

Public Housing in Wellington Region

The Wellington region is based on the following Territorial Local Authorities:

Carterton District, Kapiti Coast District, Lower Hutt City, Masterton District, Porirua City, South Wairarapa District, Upper Hutt City, Wellington City.



Public Housing Supply

Public houses are properties owned or leased by Kāinga Ora and registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) that can be tenanted by people who are eligible for public housing.

8,039

Kāinga Ora
IRRS Tenancies

349

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

182

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

3

Registered CHP
Market Renters

28

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

263

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 8,864

Public houses in Wellington region
(8,867 as at 31 March 2020)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 30 June 2020.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) pays an Income-Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) to registered housing providers to cover the balance between the tenant's rental payment and the market rent for the property.

Housing Support in the Wellington Region

Accommodation Supplement (AS) is a weekly payment to assist people who are not in public housing, with their rent, board or the cost of owning a home. A person does not have to be receiving a benefit to qualify for Accommodation Supplement.

31,997

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(29,750 as at 31 March 2020)

\$2,862,909

Weekly total AS amount
(\$2,675,967 as at 31 March 2020)

Temporary Additional Support (TAS) is a weekly payment that helps to cover essential living costs that cannot be met from their income and through other resources. It is paid for a maximum of 13 weeks, and the recipient does not have to be receiving a main benefit to qualify for it.

7,902

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(7,060 as at 31 March 2020)

\$499,013

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$433,814 as at 31 March 2020)

Community Housing Providers

From 2014 registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) became eligible to receive the Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) for tenants.

CHPs are registered, regulated and monitored by the Community Housing Regulatory Authority.

15

Porirua Whanau
Centre Trust

22

LinkPeople
Limited

25

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

149

Trusthouse
Limited

21

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

17

Kahui Tu Kaha
Limited

60

Dwell Housing
Trust

39

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

4

Airedale Property
Trust

= 352

Public housing tenancies in Wellington region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers

(319 as at 31 March 2020)

Transitional Housing

Transitional housing provides warm, dry and safe short-term accommodation for people in need, along with tailored housing related support while they're there. Transitional housing is managed by providers, who are skilled in supporting tenants with a range of social and tenancy-related services, and are also responsible for maintaining the properties.

The transitional housing programme is led by HUD in collaboration with Kāinga Ora, transitional housing providers, the Ministry of Social Development and the wider housing sector.

People living in transitional housing pay rent of up to 25% of their income, which is in line with income-related rents for public housing. The balance is subsidised to providers by HUD.

8

Atareira

113

Emerge Aotearoa

34

First Community
Trust

4

Koraunui Marae

24

Oasis Network

20

The Salvation Army

23

Wellington
City Mission

12

Upper Hutt
Housing Trust

22

Wellington
Night Shelter

5

Wellington Women's
Boarding House

42

Women's Refuge

11

Kahungunu
Whanau Services

5

Te Whare Tane
Charitable Trust

= 323

Total available places as at
30 June 2020

(307 as at 31 March 2020)

Housing Support Products

Housing Support Products (HSPs) consist of a range of products designed to assist people to achieve or sustain independence in the private housing market. HSPs help to ensure that those who most need public housing can access it by reducing the number of people on the register, and by helping those who can sustain alternative housing to do so.



\$47,751

Bond Grants



\$5,588

Moving Assistance



\$13,941

Rent Arrears



\$11,440

Rent in Advance



\$2,000

Tenancy
Costs Cover



\$3,000

Transition to
Alternative
Housing Grant

= 66

Grants for 43 distinct clients (total \$83,720)

(67 grants for 50 distinct clients, total \$89,026 as at 31 March 2020)

Public Housing Register

When New Zealanders are in need of public housing, their needs are recorded on the Public Housing Register. The Public Housing Register is comprised of a Housing Register and a Transfer Register. The Housing Register is prioritised by need and consists of public housing applicants who have been assessed as being eligible. The Transfer Register is made up of people already in public housing, but who have requested and are eligible for a transfer to another property.

2,130

Housing register

(1,869 as at
31 March 2020)

445

Transfer register

(439 as at
31 March 2020)

Applications Housed



Wellington

118 (241 as at 31 March 2020)



National

1,192 (1,866 as at 31 March 2020)

Notes:

- This includes both A and B priority applications.
- Applications housed may have been housed with Kāinga Ora or with a Community Housing Provider.

Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant

The purpose of the Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant (EH SNG) is to help individuals and families with the cost of staying in short-term accommodation if they are unable to access one of HUD's contracted transitional housing places.

The EH SNG pays for short-term accommodation for up to seven days at a time, and is provided by commercial and community providers who are not contracted by HUD to deliver accommodation services.

In the quarter ending 30 June 2020, there have been **3,812** grants made supporting **1,009** households compared with **2,948** grants supporting **618** households in the quarter ending 31 March 2020.

\$8,943,474

Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 30 June 2020

(\$5,054,741 as at 31 March 2020)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 30 June 2020, based on the housing region the last grant of the quarter was made in.

Regional Overview

Carterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 12 (10)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 15 (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$15,861 (\$5,705)
Kapiti Coast District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 145 (119)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 15 (16)	Public Housing tenancies 218 (219)	Transitional Housing places 9 (9)	Number of EH SNG approved 376 (207) Amount of EH SNG approved \$620,828 (\$267,069)
Lower Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 584 (553)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 192 (179)	Public Housing tenancies 3,215 (3,209)	Transitional Housing places 70 (69)	Number of EH SNG approved 919 (1,123) Amount of EH SNG approved \$2,544,915 (\$2,340,821)
Masterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 133 (108)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 141 (128)	Transitional Housing places 23 (23)	Number of EH SNG approved 366 (221) Amount of EH SNG approved \$672,135 (\$334,300)
Porirua City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 317 (304)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 123 (127)	Public Housing tenancies 2,625 (2,625)	Transitional Housing places 45 (45)	Number of EH SNG approved 434 (456) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,174,034 (\$714,218)
South Wairarapa District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 21 (20)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 21 (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$25,931 (\$2,151)
Upper Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 164 (160)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 18 (17)	Public Housing tenancies 391 (393)	Transitional Housing places 76 (65)	Number of EH SNG approved 223 (199) Amount of EH SNG approved \$549,755 (\$339,881)
Wellington City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 754 (595)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 97 (100)	Public Housing tenancies 1,966 (1,955)	Transitional Housing places 100 (96)	Number of EH SNG approved 1,458 (736) Amount of EH SNG approved \$3,340,014 (\$1,050,595)

Notes:

- An 'S' denotes data of a small volume. The data is suppressed to ensure the privacy of our clients, and therefore the sum across areas may not equal the total displayed.
- Emergency Housing – Amount of EH SNG is the total value of grants issued in the quarter ending 30 June 2020.
- Public Housing Tenancies includes Kāinga Ora and community housing provider tenanted properties that are either subsidised through Income-Related Rent Subsidy or the tenant is paying market rent, and is at 30 June 2020.