

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

1,739

Kāinga Ora
IRRS Tenancies

62

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

43

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

2

Registered CHP
Market Renters

8

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

51

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 1,905

Public houses in Southern region
(1,889 as at 31 March 2021)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 30 June 2021.

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.

16,855

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(16,642 as at 31 March 2021)

\$1,174,918

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,172,448 as at 31 March 2021)

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.

3,554

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(3,502 as at 31 March 2021)

\$237,736

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$227,164 as at 31 March 2021)

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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Just Housing
Otepoti Dunedin

40

Queenstown
Lakes Community
Housing trust

23

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

= 64

Public housing tenancies in Southern region being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(48 as at 31 March 2021)

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.

47

Emerge Aotearoa

12

Methodist Mission
Southern

54

The Salvation Army

34

Women's Refuge

= 147

Total available places as at 30 June 2021
(128 as at 31 March 2021)

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.



\$88,115

Bond Grants



\$7,352

Moving Assistance



\$56,798

Rent Arrears



\$27,313

Rent in Advance



\$800

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$6,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 194

Grants for 135 distinct clients (total \$186,378)

(147 grants for 114 distinct clients, total \$156,460 as at 31 March 2021)

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.

570

Housing register

(542 as at 31 March 2021)

54

Transfer register

(44 as at 31 March 2021)

Applications Housed



Southern

38 (28 as at 31 March 2021)



National

1,634 (1,751 as at 31 March 2021)

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 30 June 2021, there have been **170** grants made supporting **64** households compared with **182** grants made supporting **82** households in the quarter ending 31 March 2021.

\$134,935

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 30 June 2021

(\$197,753 as at 31 March 2021)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 30 June 2021, 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 16 (14)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 20 (20)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 15 (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$16,329 (\$2,795)
Clutha District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 35 (32)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 28 (29)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (7) Amount of EH SNG approved \$4,872 (\$4,162)
Dunedin City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 309 (280)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 44 (36)	Public Housing tenancies 1,361 (1,370)	Transitional Housing places 99 (84)	Number of EH SNG approved 90 (74) Amount of EH SNG approved \$59,440 (\$98,064)
Gore District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 22 (16)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (-)	Public Housing tenancies 38 (38)	Transitional Housing places 6 (6)	Number of EH SNG approved 7 (21) Amount of EH SNG approved \$5,945 (\$15,385)
Invercargill City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 150 (150)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 7 (6)	Public Housing tenancies 342 (342)	Transitional Housing places 42 (38)	Number of EH SNG approved 42 (62) Amount of EH SNG approved \$30,425 (\$52,580)
Queenstown-Lakes District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 17 (26)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 54 (37)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 8 (8) Amount of EH SNG approved \$7,429 (\$16,668)
Southland District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 21 (24)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (6) Amount of EH SNG approved \$10,495 (\$8,099)

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 2021.
- 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 30 June 2021.