

Public Housing in Canterbury Region

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

Ashburton District, Christchurch City, Hurunui District, Kaikoura District, Mackenzie District, Selwyn District, Timaru District, Waimakariri District, Waimate District, Waitaki District.



Public Homes

Public Homes 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.

6,996

Kāinga Ora IRRS
Occupied Homes

1,493

Registered CHP
IRRS Occupied
Homes

200

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

11

Registered CHP
Market Renters

33

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

120

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 8,853

Public Homes in Canterbury region
(8,809 as at 31 December 2022)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 March 2022.

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 Canterbury 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.

37,677

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(39,415 as at 31 December 2021)

\$3,417,108

Weekly total AS amount
(\$3,596,951 as at 31 December 2021)

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.

7,686

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(7,882 as at 31 December 2021)

\$553,778

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$537,437 as at 31 December 2021)

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.

50

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

41

Christchurch Methodist
Central Mission

79

Comcare
Charitable Trust

83

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

40

Link People
Limited

1,158

Otautahi Community
Housing Trust

4

Pathway Affordable
Housing Limited

18

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

31

VisionWest
Community Trust

= 1,504

**Public housing tenancies in Canterbury region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(1,459 as at 31 December 2021)**

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.

21

Christchurch Methodist
Mission

74

Comcare

104

Emerge Aotearoa

24

NCIWR

127

The Salvation Army

50

VisionWest

19

YWCA

= 419

**Total available places as at 31 March 2022
(422 as at 31 December 2021)**

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.



\$42,340

Bond Grants



\$5,443

Moving Assistance



\$25,858

Rent Arrears



\$11,675

Rent in Advance



\$2,000

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$9,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 89

Grants for 65 distinct clients (total \$96,317)

(152 grants for 107 distinct clients, total \$187,441 as at 31 December 2021)

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.

2,478

Housing register

(2,273 as at 31 Dec 2021)

562

Transfer register

(536 as at 31 Dec 2021)

Applications Housed



Canterbury

231 (248 as at 31 Dec 2021)



National

1,336 (1,441 as at 31 Dec 2021)

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 **3,359** grants made supporting **707** households compared with **2,926** grants made supporting **664** households in the quarter ending 31 December 2021.

\$5,189,601

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 March 2022

(\$4,511,855 as at 31 December 2021)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 31 March 2022, based on the housing region the last grant of the quarter was made in.

Regional Overview

Ashburton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 66 (59)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 186 (181)	Transitional Housing places S (S)	Number of EH SNG approved 100 (117) Amount of EH SNG approved \$116,866 (\$147,932)
Christchurch City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 2,052 (1,886)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 520 (495)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 7,737 (7,688)	Transitional Housing places 415 (418)	Number of EH SNG approved 2,970 (2,518) Amount of EH SNG approved \$4,764,954 (\$4,094,680)
Hurunui District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 28 (25)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (S)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 24 (24)	Transitional Housing places S (S)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$10,967 (\$16,500)
Kaikoura District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 24 (24)	Transitional Housing places S (S)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$3,010 (\$1,295)
Mackenzie District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes - (-)	Transitional Housing places S (S)	Number of EH SNG approved - (-) Amount of EH SNG approved - (-)
Selwyn District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 60 (55)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 12 (12)	Transitional Housing places S (S)	Number of EH SNG approved 13 (6) Amount of EH SNG approved \$17,235 (\$6,406)
Timaru District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 116 (105)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 21 (21)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 389 (393)	Transitional Housing places S (S)	Number of EH SNG approved 182 (178) Amount of EH SNG approved \$196,564 (\$164,750)
Waimakariri District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 93 (84)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 9 (8)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 191 (195)	Transitional Housing places S (S)	Number of EH SNG approved 27 (33) Amount of EH SNG approved \$34,744 (\$29,765)
Waimate District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 14 (16)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 23 (23)	Transitional Housing places S (S)	Number of EH SNG approved - (6) Amount of EH SNG approved - (\$5,162)
Waitaki District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 34 (31)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 8 (7)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 114 (114)	Transitional Housing places S (S)	Number of EH SNG approved 54 (57) Amount of EH SNG approved \$45,260 (\$45,365)

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 2022.
- Public Housing Occupied Homes includes Kāinga Ora and community housing provider occupied homes that are either subsidised through Income-Related Rent Subsidy or the tenant is paying market rent, and is at 31 March 2022.