

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.

7,297

Kāinga Ora IRRS
Occupied Homes

1,758

Registered CHP
IRRS Occupied
Homes

241

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

25

Registered CHP
Market Renters

133

Kāinga Ora
Vacant Homes

177

Kāinga Ora
Unavailable
Homes

= 9,631

Public Homes in Canterbury region
(9,466 as at 30 September 2023)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 December 2023.

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.

40,064

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(38,478 as at 30 September 2023)

\$3,781,237

AS payments per week
(\$3,628,382 as at 30 September 2023)

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.

8,659

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(8,189 as at 30 September 2023)

\$739,593

TAS payments per week
(681,148 as at 30 September 2023)

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.

51

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

58

Christchurch Methodist
Central Mission

103

Comcare
Charitable Trust

108

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

60

Link People
Limited

1,328

Otautahi Community
Housing Trust

4

Pathway Affordable
Housing Limited

26

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

40

VisionWest
Community Trust

= 1,778

**Public housing tenancies in Canterbury region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(1,719 as at 30 September 2023)**

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.

39

Christchurch Methodist
Mission

75

Comcare

121

Emerge Aotearoa

23

NCIWR

140

The Salvation Army

92

VisionWest

22

YWCA

14

Christchurch City
Mission

7

St John of God
Hauora Trust

= 533

**Total available places as at 31 December 2023
(539 as at 30 September 2023)**

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.



\$1,155,330

Bond Grants



\$118,068

Moving Assistance



\$399,011

Rent Arrears



\$450,122

Rent in Advance



\$517

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$41,700

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 2,667

Grants for 1,598 distinct clients (total \$2,164,748)

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.

2,495

Housing register
(2,431 as at 30 September 2023)

Applications Housed



Canterbury

344 (291 as at 30 September 2023)



National

2,344 (2,041 as at 30 September 2023)

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 December 2023, there have been **2,901** grants made supporting **662** households compared with **3,158** grants made supporting **707** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2023.

\$7,071,289

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 December 2023
(\$6,768,800 as at 30 September 2023)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 31 December 2023, 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 81 (75)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 8 (9)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 189 (186)	Transitional Housing places S (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 69 (120) Amount of EH SNG approved \$135,999 (\$190,689)
Christchurch City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 1,999 (1,946)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 596 (585)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 8,273 (6,525)	Transitional Housing places 675 (535)	Number of EH SNG approved 2,654 (2,841) Amount of EH SNG approved \$6,683,929 (\$6,337,734)
Hurunui District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 25 (17)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 24 (24)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved S (S)
Kaikoura District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 10 (7)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 23 (23)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 15 (19) Amount of EH SNG approved \$21,959 (\$26,994)
Mackenzie District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (1)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 22 (-)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved S (S)
Selwyn District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 77 (78)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes - (22)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 12 (35) Amount of EH SNG approved \$17,877 (\$45,838)
Timaru District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 129 (131)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 24 (23)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 388 (388)	Transitional Housing places S (S)	Number of EH SNG approved 102 (82) Amount of EH SNG approved \$138,374 (\$93,446)
Waimakariri District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 109 (110)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 10 (11)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 190 (167)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 13 (18) Amount of EH SNG approved \$18,188 (\$23,637)
Waimate District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 15 (19)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 23 (23)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved S (S)
Waitaki District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 48 (47)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 10 (8)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 122 (113)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 33 (36) Amount of EH SNG approved \$49,090 (\$42,512)

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 December 2023.
- 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 December 2023.