

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 Kāinga Ora and registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) that can be tenanted by people who are eligible for public housing.

6,979

Kāinga Ora
IRRS Tenancies

1,253

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

122

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

3

Registered CHP
Market Renters

60

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

56

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 8,473

Public houses in Canterbury region
(8,344 as at 30 September 2020)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 December 2020.

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.

41,318

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(39,685 as at 30 September 2020)

\$3,682,903

Weekly total AS amount
(\$3,515,566 as at 30 September 2020)

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.

9,017

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(9,089 as at 30 September 2020)

\$537,218

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$528,757 as at 30 September 2020)

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.

51

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

28

Christchurch Methodist
Central Mission

80

Comcare
Charitable Trust

76

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

35

Link People
Limited

938

Otautahi Community
Housing Trust

19

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

29

VisionWest
Community Trust

= 1,256

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

(1,184 as at 30 September 2020)

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 Kāinga Ora, 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.

18

Christchurch Methodist
Mission

64

Comcare

104

Emerge Aotearoa

2

Fale Pasifika

105

The Salvation Army

41

VisionWest

21

Women's Refuge

7

YWCA

= 362

Total available places as at 31 December 2020

(347 as at 30 September 2020)

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.



\$74,856

Bond Grants



\$12,686

Moving Assistance



\$147,591

Rent Arrears



\$14,970

Rent in Advance



\$465

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$15,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 232

Grants for 192 distinct clients (total \$265,568)

(324 grants for 293 distinct clients, total \$398,898 as at 30 September 2020)

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.

1,849

Housing register

(1,725 as at 30 Sep 2020)

428

Transfer register

(386 as at 30 Sep 2020)

Applications Housed



Canterbury

324 (298 as at 30 Sep 2020)



National

2,131 (1,878 as at 30 Sep 2020)

Notes:

- This includes both A and B priority applications.
- Applications housed may have been housed with Kāinga Ora 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 December 2020, there have been **2,383** grants made supporting **550** households compared with **3,278** grants made supporting **782** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2020.

\$2,614,326

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 December 2020

(\$2,871,686 as at 30 September 2020)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 31 December 2020, 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 54 (53)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 189 (191)	Transitional Housing places - (1)	Number of EH SNG approved 83 (117) Amount of EH SNG approved \$108,388 (\$100,876)
Christchurch City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 1,524 (1,423)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 398 (356)	Public Housing tenancies 7,369 (7,255)	Transitional Housing places 358 (342)	Number of EH SNG approved 2,092 (2,851) Amount of EH SNG approved \$2,316,843 (\$2,539,338)
Hurunui District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 18 (13)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (-)	Public Housing tenancies 26 (26)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 14 (9) Amount of EH SNG approved \$16,535 (\$6,695)
Kaikoura District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 9 (11)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 24 (24)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,960 (\$2,200)
Mackenzie District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register - (-)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$240 (\$2,100)
Selwyn District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 22 (25)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 12 (13)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 9 (10) Amount of EH SNG approved \$9,231 (\$9,260)
Timaru District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 92 (85)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 16 (13)	Public Housing tenancies 413 (416)	Transitional Housing places 4 (4)	Number of EH SNG approved 93 (126) Amount of EH SNG approved \$84,691 (\$92,469)
Waimakariri District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 88 (78)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 8 (8)	Public Housing tenancies 182 (177)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 53 (79) Amount of EH SNG approved \$54,673 (\$64,267)
Waimate District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 9 (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 23 (23)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved - (7) Amount of EH SNG approved - (\$4,030)
Waitaki District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 33 (32)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 118 (117)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 36 (72) Amount of EH SNG approved \$21,765 (\$50,450)

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 December 2020.
- Public Housing Tenancies includes Kāinga Ora 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 December 2020.