

Public Housing in Southern Region

The Southern region is based on the following Territorial Local Authorities:

Central Otago District, Clutha District, Dunedin City, Gore District, Invercargill City, Queenstown-Lakes District, Southland District.



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.

1,755

Kāinga Ora
IRRS Tenancies

37

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

57

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

1

Registered CHP
Market Renters

10

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

27

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 1,887

Public houses in Southern region
(1,880 as at 30 September 2019)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 December 2019.

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 Southern 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.

15,795

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(15,406 as at 30 September 2019)

\$1,046,908

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,017,813 as at 30 September 2019)

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.

2,971

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(2,977 as at 30 September 2019)

\$164,441

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$160,606 as at 30 September 2019)

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.

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The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

1

Just Housing
Otepoti Dunedin

23

Queenstown
Lakes Community
Housing trust

= 38

Public housing tenancies in Southern region being
delivered by Community Housing Providers
(35 as at 30 September 2019)

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.

12

Dunedin Methodist
Mission

44

The Salvation Army

32

Women's Refuge

= 88

Total available places as at 31 December 2019
(77 as at 30 September 2019)

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.



\$17,657

Bond Grants



\$4,979

Moving Assistance



\$6,037

Rent Arrears



\$4,830

Rent in Advance



\$1,820

Tenancy
Costs Cover



\$6,000

Transition to
Alternative
Housing Grant

= 41

Grants for 30 distinct clients (total \$41,324)

(22 grants for 13 distinct clients, total \$20,853 as at 30 September 2019)

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.

387

Housing register

(332 as at
30 September 2019)

33

Transfer register

(36 as at
30 September 2019)

Applications Housed



Southern

39 (47 as at 30 September 2019)



National

2,061 (2,082 as at
30 September 2019)

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 31 December 2019, there have been **701** grants made supporting **200** households compared with **469** grants supporting **148** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2019.

\$500,252

Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 31 December 2019
(\$307,630 as at 30 September 2019)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 31 December 2019, based on the housing region the last grant of the quarter was made in.

Regional Overview

Central Otago District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (7)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$8,436 (\$3,835)
Clutha District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 20 (16)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 29 (30)	Transitional Housing places 6 (6)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$510 (\$470)
Dunedin City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 188 (162)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 26 (31)	Public Housing tenancies 1,371 (1,368)	Transitional Housing places 46 (43)	Number of EH SNG approved 278 (122) Amount of EH SNG approved \$207,222 (\$93,280)
Gore District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 20 (16)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 39 (37)	Transitional Housing places 4 (4)	Number of EH SNG approved 110 (68) Amount of EH SNG approved \$90,260 (\$46,858)
Invercargill City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 127 (113)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 349 (347)	Transitional Housing places 32 (24)	Number of EH SNG approved 283 (265) Amount of EH SNG approved \$185,494 (\$157,747)
Queenstown-Lakes District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 14 (10)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (S)	Public Housing tenancies 37 (38)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved - (-) Amount of EH SNG approved - (\$-)
Southland District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register S (8)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 16 (8) Amount of EH SNG approved \$8,330 (\$5,440)

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 31 December 2019.
- 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 31 December 2019.