

# Public Housing in Canterbury Region

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

Ashburton District, Christchurch City, Hurunui District, Kaikoura District, Mackenzie District, Selwyn District, Timaru District, Waimakariri District, Waimate District, Waitaki 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.

<b>6,798</b> Kāinga Ora IRRS Tenancies	<b>1,059</b> Registered CHP IRRS Tenancies	<b>207</b> Kāinga Ora Market Renters	<b>18</b> Registered CHP Market Renters	<b>60</b> Kāinga Ora Short-term Vacants	<b>43</b> Kāinga Ora Long-term Vacants
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**= 8,185**

**Public houses in Canterbury region**  
(8,070 as at 31 December 2019)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 March 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 Canterbury 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.

**33,631**

People receiving Accommodation Supplements  
(33,746 as at 31 December 2019)

**\$3,002,852**

Weekly total AS amount  
(\$3,016,942 as at 31 December 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.

**7,114**

People receiving Temporary Additional Support  
(7,024 as at 31 December 2019)

**\$403,343**

Weekly total TAS amount  
(\$392,500 as at 31 December 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.

**51**

Accessible Properties  
New Zealand Limited

**28**

VisionWest  
Community Trust

**62**

Emerge Aotearoa  
Housing Trust

**35**

LinkPeople  
Limited

**18**

The Salvation Army  
New Zealand Trust

**790**

Otautahi Community  
Housing Trust

**72**

Comcare Charitable  
Trust

**21**

Christchurch Methodist  
Central Mission

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**= 1,077**

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

(993 as at 31 December 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.

**17**

Christchurch Methodist  
Mission

**61**

Comcare

**78**

Emerge Aotearoa

**6**

Fale Pasifika

**104**

The Salvation Army

**30**

VisionWest

**21**

Women's Refuge

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**= 317**

**Total available places as at 31 March 2020**

(314 as at 31 December 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.



**\$37,739**

Bond Grants



**\$3,359**

Moving Assistance



**\$40,752**

Rent Arrears



**\$8,130**

Rent in Advance



**\$1,320**

Tenancy  
Costs Cover



**\$11,400**

Transition to  
Alternative  
Housing Grant

**= 91**

Grants for 72 distinct clients (total \$102,699)

(80 grants for 60 distinct clients, total \$96,094 as at 31 December 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.

**1,193**

Housing register

(1,093 as at  
31 December 2019)

**309**

Transfer register

(320 as at  
31 December 2019)

### Applications Housed



Canterbury

**319** (294 as at 31 December 2019)



National

**1,866** (2,061 as at  
31 December 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 March 2020, there have been **1,834** grants made supporting **551** households compared with **1,615** grants supporting **467** households in the quarter ending 31 December 2019.

**\$1,708,982**

Total amount granted in the  
quarter ending 31 March 2020

(\$1,306,788 as at 31 December 2019)

#### Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 31 March 2020, based on the housing region the last grant of the quarter was made in.

# Regional Overview

<b>Ashburton District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>32</b> (26)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>S</b> (6)	Public Housing tenancies <b>191</b> (191)	Transitional Housing places <b>1</b> (1)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>12</b> (7) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$4,525</b> (\$3,184)
<b>Christchurch City</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>989</b> (910)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>285</b> (292)	Public Housing tenancies <b>7,106</b> (7,002)	Transitional Housing places <b>310</b> (307)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>1,656</b> (1,457) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$1,566,119</b> (\$1,200,709)
<b>Hurunui District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>S</b> (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>-</b> (-)	Public Housing tenancies <b>23</b> (24)	Transitional Housing places <b>-</b> (-)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>S</b> (S) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$1,690</b> (\$1,260)
<b>Kaikoura District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>8</b> (10)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>S</b> (S)	Public Housing tenancies <b>23</b> (23)	Transitional Housing places <b>-</b> (-)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>S</b> (S) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$2,100</b> (\$875)
<b>Mackenzie District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>-</b> (S)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>-</b> (-)	Public Housing tenancies <b>S</b> (S)	Transitional Housing places <b>-</b> (-)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>S</b> (-) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$385</b> (-)
<b>Selwyn District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>24</b> (25)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>-</b> (S)	Public Housing tenancies <b>12</b> (10)	Transitional Housing places <b>-</b> (-)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>13</b> (6) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$11,815</b> (\$4,415)
<b>Timaru District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>61</b> (56)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>8</b> (11)	Public Housing tenancies <b>416</b> (410)	Transitional Housing places <b>5</b> (5)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>60</b> (64) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$52,129</b> (\$43,819)
<b>Waimakariri District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>47</b> (34)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>9</b> (8)	Public Housing tenancies <b>170</b> (172)	Transitional Housing places <b>-</b> (-)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>21</b> (44) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$16,032</b> (\$26,440)
<b>Waimate District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>S</b> (-)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>-</b> (-)	Public Housing tenancies <b>S</b> (S)	Transitional Housing places <b>-</b> (-)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>S</b> (S) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$1,105</b> (\$1,796)
<b>Waitaki District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>20</b> (21)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>S</b> (S)	Public Housing tenancies <b>117</b> (117)	Transitional Housing places <b>1</b> (1)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>64</b> (32) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$53,081</b> (\$24,290)

## 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 March 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 31 March 2020.