

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.

6,754

HNZ IRRS
Tenancies

854

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

187

HNZ Market
Renters

11

Registered CHP
Market Renters

71

HNZ Short-term
Vacants

26

HNZ Long-term
Vacants

= 7,903

Public houses in Canterbury region
(7,783 as at 31 March 2019)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 30 June 2019.

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.

31,347

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(30,696 as at 31 March 2019)

\$2,772,164

Weekly total AS amount
(\$2,699,328 as at 31 March 2019)

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.

6,284

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(6,248 as at 31 March 2019)

\$338,319

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$330,139 as at 31 March 2019)

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

21

VisionWest
Community Trust

44

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

35

LinkPeople
Limited

17

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

616

Otautahi Community
Housing Trust

63

Comcare Charitable
Trust

19

Christchurch Methodist
Central Mission

= 865

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

(797 as at 31 March 2019)

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 Housing New Zealand, 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.

13

Christchurch Methodist
Mission

60

Comcare

77

Emerge Aotearoa

3

Fale Pasifika

102

The Salvation Army

27

VisionWest

18

Women's Refuge

= 300

Total available places as at 30 June 2019

(302 as at 31 March 2019)

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.



\$22,062

Bond Grants



\$4,453

Moving Assistance



\$5,090

Rent in Advance



\$1,370

Tenancy Costs
Cover



\$1,800

Transition to
Alternative
Housing Grant

= 35

Grants for 21 distinct clients (total \$34,774)

(21 grants for 12 distinct clients, total \$21,157 as at 31 March 2019)

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.

1,061

Housing register

(1,004 as at 31 Mar 2019)

258

Transfer register

(248 as at 31 Mar 2019)

Applications Housed



Canterbury

348 (301 as at 31 March 2019)



National

1,690 (1,431 as at 31 March 2019)

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 30 June 2019, there have been **1,407** grants made supporting **487** households compared with **1,122** grants supporting **407** households in the quarter ending 31 March 2019.

\$1,088,895

Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 30 June 2019
(\$797,024 as at 31 March 2019)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 30 June 2019, 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 26 (22)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 6 (8)	Public Housing tenancies 192 (191)	Transitional Housing places 1 (1)	Number of EH SNG approved 18 (9) Amount of EH SNG approved \$16,288 (\$4,431)
Christchurch City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 877 (829)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 235 (229)	Public Housing tenancies 6,832 (6,718)	Transitional Housing places 297 (297)	Number of EH SNG approved 1,228 (1,005) Amount of EH SNG approved \$950,485 (\$717,995)
Hurunui District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 13 (11)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 25 (23)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$490 (\$2,635)
Kaikoura District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 13 (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 24 (24)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved - (-) Amount of EH SNG approved - (-)
Mackenzie District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (-)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved - (-) Amount of EH SNG approved - (-)
Selwyn District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 19 (19)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (10)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 7 (21) Amount of EH SNG approved \$3,505 (\$22,224)
Timaru District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 53 (49)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 12 (7)	Public Housing tenancies 410 (410)	Transitional Housing places 1 (1)	Number of EH SNG approved 45 (21) Amount of EH SNG approved \$30,904 (\$13,115)
Waimakariri District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 38 (46)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 175 (160)	Transitional Housing places 2 (2)	Number of EH SNG approved 38 (43) Amount of EH SNG approved \$21,743 (\$22,674)
Waimate District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 23 (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$7,615 (\$1,190)
Waitaki District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 18 (18)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (S)	Public Housing tenancies 114 (115)	Transitional Housing places 1 (1)	Number of EH SNG approved 63 (17) Amount of EH SNG approved \$57,865 (\$12,760)

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 2019.
- 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 30 June 2019.