

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 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.

2,212

HNZ IRRS
Tenancies

10

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

40

HNZ Market
Renters

0

Registered CHP
Market Renters

12

HNZ Short-term
Vacants

18

HNZ Long-term
Vacants

= 2,292

Public houses in Central region
(2,290 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 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.

18,178

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(17,850 as at 31 March 2019)

\$1,155,368

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,126,566 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.

3,023

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(2,869 as at 31 March 2019)

\$163,203

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$151,265 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.

3
LinkPeople Limited

7
Trusthouse Limited

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= 10

**Public housing tenancies in Central region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(7 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.

23
Homes For People

25
The Salvation Army

22
Women's Refuge

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= 70

**Total available places as at 30 June 2019
(81 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.



\$18,615

Bond Grants



\$1,062

Moving Assistance



\$3,300

Rent in Advance

= 21

Grants for 14 distinct clients (total \$22,977)

(18 grants for 14 distinct clients, total \$20,824 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.

683

Housing register

(611 as at 31 Mar 2019)

114

Transfer register

(107 as at 31 Mar 2019)

Applications Housed



Central

44 (42 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 **773** grants made supporting **213** households compared with **575** grants supporting **175** households in the quarter ending 31 March 2019.

\$721,744

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 30 June 2019

(\$519,762 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

Horowhenua District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 86 (83)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 178 (175)	Transitional Housing places 3 (3)	Number of EH SNG approved 166 (116) Amount of EH SNG approved \$187,147 (\$106,325)
Manawatu District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 58 (55)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 155 (S)	Transitional Housing places 5 (5)	Number of EH SNG approved 55 (39) Amount of EH SNG approved \$43,187 (\$36,921)
Palmerston North City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 397 (354)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 86 (81)	Public Housing tenancies 1,391 (1,395)	Transitional Housing places 55 (55)	Number of EH SNG approved 461 (380) Amount of EH SNG approved \$440,070 (\$343,259)
Tararua District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 24 (23)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 7 (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 22 (24) Amount of EH SNG approved \$18,336 (\$24,306)
Whanganui District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 118 (96)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 16 (12)	Public Housing tenancies 531 (529)	Transitional Housing places 22 (18)	Number of EH SNG approved 69 (16) Amount of EH SNG approved \$33,004 (\$8,951)

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.