

Frequently Asked Questions - Government housing programme dashboard

1. Why do we need a new housing dashboard?

Tracking progress across a wider range of measures will help to make continuous improvements across the government response to housing.

2. How did you select these measures?

There are already numerous data sources published regularly that provide an overview of the housing system. This dashboard focuses on key parts of the Government's housing programme, specifically efforts to increase the supply of affordable and public housing and provide further support to those hoping to buy their first home or struggling to find or afford suitable housing. The measures have been selected as clear, key indicators of progress on this.

3. Why did the Government scrap the 100,000 KiwiBuild target?

The Government has dropped the target of 100,000 KiwiBuild homes and replaced this with the dashboard of housing market indicators that provide a more accurate picture of the health of our housing markets.

4. Much of this information is published elsewhere, is there any new information here?

There's lots of great information out there around people's experience of housing. The purpose of the dashboard is to bring the key measures of the progress being made together in one place. It's not intended to replace any other existing sources of information.

5. What sources is the data collected from?

The dashboard draws on data collected by Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, the Ministry of Social Development, Stats NZ, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Community Housing Providers and other partner organisations.

6. Are these actual numbers or estimates? What's the quality of the data?

The data may differ from other sources due to differences in timing. For externally sourced data, please refer to the original source for information on methods and accuracy.

7. Is there a regional breakdown available?

No – this dashboard is intended to give a national overview of key measures. Original sources may have regional breakdowns where these are available e.g., the Housing Regional Factsheets.

8. Will historic series or views be available? Can we download the historic data?

We are intending to make a historic dataset available for the measures we have access to in the future when possible.

9. Is the Government's housing programme directly responsible for any changes (increases or decreases) in these figures?

There is a range of factors which can affect someone's ability to find and afford a suitable, healthy home. The housing programme is increasing supply and housing support for those who need it.



10. Why is the dashboard missing homelessness or overcrowding?

Ending homelessness is a key priority for government, currently the figures used to monitor homelessness and overcrowding are limited to our five-yearly Census data. Better ways of tracking these measures are being investigated and adding these to the dashboard will be considered in the future.

11. Why is the dashboard missing housing quality/healthy homes?

Providing a warm, dry, safe home for everyone is a key priority for the Government. Measures of housing quality are in development by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and will be published in the future.

12. What does an increase in these numbers (public housing, transitional housing) mean for the state of housing in New Zealand?

It took a long time for our system to reach this point and it will take a long time to solve. In the short term there are many people who need immediate support. We're working to support households as well as shaping the system over the long term.

13. Why doesn't it include the Housing Affordability Measure (HAM)?

Data underlying the HAM is only updated every six months and so is unsuitable for inclusion in the dashboard which is produced monthly. The latest HAM results are available on the HUD website.

14. Why are people on the public housing register and in motels not included in the dashboard?

The dashboard looks at the progress being made to increase housing supply – rather than the demand for housing support. This is better covered in more detail in other information sources such as the Public Housing Monthly Dashboard and Public Housing Quarterly Reports on the HUD website.