

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 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.

2,237

Kāinga Ora IRRS
Occupied Homes

127

Registered CHP
IRRS Occupied
Homes

53

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

1

Registered CHP
Market Renters

23

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

101

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 2,542

Public Homes in Central region
(2,555 as at 31 March 2023)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 30 June 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 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.

19,453

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(19,130 as at 31 March 2023)

\$1,412,097

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,379,722 as at 31 March 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.

5,352

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(5,170 as at 31 March 2023)

\$475,668

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$452,490 as at 31 March 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.

71

Compass Housing Services
(NZ) – Direct Lease

4

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

3

Link People Limited

4

Manawatu Community
Housing Trust

1

Te Ahuru Mowai
Limited Partnership
Western Porirua

45

Trusthouse Limited

= 128

Public housing tenancies in Central region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(128 as at 31 March 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.

14

First Community Trust

65

Homes for People

7

Kahungunu Whanau
Services

42

NCIWR

44

The Salvation Army

= 172

Total available places as at 30 June 2023
(168 as at 31 March 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.



\$916,652

Bond Grants



\$58,268

Moving Assistance



\$324,425

Rent Arrears



\$392,723

Rent in Advance



\$3,320

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$12,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 1,801

Grants for 1,028 distinct clients (total \$1,707,389)

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.

1,299

Housing register

(1,305 as at 31 Mar 2023)

227

Transfer register

(230 as at 31 Mar 2023)

Applications Housed



Central

48 (35 as at 31 Mar 2023)



National

1,758 (1,264 as at 31 Mar 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 30 June 2023, there have been **951** grants made supporting **260** households compared with **923** grants made supporting **248** household in the quarter ending 31 March 2023.

\$2,251,461

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 30 June 2023

(\$2,010,700 as at 31 March 2023)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 30 June 2023, 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 187 (180)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 13 (13)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 172 (173)	Transitional Housing places 11 (7)	Number of EH SNG approved 59 (66) Amount of EH SNG approved \$104,880 (\$110,732)
Manawatu District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 120 (120)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 13 (15)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 151 (155)	Transitional Housing places 18 (18)	Number of EH SNG approved 43 (67) Amount of EH SNG approved \$83,767 (\$120,710)
Palmerston North City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 626 (641)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 167 (163)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 1,461 (1,459)	Transitional Housing places 126 (126)	Number of EH SNG approved 747 (705) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,810,134 (\$1,570,276)
Tararua District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 39 (42)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 47 (46)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 19 (15) Amount of EH SNG approved \$57,302 (\$41,640)
Whanganui District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 327 (322)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 34 (39)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 587 (592)	Transitional Housing places 17 (17)	Number of EH SNG approved 83 (70) Amount of EH SNG approved \$195,377 (\$167,342)

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 30 June 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 30 June 2023.