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Thank you for your email on 15 February 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Is it possible to ask for all information that you gather or have regarding children in the system. Could I have the information broken down by dependent children (total if possible), youth between 18 – 25 and then broken down by ethnicity if available please. E.g. how many children in Transitional Housing and Housing First and in CHPs housing please.*

### **Community Housing Provider public housing**

As you know, your request for data on children in Community Housing Provider public housing places was transferred to the Ministry of Social Development to respond.

### **Housing First**

Housing First data is reported to Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) by providers. This reporting captures information based on the primary client receiving the service.

The attached spreadsheet shows the total number of households (a household can comprise just one individual) receiving assistance broken down by the ethnicity of the primary client. It also shows the total number of households with one or more dependants and the number of households where the primary client was aged 0-25 by ethnicity.

Please review the caveats in the attached spreadsheet.

### **Transitional housing**

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for the total number of clients in transitional housing by age. This is reported differently to Housing First. In this case the percentages refer to all tenants in transitional housing, not just the primary tenant.

We note that you asked for numerals, rather than percentages, for transitional housing data. As mentioned previously, percentages have been provided instead of actual counts as these give a more representative view of clients in transitional housing, given the potential for incomplete reporting.

You can find the number of transitional housing places (one place can house one household), on the transitional housing tab of our Housing Dashboard here: [www.hud.govt.nz/research-and-publications/statistics-and-research/the-government-housing-dashboard/](http://www.hud.govt.nz/research-and-publications/statistics-and-research/the-government-housing-dashboard/). However, we recommend you do not draw any conclusions between it and the data provided as it will be inaccurate.

The Ministry receives reporting from providers of transitional housing that includes age. Ethnicity is not collected by providers, so we hold no data for this currently. This part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held by us and we have no reason to believe any other department holds it.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'WB', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

William Barris  
**Acting General Manager Partnership and Performance**

1. Housing First by age and ethnicity of primary client

	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Total
<b>Total households accepted into service</b>	1 216	1 326	1 422	1 495	1 614	1 705	1 768	1 832	1 896	1 955	1 977	2 042	2 133	2 319	2 444	2 615	2 854	2 971	3 040	3 32	3 06	3 415	3 490	3 603	3 707	3 826	3 892	3 968	4 055	4 116	4 34	4 237	-
<b>Household ethnicity by primary client</b>																																	
Asian	17	16	17	17	20	24	s	26	27	s	28	29	30	32	33	35	41	41	42	44	45	45	45	45	45	48	48	48	49	51	51	52	1 143
Chose not to answer/not asked	112	138	130	125	125	126	126	122	124	112	110	111	125	132	134	142	145	144	144	142	147	157	154	155	156	156	157	158	62	67	69	174	4 481
NZ European/European	268	291	313	341	82	402	412	429	442	460	469	492	516	566	588	632	699	735	756	784	809	836	859	885	917	934	949	976	991	1 002	1 032	1 043	21 200
Maori	640	685	753	804	872	933	968	1 013	1 056	1 08	1 120	1 159	1 204	1 04	1 89	1 490	1 622	1 695	1 735	1 831	1 920	1 983	2 032	2 01	2 150	2 246	2 281	2 334	2 411	2 447	2 506	50 155	
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	31	36	38	38	40	44	45	52	52	49	40	41	43	45	50	57	59	61	59	58	58	58	60	63	63	66	65	68	68	70	73	1 701	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	s	-	-	s	12	12	12	12	13	13	14	16	16	18	20	22	22	26	28	26	26	26	26	24	27	440	
Pacific Peoples	148	60	171	170	175	176	82	190	195	196	198	198	203	228	237	253	276	281	286	04	07	314	319	331	348	353	65	371	86	391	401	412	8 525
<b>Total reported households with dependant children<sup>1</sup></b>	149	152	153	155	61	69	170	171	175	85	88	89	194	85	195	191	203	216	232	241	262	269	281	290	295	280	315	319	334	350	354	346	-
<b>Primary client ethnicity where the household contains children<sup>1</sup></b>																																	
Asian	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	111	
Chose not to answer/not asked	-	s	s	-	-	-	-	-	-	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	-	26
NZ European/European	17	16	16	15	16	17	17	15	16	17	16	17	18	16	17	16	18	17	19	20	22	21	23	26	28	26	30	30	31	30	31	29	663
Maori	72	72	74	76	78	84	86	87	91	99	02	03	07	01	113	112	121	136	145	153	69	173	82	86	86	170	198	203	212	223	228	224	4 366
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	s	9	9	s	s	s	s	s	s	10	10	9	9	8	8	7	s	8	9	8	7	8	9	9	10	11	11	s	s	s	s	289	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Peoples	49	52	52	54	58	57	56	56	55	55	56	55	53	52	53	49	54	56	58	61	62	63	65	67	70	71	75	79	81	79	81	79	1 914
<b>0-25<sup>1</sup></b>																																	
Asian	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	47
Chose not to answer/not asked	14	18	16	13	13	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	15	15	16	15	12	14	16	17	17	17	19	19	18	19	20	19	21	491
NZ European/European	31	36	38	41	40	37	35	38	39	39	40	40	42	47	51	58	60	59	63	65	66	71	72	72	70	71	70	71	72	73	72	73	1 717
Maori	00	96	02	08	114	121	122	128	127	133	135	137	140	151	61	80	199	205	212	230	235	239	251	254	254	260	260	261	264	263	266	272	5 980
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	223
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific Peoples	40	42	43	41	42	42	42	43	44	44	43	42	42	48	48	48	55	58	56	62	63	61	61	59	58	58	58	58	63	60	59	60	1 643

1) The 0-17 and 18-25 age groups have been combined as there are few and low numbers in the 0-17 age group that all have to be suppressed making the data less useable.  
 2) 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.  
 3) Where household composition has been reported this is based on provider reporting, the quality and completeness of provider reporting can vary from month to month.  
 Note: Ethnicity is self reported by the client to the provider

2. Proportion of total reported clients by age in Transitional Housing

	0-17	18-25
Jul-17	44%	9%
Aug-17	44%	12%
Sep-17	47%	10%
Oct-17	44%	13%
Nov-17	39%	15%
Dec-17	42%	14%
Jan-18	37%	12%
Feb-18	41%	11%
Mar-18	41%	12%
Apr-18	40%	13%
May-18	42%	13%
Jun-18	39%	14%
Jul-18	39%	14%
Aug-18	43%	13%
Sep-18	40%	16%
Oct-18	42%	15%
Nov-18	41%	16%
Dec-18	41%	15%
Jan-19	40%	14%
Feb-19	40%	15%
Mar-19	45%	15%
Apr-19	40%	14%
May-19	40%	15%
Jun-19	43%	13%
Jul-19	45%	13%
Aug-19	41%	14%
Sep-19	44%	13%
Oct-19	42%	14%
Nov-19	45%	13%
Dec-19	46%	12%
Jan-20	42%	13%
Feb-20	44%	13%
Mar-20	44%	13%
Apr-20	44%	12%
May-20	45%	13%
Jun-20	42%	13%
Jul-20	45%	14%
Aug-20	45%	14%
Sep-20	47%	13%
Oct-20	40%	14%
Nov-20	43%	14%
Dec-20	46%	13%
Jan-21	46%	12%
Feb-21	47%	12%
Mar-21	48%	12%
Apr-21	46%	12%
May-21	45%	12%
Jun-21	44%	12%
Jul-21	47%	12%
Aug-21	40%	13%
Sep-21	38%	13%
Oct-21	41%	13%
Nov-21	43%	13%
Dec-21	41%	14%
Jan-22	47%	12%