

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

2,264

Kāinga Ora
IRRS Tenancies

36

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

29

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

0

Registered CHP
Market Renters

15

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

30

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 2,374

Public houses in Central region
(2,351 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 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.

20,691

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(20,166 as at 30 September 2020)

\$1,373,056

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,321,018 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.

4,398

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(4,421 as at 30 September 2020)

\$281,323

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$268,302 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.

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Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

4

Link People Limited

31

Trusthouse Limited

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= 36

Public housing tenancies in Central region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(33 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.

11

First Community Trust

59

Homes for People

40

The Salvation Army

37

Women's Refuge

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= 147

Total available places as at 31 December 2020
(147 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.



\$146,890

Bond Grants



\$12,168

Moving Assistance



\$96,268

Rent Arrears



\$30,165

Rent in Advance

= 250

Grants for 189 distinct clients (total \$285,491)

(245 grants for 195 distinct clients, total \$286,355 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.

1,347

Housing register

(1,221 as at 30 Sep 2020)

196

Transfer register

(172 as at 30 Sep 2020)

Applications Housed



Central

49 (65 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 **1,765** grants made supporting **438** households compared with **2,139** grants made supporting **445** household in the quarter ending 30 September 2020.

\$2,808,583

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 December 2020

(\$2,822,699 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

Horowhenua District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 190 (168)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 9 (10)	Public Housing tenancies 172 (176)	Transitional Housing places 3 (3)	Number of EH SNG approved 330 (397) Amount of EH SNG approved \$590,861 (\$595,676)
Manawatu District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 93 (76)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 9 (5)	Public Housing tenancies 161 (160)	Transitional Housing places 16 (16)	Number of EH SNG approved 57 (101) Amount of EH SNG approved \$70,068 (\$110,663)
Palmerston North City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 685 (660)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 145 (131)	Public Housing tenancies 1,416 (1,411)	Transitional Housing places 107 (107)	Number of EH SNG approved 1,201 (1,415) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,951,614 (\$1,889,802)
Tararua District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 47 (48)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 5 (-)	Public Housing tenancies 32 (29)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 55 (87) Amount of EH SNG approved \$73,430 (\$110,665)
Whanganui District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 332 (269)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 32 (26)	Public Housing tenancies 548 (550)	Transitional Housing places 21 (21)	Number of EH SNG approved 122 (139) Amount of EH SNG approved \$122,611 (\$115,893)

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.