

Public Housing in Wellington Region

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

Carterton District, Kapiti Coast District, Lower Hutt City, Masterton District, Porirua City, South Wairarapa District, Upper Hutt City, Wellington City.



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.

7,988

HNZ IRRS Places

149

Registered CHP IRRS Places

261

HNZ Market Renters

1

Registered CHP Market Renters

40

HNZ Short-term Vacants

126

HNZ Long-term Vacants

= 8,565

Public houses in Wellington region
(8,538 as at 31 March 2018)

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

Housing Support in the Wellington 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.

27,859

Accommodation Supplement
(27,406 as at 31 March 2018)

\$2,385,084

Weekly total AS amount
(\$2,324,515 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.

5,608

Temporary Additional Support
(5,702 as at 31 March 2018)

\$293,746

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$278,045 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).

17

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

3

Accessible Properties
Tauranga

34

Dwell Housing
Trust

19

Link People
Limited

10

Porirua Whanau
Centre Trust

33

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

34

Trusthouse Limited

= 150

Public housing tenancies in Wellington region being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(136 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.

8

Atareira

72

Emerge Aotearoa

10

First Community Trust

5

Koraunui Marae

15

Oasis Network

28

The Salvation Army

2

Upper Hutt Housing Trust

22

Wellington
Night Shelter

5

Wellington Women's
Boarding House

42

Women's Refuge

= 209

Total available places as at 30 June 2018
(198 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.



\$11,780

Bond Grants



\$1,670

Letting Fees



\$3,300

Moving Assistance



\$1,810

Rent in Advance



\$1,145

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$700

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 21

Grants for 10 distinct clients (total \$20,405)

(8 grants for 6 distinct clients, total \$11,220 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.

1,139

Housing register

(1,090 as at 31 March 2018)

305

Transfer register

(297 as at 31 March 2018)

Applications Housed



Wellington

154 (151 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 **1,077** grants made supporting **333** households compared with **816** grants supporting **268** households in the quarter ending 31 March 2018.

\$1,055,040

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 30 June 2018
(\$768,888 as at 31 March 2018)

Regional Overview

Carterton 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 (-) Amount of EH SNG approved \$3,000 (-)
Kapiti Coast District	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 72 (69)	Public Housing tenancies 211 (207)	Transitional Housing places 4 Target 4 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved 97 (79) Amount of EH SNG approved \$80,376 (\$58,013)
Lower Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 481 (466)	Public Housing tenancies 3,284 (3,297)	Transitional Housing places 46 Target 57 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved 440 (411) Amount of EH SNG approved \$520,571 (\$438,406)
Masterton District	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register S (41)	Public Housing tenancies 38 (S)	Transitional Housing places 8 Target 8 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved 97 (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$67,863 (\$26,976)
Porirua City	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 318 (296)	Public Housing tenancies 2,616 (2,607)	Transitional Housing places 40 Target 47 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved 146 (85) Amount of EH SNG approved \$139,042 (\$72,844)
South Wairarapa 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 \$12,101 (\$357)
Upper Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 87 (88)	Public Housing tenancies 398 (399)	Transitional Housing places 7 Target 20 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved 65 (67) Amount of EH SNG approved \$68,023 (\$55,918)
Wellington City	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 440 (416)	Public Housing tenancies 1,846 (1,839)	Transitional Housing places 91 Target 73 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved 212 (143) Amount of EH SNG approved \$164,064 (\$116,375)

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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