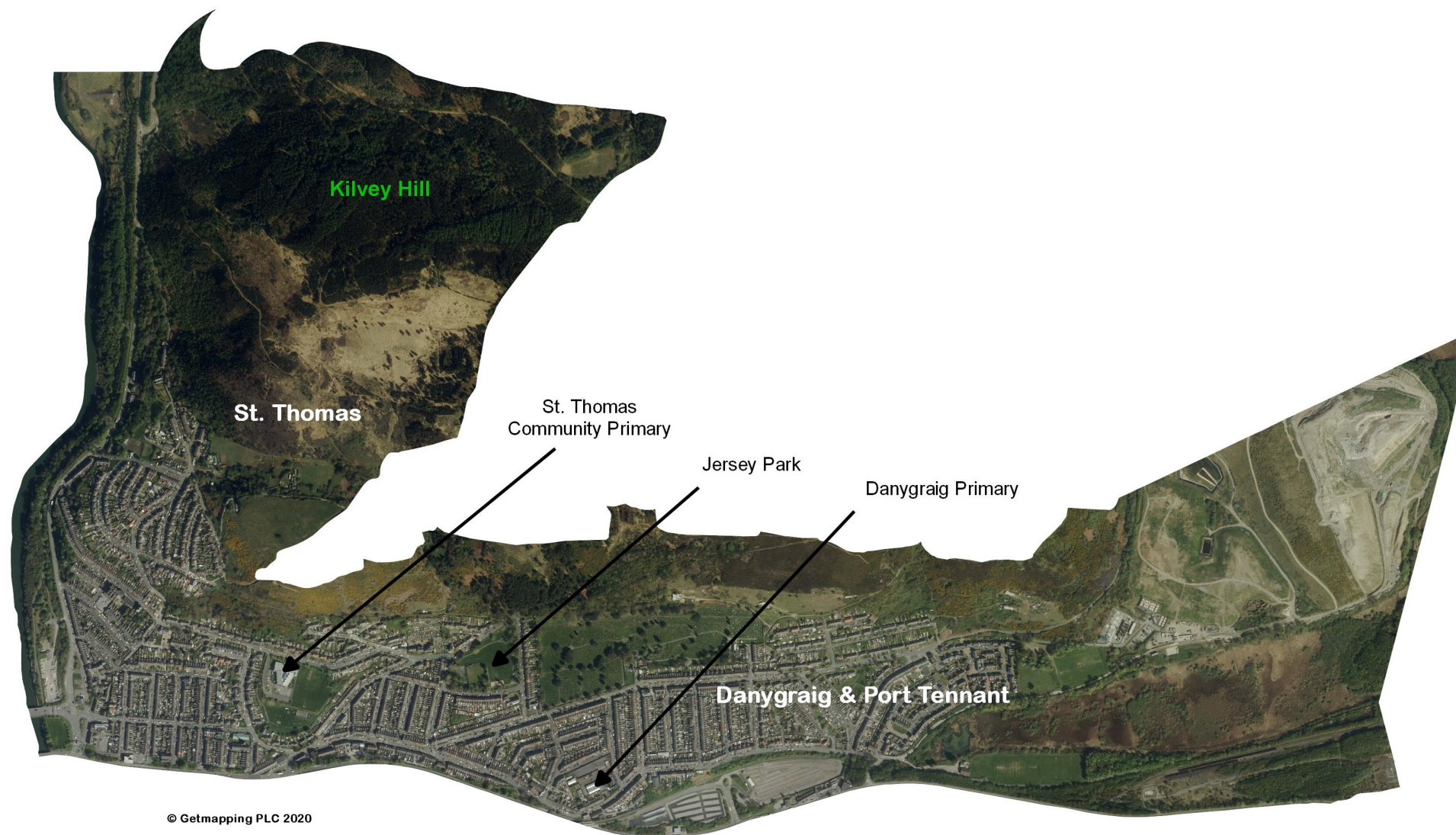
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**Councillors (Electoral vote, May 2022):** Hayley Gwilliam (Labour – 1,043); Joe Hale (Labour – 1,285). **Turnout = 27%. Electorate: 4,903.**



- **Location:** Approximately 1 kilometre east of Swansea city centre, consisting of the localities of St. Thomas, Danygraig and Port Tennant.
- **Adjacent Wards (Swansea):** Bon-y-maen, Waterfront, Castle, Landore.
- **Electoral Boundary Review 2022:** Changed – the part of the former St. Thomas electoral ward south of the A483 is now part of the new Waterfront electoral ward.
- **Constituency area (Welsh Government / UK Parliament):** Swansea East.
- **Population** (Office for National Statistics rounded estimate, 2021 Census): 6,900.
- **Area:** 3.3 sq. km. **Population Density:** 2,069 people per sq. km (ONS, 2021)
- **Employment** (former ward, ONS workplace estimate, 2021): n/a (no equivalent). Major employers: Swansea Council (schools), local centre businesses.

## Ward features, facilities and localities:





## ABOUT THE WARD

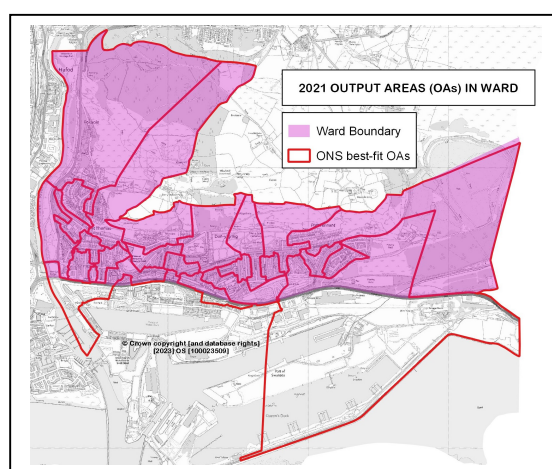
Bounded to its west by the River Tawe and to the south by Fabian Way (A483), the main route into Swansea from the east, the ward includes Kilvey Hill, at almost 200 metres high, and a number of residential areas to its south. The St Thomas, Danygraig and Port Tennant areas include a core of mid-Victorian 2-3 bedroom terraces originally built to accommodate local industrial and dock workers, followed later by post-war council housing.

The comparatively low cost of housing in St Thomas, coupled with the close proximity of the SA1 Swansea Waterfront development, has seen the area emerge as an increasingly desirable location for many first time buyers and buy-to-let investors. Local house prices have generally increased in recent years as a result.

## POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD STATISTICS

### Population estimates (2021 Census)

Population	St. Thomas		Swansea
	Total	%	%
<b>Aged: 0-4</b>	404	5.8	4.8
5-15	889	12.8	12.2
16-24	1,126	16.3	13.0
25-44	1,893	27.3	24.2
45-64	1,568	22.6	25.3
65-74	561	8.1	10.8
75+	485	7.0	9.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,926</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Female	3,454	49.9	50.7
Male	3,472	50.1	49.3



Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table RM121).

Note: Ward statistics relate to the best-fit Census Output Areas (OAs) shown on the map above.

### Summary

- 15th smallest ward population in Swansea, and 11<sup>th</sup> highest population density (2021).
- Slightly higher proportions (than Swansea average) of people aged under 44 years.
- Lower proportions of people aged over 45 years.
- Higher proportions of people born outside the UK, and with no qualifications.
- Higher percentage of lone parent family households and other household types.
- Significantly higher proportion of terraced housing and privately rented households.
- Economic activity rates above Swansea average, with slightly higher percentages of employees, unemployed and students.

## Population characteristics

People:	St. Thomas	%	Swansea %
born in the UK	5,976	86.2	90.6
born outside UK	953	13.8	9.4
in non-white ethnic group	700	10.1	8.6
able to speak Welsh (aged 3+)	484	7.2	11.2
in good health	5,416	78.2	78.7
disabled under the Equality Act	1,519	21.9	22.4
with Level 4+ qualifications (aged 16+)	1,436	25.5	32.8
with no qualifications (aged 16+)	1,436	25.5	18.9

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

## Household composition

	St. Thomas	%	Swansea %
<b>Total households / (Average Household Size)</b>	<b>3,131</b>	<b>(2.21)</b>	<b>(2.22)</b>
<b>Composition: One person: Age 66+</b>	384	12.3	14.5
Other	709	22.6	19.9
<b>Single family household: All aged 66+</b>	185	5.9	9.5
Married or civil partnership couple	688	22.0	26.8
Cohabiting couple family	399	12.7	10.4
Lone parent family	496	15.8	12.6
Other single family household	28	0.9	0.7
<b>Other household types</b>	242	7.7	5.6

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS003).

## HOUSING: Type and Tenure

Household accommodation type	St. Thomas	%	Swansea %
Detached	136	4.3	24.0
Semi-detached	743	23.7	34.5
Terraced (incl. end terrace)	1,902	60.8	25.4
Flat, maisonette or apartment	348	11.1	15.9
Caravan or other mobile/temporary	1	0.0	0.2

Tenure	St. Thomas	%	Swansea %
<b>Households: Owned: Outright</b>	953	30.5	35.4
Owned with a mortgage or loan	722	23.1	26.9
<b>Households: Rented: Social rented; from Council</b>	330	10.5	11.7
Social rented; Other (incl. Housing Association)	262	8.4	7.4
Private rented	843	27.0	18.0
Other (incl. Shared ownership, Living rent free)	18	0.6	0.6

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

## ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

People aged 16 and over:	St. Thomas	%	Swansea %
<b>Economically Active</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>54.3</b>
Employees: Part-time and Full-time	2,466	43.7	42.2
Self-employed	305	5.4	6.4
Unemployed	191	3.4	2.5
Economically active student	233	4.1	3.3
<b>Economically Inactive</b>	<b>2,443</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>45.7</b>
Retired	965	17.1	23.9
Student	567	10.1	8.4
Looking after home or family	290	5.1	4.2
Long-term sick or disabled	403	7.1	6.3
Other	218	3.9	2.9

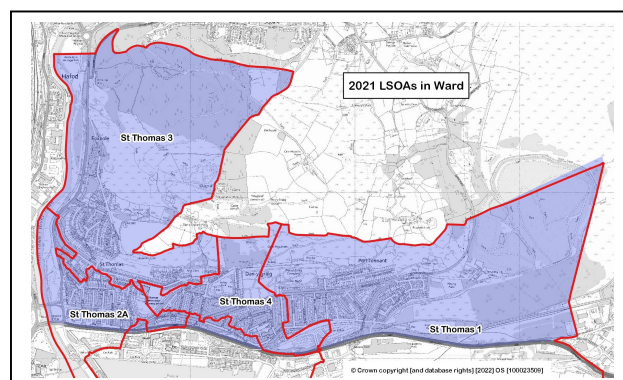
Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS066).

## WELSH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (WIMD)

- WIMD 2019 based on Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) geography – in this profile, the area consists of four LSOAs.

Highest index and domain rankings (Wales):

- St Thomas 1 – Health (1st decile), Overall index, Income, Housing (2nd decile), Employment, Access to services, Community safety (3rd decile).
- St Thomas 2A – Health, Housing (2nd decile), Overall index, Income, Education (3rd decile).
- St Thomas 3 / St Thomas 4 – Housing (3rd decile).



LSOA	Overall index		Domains: Income		Employment		Health		Education		Access to Services		Housing		Community Safety		Physical Environment	
ST 1	23	269	31	284	36	418	17	154	29	390	9	408	20	284	39	467	78	1261
ST 2A	43	484	48	535	53	661	34	341	34	449	55	901	19	277	46	607	33	780
ST 3	62	811	61	723	62	743	73	872	54	692	50	846	25	445	73	1001	95	1415
ST 4	57	749	56	673	50	638	55	688	56	700	89	1302	31	492	53	731	83	1293

Source: WIMD 2019 (published November 2019), Welsh Government. Note: LSOAs ranked 1-148 (Swansea), 1-1909 (Wales).

Note: the rankings for the 'St. Thomas 2A' LSOA above are the WIMD 2019 rankings for the former 'St. Thomas 2' LSOA.

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

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