

Public Housing in Wellington Region

The Wellington region is based on the following Territorial Local Authorities:

Carterton District, Kapiti Coast District, Lower Hutt City, Masterton District, Porirua City, South Wairarapa District, Upper Hutt City, Wellington City.



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.

8,054

HNZ IRRS Tenancies

195

Registered CHP IRRS Tenancies

193

HNZ Market Renters

3

Registered CHP Market Renters

31

HNZ Short-term Vacants

259

HNZ Long-term Vacants

= 8,735

Public houses in Wellington region
(8,706 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 Wellington 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.

28,608

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(28,518 as at 31 March 2019)

\$2,520,146

Weekly total AS amount
(\$2,491,557 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.

6,010

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(5,901 as at 31 March 2019)

\$346,557

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$335,105 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.

19

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

24

LinkPeople
Limited

35

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

72

Trusthouse Limited

13

Porirua Whanau
Centre Trust

34

Dwell Housing
Trust

1

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

= 198

Public housing tenancies in Wellington region being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(185 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.

8

Atareira

97

Emerge Aotearoa

11

First Community Trust

5

Koraunui Marae

15

Oasis Network

27

The Salvation Army

11

Upper Hutt
Housing Trust

6

Wellington City Mission

27

Wellington
Night Shelter

5

Wellington Women's
Boarding House

42

Women's Refuge

= 254

Total available places as
at 30 June 2019
(238 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.



\$18,935

Bond Grants



\$9,128

Moving Assistance



\$2,540

Rent in Advance



\$1,850

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$12,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 35

Grants for 21 distinct clients (total \$44,453)

(5 grants for 5 distinct clients, total \$14,000 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.

1,331

Housing register

(1,252 as at 31 Mar 2019)

376

Transfer register

(357 as at 31 Mar 2019)

Applications Housed



Wellington

158 (184 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 **2,311** grants made supporting **493** households compared with **1,648** grants supporting **418** households in the quarter ending 31 March 2019.

\$3,322,325

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 30 June 2019

(\$2,098,006 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

Carterton 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 (17) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,225 (\$5,511)
Kapiti Coast District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 93 (110)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 9 (10)	Public Housing tenancies 216 (215)	Transitional Housing places 4 (4)	Number of EH SNG approved 214 (127) Amount of EH SNG approved \$233,283 (\$109,269)
Lower Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 404 (370)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 166 (166)	Public Housing tenancies 3,218 (3,235)	Transitional Housing places 66 (66)	Number of EH SNG approved 986 (803) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,823,307 (\$1,320,659)
Masterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 46 (52)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 71 (61)	Transitional Housing places 10 (10)	Number of EH SNG approved 85 (59) Amount of EH SNG approved \$75,937 (\$55,398)
Porirua City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 230 (247)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 105 (94)	Public Housing tenancies 2,619 (2,613)	Transitional Housing places 58 (47)	Number of EH SNG approved 166 (168) Amount of EH SNG approved \$206,626 (\$156,820)
South Wairarapa 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 (15) Amount of EH SNG approved \$10,736 (\$8,920)
Upper Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 118 (98)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 14 (14)	Public Housing tenancies 391 (390)	Transitional Housing places 42 (37)	Number of EH SNG approved 113 (95) Amount of EH SNG approved \$139,072 (\$110,298)
Wellington City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 425 (361)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 82 (73)	Public Housing tenancies 1,918 (1,906)	Transitional Housing places 74 (74)	Number of EH SNG approved 737 (364) Amount of EH SNG approved \$832,139 (\$331,131)

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.