

Public Housing in Southern Region

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

Central Otago District, Clutha District, Dunedin City, Gore District, Invercargill City, Queenstown-Lakes District, Southland 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.

1,748

Kāinga Ora
IRRS Tenancies

46

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

43

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

2

Registered CHP
Market Renters

9

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

41

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 1,889

Public houses in Southern region
(1,889 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 Southern 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.

16,642

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(18,421 as at 31 December 2020)

\$1,172,448

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,263,938 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.

3,502

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(3,940 as at 31 December 2020)

\$227,164

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$241,968 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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Just Housing
Otepoti Dunedin

23

Queenstown
Lakes Community
Housing trust

24

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

= 48

Public housing tenancies in Southern region being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(44 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.

30

Emerge Aotearoa

12

Methodist Mission
Southern

52

The Salvation Army

34

Women's Refuge

= 128

Total available places as at 31 March 2021
(118 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.



\$49,796

Bond Grants



\$4,187

Moving Assistance



\$85,687

Rent Arrears



\$13,790

Rent in Advance



\$3,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 147

Grants for 114 distinct clients (total \$156,460)

(158 grants for 105 distinct clients, total \$131,514 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.

542

Housing register

(532 as at 31 Dec 2020)

44

Transfer register

(44 as at 31 Dec 2020)

Applications Housed



Southern

28 (24 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 **182** grants made supporting **82** households compared with **387** grants made supporting **127** households in the quarter ending 31 December 2020.

\$197,753

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 March 2021

(\$371,753 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

Central Otago District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 14 (15)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 20 (20)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (7) Amount of EH SNG approved \$2,795 (\$5,468)
Clutha District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 32 (27)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 29 (30)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 7 (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$4,162 (\$3,600)
Dunedin City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 280 (264)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 36 (37)	Public Housing tenancies 1,370 (1,371)	Transitional Housing places 84 (81)	Number of EH SNG approved 74 (174) Amount of EH SNG approved \$98,064 (\$155,738)
Gore District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 16 (21)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 38 (38)	Transitional Housing places 6 (6)	Number of EH SNG approved 21 (16) Amount of EH SNG approved \$15,385 (\$9,180)
Invercargill City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 150 (165)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 6 (S)	Public Housing tenancies 342 (346)	Transitional Housing places 38 (31)	Number of EH SNG approved 62 (164) Amount of EH SNG approved \$52,580 (\$173,502)
Queenstown-Lakes District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 26 (24)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 37 (37)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 8 (17) Amount of EH SNG approved \$16,668 (\$22,241)
Southland District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 24 (16)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 6 (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$8,099 (\$2,025)

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.