

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 Housing New Zealand (HNZ) and registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) that can be tenanted by people who are eligible for public housing.

1,751

HNZ IRRS Places

24

Registered CHP IRRS Places

62

HNZ Market Renters

0

Registered CHP Market Renters

17

HNZ Short-term Vacants

15

HNZ Long-term Vacants

= 1,869

Public houses in Southern region
(1,864 as at 31 March 2018)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 30 June 2018.

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.

14,253

Accommodation Supplement
(13,709 as at 31 March 2018)

\$904,813

Weekly total AS amount
(\$867,676 as at 31 March 2018)

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.

2,351

Temporary Additional Support
(2,272 as at 31 March 2018)

\$117,143

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$105,720 as at 31 March 2018)

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) also 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.

Community Housing Providers

Community Housing Providers (CHPs) became eligible to receive the Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) from 2014 for tenants placed from the Social Housing Register.

CHPs are registered, regulated and monitored by the Community Housing Regulatory Authority, a part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

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Just Housing
Otepoti Dunedin

19

Queenstown
Lakes Community
Housing trust

4

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

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= 24

Public housing tenancies in Southern region being
delivered by Community Housing Providers
(22 as at 31 March 2018)

Transitional Housing

Transitional housing provides warm, dry and safe short-term accommodation for people in need, along with tailored social support while they're there. Transitional housing is managed by contracted 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 MSD and Housing New Zealand and involves local councils and emergency housing providers.

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 MSD.

6

Dunedin Methodist Mission

31

The Salvation Army

30

Women's Refuge

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= 67

Total available places as at 30 June 2018
(57 as at 31 March 2018)

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 transition out of public housing.



\$14,430

Bond Grants



\$1,095

Letting Fees



\$1,445

Moving
Assistance



\$5,530

Rent in Advance

= 30

Grants for 14 distinct clients (total \$22,500)

(28 grants for 14 distinct clients, total \$28,630 as at 31 March 2018)

Social Housing Register

When New Zealanders are in need of public housing, their needs are recorded on the Social Housing Register. The Social 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.

208

Housing register

(193 as at
31 March 2018)

31

Transfer register

(30 as at
31 March 2018)

Applications Housed



Southern

34 (51 as at 31 March 2018)



National

1,527 (1,568 as at 31 March 2018)

Notes:

- This includes both A and B priority applications.
- Applications housed may have been housed with Housing New Zealand Corporation 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 individual and families with the cost of staying in short-term accommodation if they are unable to access one of the Ministry'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 MSD to deliver accommodation services.

In the quarter ending 30 June 2018, there have been **216** grants made supporting **84** households compared with **170** grants supporting **71** households in the quarter ending 31 March 2018.

\$138,471

Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 30 June 2018

(\$112,014 as at 31 March 2018)

Regional Overview

Central Otago District	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - Target - Actual	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$826 (\$2,680)
Clutha District	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 10 (9)	Public Housing tenancies 27 (27)	Transitional Housing places - Target - Actual	Number of EH SNG approved S (-) Amount of EH SNG approved \$2,197 (-)
Dunedin City	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 153 (146)	Public Housing tenancies 1,373 (1,379)	Transitional Housing places 25 Target 40 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved 64 (111) Amount of EH SNG approved \$42,508 (\$77,255)
Gore District	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies 36 (36)	Transitional Housing places 4 Target 4 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$420 (\$4,175)
Invercargill City	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 61 (55)	Public Housing tenancies 344 (347)	Transitional Housing places 25 Target 23 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved 131 (33) Amount of EH SNG approved \$79,484 (\$18,425)
Queenstown-Lakes District	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 8 (S)	Public Housing tenancies 33 (33)	Transitional Housing places 1 Target - Actual	Number of EH SNG approved - (-) Amount of EH SNG approved - (-)
Southland District	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register S (S)	Public Housing tenancies S (S)	Transitional Housing places - Target - Actual	Number of EH SNG approved 14 (15) Amount of EH SNG approved \$13,036 (\$9,479)

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.
- Social Housing Register includes both the Housing Register and Transfer Register as at 30 June 2018. A breakdown of these is available at <http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/index.html>
- Transitional Housing – Actual is at 30 June 2018, and regional targets are adjusted based on demand.
- Emergency Housing – Amount of EH SNG is the total value of grants issued in the quarter ending 30 June 2018, per housing region.
- Public Housing Tenancies includes Housing New Zealand 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 30 June 2018.

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