

Public Housing in Central Region

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

Horowhenua District, Manawatu District, Palmerston North City, Tararua District, Whanganui District.



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.

2,269

Kāinga Ora
IRRS Tenancies

45

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

27

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

0

Registered CHP
Market Renters

17

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

41

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 2,399

Public houses in Central region
(2,374 as at 31 December 2020)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 March 2021.

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 Central 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.

19,646

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(20,691 as at 31 December 2020)

\$1,342,624

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,373,056 as at 31 December 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.

4,329

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(4,398 as at 31 December 2020)

\$285,106

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$281,323 as at 31 December 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.

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Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

3

Link People Limited

39

Trusthouse Limited

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= 45

**Public housing tenancies in Central region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(36 as at 31 December 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.

11

First Community Trust

59

Homes for People

41

The Salvation Army

34

Women's Refuge

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= 145

**Total available places as at 31 March 2021
(147 as at 31 December 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.



\$166,695

Bond Grants



\$13,610

Moving Assistance



\$104,442

Rent Arrears



\$37,575

Rent in Advance



\$1,388

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$6,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 305

Grants for 217 distinct clients (total \$329,710)

(250 grants for 189 distinct clients, total \$285,491 as at 31 December 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.

1,407

Housing register

(1,347 as at 31 Dec 2020)

209

Transfer register

(196 as at 31 Dec 2020)

Applications Housed



Central

57 (49 as at 31 Dec 2020)



National

1,751 (2,131 as at 31 Dec 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 31 March 2021, there have been **1,405** grants made supporting **378** households compared with **1,765** grants made supporting **438** household in the quarter ending 31 December 2020.

\$2,469,122

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 March 2021

(\$2,808,583 as at 31 December 2020)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 31 March 2021, based on the housing region the last grant of the quarter was made in.

Regional Overview

Horowhenua District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 193 (190)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 11 (9)	Public Housing tenancies 170 (172)	Transitional Housing places 3 (3)	Number of EH SNG approved 238 (330) Amount of EH SNG approved \$502,948 (\$590,861)
Manawatu District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 104 (93)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 10 (9)	Public Housing tenancies 162 (161)	Transitional Housing places 16 (16)	Number of EH SNG approved 59 (57) Amount of EH SNG approved \$84,117 (\$70,068)
Palmerston North City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 716 (685)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 155 (145)	Public Housing tenancies 1,424 (1,416)	Transitional Housing places 107 (107)	Number of EH SNG approved 989 (1,201) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,764,395 (\$1,951,614)
Tararua District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 33 (47)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 40 (32)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 35 (55) Amount of EH SNG approved \$58,625 (\$73,430)
Whanganui District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 361 (332)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 32 (32)	Public Housing tenancies 545 (548)	Transitional Housing places 19 (21)	Number of EH SNG approved 84 (122) Amount of EH SNG approved \$59,037 (\$122,611)

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 31 March 2021.
- 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 31 March 2021.