

Public Housing in Central Region

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

Horowhenua District, Manawatu District, Palmerston North City, Tararua District, Whanganui 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.

2,229

Kāinga Ora
IRRS Tenancies

24

Registered CHP
IRRS Tenancies

42

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

1

Registered CHP
Market Renters

17

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

10

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 2,323

Public houses in Central region
(2,311 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 Central 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.

18,738

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(19,130 as at 31 December 2019)

\$1,229,634

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,247,705 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.

3,739

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(3,631 as at 31 December 2019)

\$217,066

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$205,579 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.

1

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

3

LinkPeople Limited

22

Trusthouse Limited

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= 26

**Public housing tenancies in Central region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(20 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.

11

First Community Trust

37

Women's Refuge

27

The Salvation Army

39

Homes for People

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= 114

**Total available places as at 31 March 2020
(102 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.



\$60,765

Bond Grants



\$7,868

Moving Assistance



\$16,045

Rent Arrears



\$15,120

Rent in Advance



\$280

Tenancy
Costs Cover



\$3,000

Transition to
Alternative
Housing Grant

= 104

Grants for 62 distinct clients (total \$103,078)

(91 grants for 54 distinct clients, total \$91,068 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.

863

Housing register

(820 as at
31 December 2019)

144

Transfer register

(133 as at
31 December 2019)

Applications Housed



Central

73 (59 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 **1,321** grants made supporting **319** households compared with **1,149** grants supporting **292** households in the quarter ending 31 December 2019.

\$1,417,379

Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 31 March 2020

(\$1,125,232 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

Horowhenua District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 123 (112)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 177 (178)	Transitional Housing places 3 (3)	Number of EH SNG approved 306 (293) Amount of EH SNG approved \$394,771 (\$324,996)
Manawatu District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 67 (64)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 153 (156)	Transitional Housing places 16 (16)	Number of EH SNG approved 75 (64) Amount of EH SNG approved \$50,421 (\$56,376)
Palmerston North City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 458 (436)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 111 (101)	Public Housing tenancies 1,401 (1,390)	Transitional Housing places 74 (62)	Number of EH SNG approved 862 (723) Amount of EH SNG approved \$919,353 (\$698,021)
Tararua District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 34 (29)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing tenancies 23 (17)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 22 (21) Amount of EH SNG approved \$18,179 (\$18,230)
Whanganui District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 181 (179)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 19 (17)	Public Housing tenancies 543 (539)	Transitional Housing places 21 (21)	Number of EH SNG approved 56 (48) Amount of EH SNG approved \$34,655 (\$27,609)

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.