

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.

8,103

Kāinga Ora
IRRS Tenancies

409

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

135

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

2

Registered CHP
Market Renters

75

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

257

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 8,981

Public houses in Wellington region
(8,864 as at 30 June 2020)

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

32,893

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(31,997 as at 30 June 2020)

\$2,966,919

Weekly total AS amount
(\$2,862,909 as at 30 June 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.

8,479

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(7,902 as at 30 June 2020)

\$542,708

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$499,013 as at 30 June 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.

14

Porirua Whanau
Centre Trust

25

LinkPeople
Limited

26

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

169

Trusthouse
Limited

21

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

23

Kahui Tu Kaha
Limited

60

Dwell Housing
Trust

69

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

4

Airedale Property
Trust

= 411

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

(352 as at 30 June 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.

8

Atareira

120

Emerge Aotearoa

34

First Community
Trust

11

Kahungunu
Whanau Services

4

Koraunui Marae

24

Oasis Network

42

Women's Refuge

19

Te Whare Tane
Charitable Trust

18

The Salvation Army

11

Upper Hutt
Housing Trust

23

Wellington
City Mission

2

Supporting
Families
Wairarapa

5

Wellington
Women's
Boarding House

= 321

**Total available places as at
30 September 2020**

(323 as at 30 June 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.



\$87,456

Bond Grants



\$11,427

Moving Assistance



\$268,773

Rent Arrears



\$20,913

Rent in Advance



\$3,100

Tenancy
Costs Cover



\$6,300

Transition to
Alternative
Housing Grant

= 268

Grants for 223 distinct clients (total \$397,969)

(66 grants for 43 distinct clients, total \$83,720 as at 30 June 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.

2,259

Housing register

(2,130 as at 30 June 2020)

487

Transfer register

(445 as at 30 June 2020)

Applications Housed



Wellington

218 (118 as at 30 June 2020)



National

1,878 (1,192 as at 30 June 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 30 September 2020, there have been **4,922** grants made supporting **1,265** households compared with **3,812** grants supporting **1,009** households in the quarter ending 30 June 2020.

\$13,224,047

Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 30 September 2020
(\$8,943,474 as at 30 June 2020)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 30 September 2020, based on the housing region the last grant of the quarter was

Regional Overview

Carterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 16 (12)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 13 (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 20 (15) Amount of EH SNG approved \$26,782 (\$15,861)
Kapiti Coast District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 175 (145)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 15 (15)	Public Housing tenancies 230 (218)	Transitional Housing places 8 (9)	Number of EH SNG approved 438 (376) Amount of EH SNG approved \$661,631 (\$620,828)
Lower Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 611 (584)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 203 (192)	Public Housing tenancies 3,226 (3,215)	Transitional Housing places 70 (70)	Number of EH SNG approved 1,042 (919) Amount of EH SNG approved \$3,223,420 (\$2,544,915)
Masterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 150 (133)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (-)	Public Housing tenancies 160 (141)	Transitional Housing places 25 (23)	Number of EH SNG approved 518 (366) Amount of EH SNG approved \$818,460 (\$672,135)
Porirua City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 336 (317)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 135 (123)	Public Housing tenancies 2,620 (2,625)	Transitional Housing places 45 (45)	Number of EH SNG approved 461 (434) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,384,340 (\$1,174,034)
South Wairarapa District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 24 (21)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 9 (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 9 (21) Amount of EH SNG approved \$14,226 (\$25,931)
Upper Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 175 (164)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 18 (18)	Public Housing tenancies 398 (391)	Transitional Housing places 93 (76)	Number of EH SNG approved 273 (223) Amount of EH SNG approved \$772,010 (\$549,755)
Wellington City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 772 (754)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 114 (97)	Public Housing tenancies 1,993 (1,966)	Transitional Housing places 80 (100)	Number of EH SNG approved 2,161 (1,458) Amount of EH SNG approved \$6,323,178 (\$3,340,014)

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 September 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 30 September 2020.