



12 September 2024

HUD2024-005306

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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

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

2018 severe housing deprivation data for two TAs: Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District:

By housing deprivation type, sex, age, and ethnicity – count, percentage, and prevalence rate

I would also like the same severe housing deprivation data from the 2013 census, for both TAs.

I also request information about when I can receive the same severe housing deprivation data from the 2023 census, for both TAs.

Your request was transferred to Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) on 30 August 2024 from Stats NZ because it was more closely connected with our functions.

The Ministry contracted the University of Otago to produce an estimate of New Zealand's homeless population using 2018 Census data. The result is the Severe Housing Deprivation in Aotearoa 2018 report: www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insights/2018-severe-housing-deprivation-estimate.

We do not hold further data beyond what is included in the report. Table 9 in the report describes the severely housing deprived population by housing deprivation type and territorial authority.

We did not produce Severe Housing Deprivation data based on the 2013 Census. The 2023 census version is currently under development and will be released next year.

Your request is refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, that the information is not held.

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 at: 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.

Nāku noa, nā

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24 September 2024

HUD2024-005306

s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your further emails on 12 and 13 September 2024 regarding access to severe housing deprivation data. I understand you discussed this request with Saera Chun on 17 September 2024.

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) contracted the University of Otago to produce an estimate of New Zealand's homeless population using 2018 Census data. The result is the Severe Housing Deprivation in Aotearoa 2018 report.

This report can be accessed here: www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insights/2018-severe-housing-deprivation-estimate, while for ease of access the tables are also available in an Excel spreadsheet here: catalogue.data.govt.nz/dataset/2018-severe-housing-deprivation-estimate. Table 9 describes the first three categories of the severe housing deprivation population by territorial authority.

Following the initial release of the 2018 estimate of severe housing deprivation work was undertaken to explore and understand the data collected regarding basic amenities from the 2018 Census (see www.healthyhousing.org.nz/sites/default/files/2021-11/Housing-that-Lacks-Basic-Amenities-in-Aotearoa-New-Zealand-2018.pdf). Once this work was completed, the 2018 estimate of severe housing deprivation was updated. The majority of the updated tables that present all four groupings of homelessness – without shelter, temporary accommodation, sharing accommodation and uninhabitable housing – can be found in Appendix 3 from page 32 of the report onwards.

Additional severe housing deprivation by ethnicity tables were requested by the Waitangi Tribunal for Wai 2750. These can be found at: forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/WT_DOC_181_624840/Wai%202750%2C%20D031.pdf.

A further report on analysis of the severe housing deprivation data with service usage data from the IDI was released earlier this year and can be found near the bottom of this page: www.hud.govt.nz/stats-and-insights/2018-severe-housing-deprivation-estimate.

Prior to 2018, estimates of severe housing deprivation were produced by the University of Otago researchers. However, these were not commissioned by HUD, they were funded through an Official Statistics System grant. The reports, including the PhD thesis, are available at:

- ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE24524790
- ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE39381392
- ourarchive.otago.ac.nz/esploro/outputs/doctoral/Everyone-Counts-Defining-and-measuring-severe/9926479497701891.

The 2023 estimates of Severe Housing Deprivation are currently under development and will be released early next year. We are collaborating with Statistics New Zealand to release the 2023 and 2018 Severe Housing Deprivation estimates as datasets for research purposes in the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI). Please refer to the information on the Statistics New Zealand website on how to apply for using microdata in the Data Lab at: www.stats.govt.nz/integrated-data/apply-to-use-microdata-for-research/.

If you already have a research project in the Statistics New Zealand IDI, including the use of the 2018 Census to produce estimates of Severe Housing Deprivation, HUD can provide the script for generating this to facilitate your research.

In the meantime, as agreed, we will provide you with relevant Housing First and Sustaining Tenancies summaries in the following week.

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Table 1. Number of People in Service for Housing First and Sustaining Tenancies

Reported as at the end of August 2024

At month's end	Housing First			Sustaining Tenancies	
	Tauranga City			Tauranga City	Western Bay of Plenty
	Waiting to be Housed	Housed and In Service	Total In Service	In Service	In Service
Jul 2023	32	57	89	67	S
Aug 2023	34	57	91	67	S
Sep 2023	35	58	93	64	S
Oct 2023	34	59	93	69	S
Nov 2023	29	57	86	71	S
Dec 2023	31	54	85	33	S
Jan 2024	26	57	83	39	S
Feb 2024	24	54	78	50	S
Mar 2024	25	51	76	59	S
Apr 2024	29	48	77	58	S
May 2024	27	47	74	54	S
Jun 2024	23	51	74	54	S
Jul 2024	21	50	71	48	S
Aug 2024	22	55	77	46	S

Notes:

These figures are based on programme provider reporting. Please note that the most recent figures may be revised within the next quarter as we receive further updates from service providers.

S denotes 'Suppressed', indicating that a figure cannot be released to prevent individuals from becoming identifiable due to a small size.

Table 2. Demographics of Primary Applicants from Households Currently In Service for Housing First
Reported as at the end of August 2024

Characteristics	Housing First		
	Tauranga City		
	Waiting to be Housed	Housed and In Service	Total In Service
Gender			
Female	7	15	22
Male	15	40	55
Other	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0
Age			
Under 25 years old	S	S	S
25 - 39 years old	S	S	16
40 to 54 years old	6	24	30
55 to 65 years old	11	13	24
Over 65 years old	S	S	S
Ethnicity*			
Māori	14	31	45
Pacific Peoples	0	0	0
NZ European	8	19	27
Asian	S	S	S
MELAA	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Unknown	S	S	S
Time in Service			
Under 1 year	20	12	32
1 year	S	S	12
2 years	S	S	8
3 years or longer	S	S	25
Household Total	22	55	77

* Ethnicity is self-reported as a single response option ethnicity.

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Table 3. Demographics of Primary Applicants from Households Currently In Service for Sustaining Tenancies

Reported as at the end of August 2024

Characteristics	Sustaining Tenancies	
	Tauranga City In Service	Western Bay of Plenty In Service
Gender		
Female	31	S
Male	15	S
Other	0	S
Unknown	0	S
Age		
Under 25 years old	S	S
25 - 39 years old	13	S
40 to 54 years old	19	S
55 to 65 years old	S	S
Over 65 years old	S	S
Ethnicity*		
Māori	28	S
Pacific Peoples	S	S
NZ European	14	S
Asian	0	S
MELAA	0	S
Other	S	S
Unknown	S	S
Household Type		
Single	S	S
Single with child(ren)	16	S
Couple	S	S
Couple with child(ren)	12	S
Household Total	46	S

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