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On 12 January 2026 Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) received your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

How many registered homeless are there in Palmerston North? How many are rough sleepers? Has this gone up or down over the last six years (2019-2025)?

There is no official register of people experiencing homelessness in Aotearoa New Zealand. Information regarding the number of people living without shelter in Palmerston North can be found via our homelessness insights reports, as well as directly from Tatauranga Aotearoa – Stats NZ's severe housing deprivation estimates.

[Homelessness insights reports \(hud.govt.nz\)](https://hud.govt.nz)

[Severe housing deprivation estimates \(explore.data.stats.govt.nz\)](https://explore.data.stats.govt.nz)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Ngā mihi

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