

Public Housing in Southern Region

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

Central Otago District, Clutha District, Dunedin City, Gore District, Invercargill City, Queenstown-Lakes District, Southland 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.

1,750

HNZ IRRS Places

33

Registered CHP IRRS Places

60

HNZ Market Renters

0

Registered CHP Market Renters

18

HNZ Short-term Vacants

19

HNZ Long-term Vacants

= 1,880

Public houses in Southern region
(1,877 as at 31 December 2018)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 March 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 Southern 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.

14,189

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(15,383 as at 31 December 2018)

\$921,157

Weekly total AS amount
(\$995,270 as at 31 December 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.

2,430

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(2,518 as at 31 December 2018)

\$127,316

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$127,912 as at 31 December 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.

11

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

1

Just Housing
Otepoti Dunedin

21

Queenstown
Lakes Community
Housing trust



= 33

**Public housing tenancies in Southern region being
delivered by Community Housing Providers**

(29 as at 31 December 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 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.

6

Dunedin Methodist
Mission

41

The Salvation Army

30

Women's Refuge



= 77

Total available places as at 31 March 2019

(76 as at 31 December 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.



\$6,568

Bond Grants



\$1,900

Moving Assistance



\$1,340

Rent in Advance

= 10

Grants for 8 distinct clients (total \$9,808)

(29 grants for 14 distinct clients, total \$19,862 as at 31 December 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.

282

Housing register

(275 as at 31 Dec 2018)

34

Transfer register

(34 as at 31 Dec 2018)

Applications Housed



Southern

31 (44 as at 31 December 2018)



National

1,431 (1,771 as at 31 December 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 March 2019, there have been **224** grants made supporting **87** households compared with **232** grants supporting **82** households in the quarter ending 31 December 2018.

\$177,277

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 March 2019

(\$154,672 as at 31 December 2018)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 31 March 2019, based on the housing region the last grant of the quarter was made in.

Regional Overview

Central Otago District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 6 (7)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,560 (\$480)
Clutha District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 14 (14)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (S)	Public Housing tenancies 28 (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 6 (11) Amount of EH SNG approved \$6,440 (\$7,590)
Dunedin City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 156 (155)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 29 (28)	Public Housing tenancies 1,369 (1,375)	Transitional Housing places 42 (41)	Number of EH SNG approved 67 (28) Amount of EH SNG approved \$65,424 (\$21,858)
Gore District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (6)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 38 (39)	Transitional Housing places 4 (4)	Number of EH SNG approved 26 (17) Amount of EH SNG approved \$19,085 (\$14,151)
Invercargill City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 89 (79)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 347 (351)	Transitional Housing places 31 (31)	Number of EH SNG approved 114 (163) Amount of EH SNG approved \$79,065 (\$102,855)
Queenstown-Lakes District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 10 (8)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 36 (35)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$2,987 (\$455)
Southland District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (6)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (11) Amount of EH SNG approved \$2,716 (\$7,283)

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 March 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 31 March 2019.