

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

7,240

Kāinga Ora
IRRS Tenancies

1,428

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

105

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

17

Registered CHP
Market Renters

71

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

354

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 9,215

Public houses in Wellington region
(9,151 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 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.

31,511

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(32,510 as at 31 March 2021)

\$2,938,387

Weekly total AS amount
(\$3,034,926 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.

7,205

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(7,593 as at 31 March 2021)

\$530,187

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$527,868 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.

21

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

25

Airedale Property
Trust

60

Dwell Housing
Trust

108

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

51

Kahui Tu Kaha
Limited

27

Link People
Limited

17

Porirua Whanau
Centre Trust

27

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

222

Trusthouse
Limited

887

Te Ahuru Mowai
Limited Partnership

= 1,445

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

(1,406 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.

17

Atareira

155

Emerge
Aotearoa

46

First Community
Trust

4

Koraunui
Marae

34

Women's
Refuge

24

Oasis
Network

32

Kahungunu
Whanau
Services

2

Supporting
Families
Wairarapa

8

Wellington
Women's
Boarding House

9

Wellington
Homeless
Womens Trust

32

Te Whare Tane
Charitable Trust

36

The Salvation
Army

11

Upper Hutt
Housing Trust

23

Wellington
City Mission

= 433

Total available places as at 30 June 2021
(386 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.



\$119,377

Bond Grants



\$12,549

Moving Assistance



\$144,776

Rent Arrears



\$29,958

Rent in Advance



\$768

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$9,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 240

Grants for 178 distinct clients (total \$316,427)

(269 grants for 213 distinct clients, total \$375,831 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.

2,407

Housing register

(2,279 as at 31 March 2021)

581

Transfer register

(535 as at 31 March 2021)

Applications Housed



Wellington

154 (208 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 **3,614** grants made supporting **1,039** households compared with **3,916** grants made supporting **1,158** households in the quarter ending 31 March 2021.

\$12,290,086

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 30 June 2021

(\$13,072,231 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

Carterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 18 (14)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 14 (15)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 19 (25) Amount of EH SNG approved \$16,238 (\$51,053)
Kapiti Coast District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 190 (181)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 17 (16)	Public Housing tenancies 245 (241)	Transitional Housing places 16 (8)	Number of EH SNG approved 260 (296) Amount of EH SNG approved \$674,149 (\$654,704)
Lower Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 601 (573)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 245 (223)	Public Housing tenancies 3,283 (3,285)	Transitional Housing places 85 (81)	Number of EH SNG approved 510 (606) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,745,183 (\$2,094,012)
Masterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 138 (132)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 209 (199)	Transitional Housing places 25 (25)	Number of EH SNG approved 219 (202) Amount of EH SNG approved \$445,602 (\$511,285)
Porirua City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 345 (330)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 161 (147)	Public Housing tenancies 2,594 (2,598)	Transitional Housing places 40 (42)	Number of EH SNG approved 350 (448) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,318,112 (\$1,538,005)
South Wairarapa District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 27 (27)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 15 (13)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (10) Amount of EH SNG approved \$7,850 (\$18,149)
Upper Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 180 (174)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 23 (18)	Public Housing tenancies 405 (399)	Transitional Housing places 133 (129)	Number of EH SNG approved 132 (147) Amount of EH SNG approved \$541,467 (\$568,407)
Wellington City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 908 (848)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 134 (129)	Public Housing tenancies 2,025 (2,022)	Transitional Housing places 134 (101)	Number of EH SNG approved 2,119 (2,182) Amount of EH SNG approved \$7,541,486 (\$7,636,617)

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.