

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.

8,038

HNZ IRRS Places

183

Registered CHP IRRS Places

206

HNZ Market Renters

2

Registered CHP Market Renters

41

HNZ Short-term Vacants

236

HNZ Long-term Vacants

= 8,706

Public houses in Wellington region
(8,694 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 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.

28,518

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(29,249 as at 31 December 2018)

\$2,491,557

Weekly total AS amount
(\$2,558,797 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.

5,901

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(5,957 as at 31 December 2018)

\$335,105

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$327,637 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.

18

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

21

LinkPeople
Limited

36

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

63

Trusthouse Limited

13

Porirua Whanau
Centre Trust

34

Dwell Housing
Trust

= 185

Public housing tenancies in Wellington region being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(179 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.

8

Atareira

92

Emerge Aotearoa

11

First Community Trust

5

Koraunui Marae

15

Oasis Network

27

The Salvation Army

11

Upper Hutt
Housing Trust

22

Wellington
Night Shelter

5

Wellington Women's
Boarding House

42

Women's Refuge

= 238

Total available places as at 31 March 2019
(230 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.



\$2,000

Bond Grants



\$12,000

Transition to Alternative
Housing Grant

= 5

Grants for 5 distinct clients (total \$14,000)

(12 grants for 6 distinct clients, total \$9,739 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.

1,252

Housing register

(1,222 as at 31 Dec 2018)

357

Transfer register

(358 as at 31 Dec 2018)

Applications Housed



Wellington

184 (174 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 **1,648** grants made supporting **418** households compared with **1,508** grants supporting **379** households in the quarter ending 31 December 2018.

\$2,098,006

**Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 31 March 2019**

(\$1,930,318 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

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 17 (6) Amount of EH SNG approved \$5,511 (\$3,334)
Kapiti Coast District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 110 (89)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 10 (S)	Public Housing tenancies 215 (216)	Transitional Housing places 4 (4)	Number of EH SNG approved 127 (158) Amount of EH SNG approved \$109,269 (\$117,937)
Lower Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 370 (367)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 166 (153)	Public Housing tenancies 3,234 (3,259)	Transitional Housing places 66 (66)	Number of EH SNG approved 803 (719) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,320,659 (\$1,230,988)
Masterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 52 (42)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 61 (54)	Transitional Housing places 10 (10)	Number of EH SNG approved 59 (73) Amount of EH SNG approved \$55,398 (\$65,849)
Porirua City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 247 (221)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 94 (91)	Public Housing tenancies 2,613 (2,615)	Transitional Housing places 47 (47)	Number of EH SNG approved 168 (128) Amount of EH SNG approved \$156,820 (\$113,836)
South Wairarapa District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (S)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 15 (7) Amount of EH SNG approved \$8,920 (\$5,436)
Upper Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 98 (111)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 14 (20)	Public Housing tenancies 390 (397)	Transitional Housing places 37 (31)	Number of EH SNG approved 95 (62) Amount of EH SNG approved \$110,298 (\$80,247)
Wellington City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 361 (386)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 73 (83)	Public Housing tenancies 1,904 (1,863)	Transitional Housing places 74 (72)	Number of EH SNG approved 364 (355) Amount of EH SNG approved \$331,131 (\$312,690)

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.