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Thank you for your email on 22 November 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

A breakdown in number (not percentages) of people in Emergency Housing, in Transitional housing, Kainga Ora residents (I have the waiting list but not residents of KO) and those with mental health residential facilities.

If I could have the information broken down to

- *Under 5 years*
- *Between 5 – 15*
- *15 and 25*
- *If unable to breakdown like this – then a rough showing is OK.*

Also a breakdown in ethnicity is needed as well

- *Māori, Pacific, Asian and European breakdown please is very appreciated*

Your request for information on people in emergency housing and Kāinga Ora residents has been, or will be, answered by the Ministry of Social Development and Kāinga Ora respectively.

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development 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, that the information is not held by us and we have no reason to believe any other department holds it.

The following table shows the percentage of reported clients in transitional housing by region and age bands as at 31 August 2021. 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.

| Region | Age band | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 0-5 | 6-15 | 16-25 | 26+ | Unknown |
| Auckland | 13% | 15% | 17% | 42% | 13% |
| Bay of Plenty | 11% | 12% | 10% | 42% | 24% |
| Canterbury | 9% | 18% | 16% | 57% | 1% |
| Central | 11% | 27% | 15% | 48% | 0% |
| East Coast | 16% | 20% | 14% | 40% | 10% |
| Northland | 16% | 30% | 14% | 37% | 3% |
| Southern | 16% | 23% | 16% | 45% | 0% |
| Taranaki | | | | | 100% |
| Waikato | | | | | 100% |
| Wellington | 8% | 12% | 13% | 57% | 10% |
| West Coast Tasman | 28% | 19% | 15% | 36% | 1% |
| Total New Zealand | 12% | 15% | 13% | 38% | 22% |

You can find further information on transitional housing, including the number of places in each region, on the transitional housing tab of our Housing Dashboard here: www.hud.govt.nz/research-and-publications/statistics-and-research/the-government-housing-dashboard/.

Transitional housing is temporary accommodation and support for individuals or families who are in urgent need of housing. It provides warm, dry, short term housing for people and families who have an urgent need for a place to stay. One place can house one household – it is not the same as the number of bedrooms.

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.

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 read 'Anne Shaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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