

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 Housing Supply

Public houses are properties owned or leased by Housing New Zealand (HNZ) and registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) that can be tenanted by people who are eligible for public housing.

6,594

HNZ IRRS
Places

732

Registered CHP
IRRS Places

226

HNZ Market
Renters

12

Registered CHP
Market Renters

83

HNZ Short-term
Vacants

33

HNZ Long-term
Vacants

= 7,680

Public houses in Canterbury region
(7,619 as at 30 September 2018)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 December 2018.

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.

31,067

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(29,895 as at 30 September 2018)

\$2,732,174

Weekly total AS amount
(\$2,611,559 as at 30 September 2018)

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.

6,247

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(5,850 as at 30 September 2018)

\$324,059

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$296,559 as at 30 September 2018)

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.

43

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

17

Christchurch Methodist
Central Mission

58

Comcare
Charitable Trust

38

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

36

LinkPeople
Limited

518

Otautahi Community
Housing Trust

14

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

20

VisionWest
Community Trust

= 744

Public housing tenancies in Canterbury region being
delivered by Community Housing Providers

(713 as at 30 September 2018)

Transitional Housing

Transitional housing provides warm, dry and safe short-term accommodation for people in need, along with tailored social support while they're there. Transitional housing is managed by contracted 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 the Ministry of Social Development.

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 MSD.

12

Christchurch Methodist
Mission

60

Comcare Charitable Trust

62

Emerge Aotearoa

5

Fale Pasifika

102

The Salvation Army
NZ Trust

25

VisionWest

18

Women's Refuge

= 284

Total available places as at 31 December 2018

(277 as at 30 September 2018)

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.



\$22,375

Bond Grants



\$1,933

Letting Fees



\$4,852

Moving Assistance



\$3,295

Rent in Advance



\$1,308

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$15,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 44

Grants for 27 distinct clients (total \$48,763)

(45 grants for 25 distinct clients, total \$42,554 as at 30 September 2018)

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.

912

Housing register

(836 as at 30 September 2018)

232

Transfer register

(229 as at 30 September 2018)

Applications Housed



Canterbury

289 (360 as at 30 September 2018)



National

1,771 (1,721 as at 30 September 2018)

Notes:

- This includes both A and B priority applications.
- Applications housed may have been housed with Housing New Zealand Corporation 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 2018, there have been **1,003** grants made supporting **362** households compared with **835** grants supporting **341** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2018.

\$609,087

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 December 2018
(\$459,443 as at 30 September 2018)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 31 December 2018, 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 20 (15)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 185 (178)	Transitional Housing places 1 (1)	Number of EH SNG approved 13 (9) Amount of EH SNG approved \$8,141 (\$3,345)
Christchurch City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 756 (694)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 213 (211)	Public Housing tenancies 6,623 (6,590)	Transitional Housing places 279 (272)	Number of EH SNG approved 860 (711) Amount of EH SNG approved \$518,110 (\$378,066)
Hurunui District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 8 (8)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 25 (25)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved - (-) Amount of EH SNG approved - (-)
Kaikoura District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 7 (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 24 (24)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (6) Amount of EH SNG approved \$3,850 (\$4,081)
Mackenzie District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved - (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$0 (\$650)
Selwyn District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 20 (18)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 14 (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$8,380 (\$2,792)
Timaru District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 37 (39)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 10 (7)	Public Housing tenancies 409 (398)	Transitional Housing places 1 (1)	Number of EH SNG approved 36 (52) Amount of EH SNG approved \$20,516 (\$31,746)
Waimakariri District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 46 (43)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 154 (146)	Transitional Housing places 2 (2)	Number of EH SNG approved 34 (13) Amount of EH SNG approved \$18,020 (\$7,623)
Waimate District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 21 (22)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (-) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,365 (\$0)
Waitaki District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 15 (12)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 113 (111)	Transitional Housing places 1 (1)	Number of EH SNG approved 39 (39) Amount of EH SNG approved \$30,705 (\$31,140)

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 2018.
- Public Housing Tenancies includes Housing New Zealand 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 December 2018.