

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 Homes

Public Homes 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.

6,893

Kāinga Ora IRRS Occupied Homes

1,646

Registered CHP IRRS Occupied Homes

228

Kāinga Ora Market Renters

49

Registered CHP Market Renters

210

Kāinga Ora Short-term Vacants

604

Kāinga Ora Long-term Vacants

= 9,630

Public Homes in Wellington region
(9,529 as at 31 March 2023)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 30 June 2023.

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 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.

29,924

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(29,807 as at 31 March 2023)

\$2,906,810

Weekly total AS amount
(\$2,887,480 as at 31 March 2023)

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.

8,198

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(8,106 as at 31 March 2023)

\$747,183

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$725,195 as at 31 March 2023)

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.

4 Abbeyfield New Zealand Incorporated	23 Accessible Properties New Zealand Limited	11 Compass Housing Services (NZ) Co Ltd	81 Dwell Housing Trust	131 Emerge Aotearoa Housing Trust
39 Link People Limited	16 Porirua Whānau Centre Trust	193 Poua ki Raro Limited	30 The Salvation Army New Zealand Trust	889 Te Ahuru Mowai Limited Partnership Western Porirua
1 Te Ahuru Mowai Limited Partnership	252 Trusthouse Limited	25 Wesley Wellington Mission Incorporated		

= 1,695

Public housing tenancies in Wellington region being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(1,667 as at 31 March 2023)

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 Atareira	170 Emerge Aotearoa	71 First Community Trust	37 Kahungunu Whānau Services	9 Koraunui Marae	40 NCIWR
24 Oasis Network	2 Porirua Whānau Centre	9 Shelter Masterton Incorporated	36 Te Whare Tane Charitable Trust	45 The Salvation Army	11 Upper Hutt Housing Trust
111 Wellington City Mission	6 Supporting Families in Mental Illness New Zealand	9 Wellington Homeless Women's Trust	8 Wellington Women's Boarding House		

= 605

Total available places as at 30 June 2023
(589 as at 31 March 2023)

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.



\$1,288,114

Bond Grants



\$65,224

Moving Assistance



\$752,584

Rent Arrears



\$539,383

Rent in Advance



\$1,000

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$23,590

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 2,660

Grants for 1,625 distinct clients (total \$2,669,895)

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.

2,314

Housing register

(2,165 as at 31 March 2023)

571

Transfer register

(578 as at 31 March 2023)

Applications Housed



Wellington

181 (121 as at 31 March 2023)



National

1,758 (1,264 as at 31 March 2023)

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 30 June 2023, there have been **2,564** grants made supporting **724** households compared with **2,317** grants made supporting **684** households in the quarter ending 31 March 2023.

\$10,430,789

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 30 June 2023

(\$9,110,347 as at 31 March 2023)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 30 June 2023, based on the housing region the last grant of the quarter was made in.

Regional Overview

Carterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 17 (19)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 17 (17)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved - (-) Amount of EH SNG approved - (-)
Kapiti Coast District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 173 (169)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 12 (12)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 219 (224)	Transitional Housing places 20 (20)	Number of EH SNG approved 224 (172) Amount of EH SNG approved \$632,764 (\$459,880)
Lower Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 576 (541)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 253 (256)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 3,314 (3,329)	Transitional Housing places 133 (116)	Number of EH SNG approved 451 (477) Amount of EH SNG approved \$2,034,379 (\$2,080,673)
Masterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 140 (123)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 259 (253)	Transitional Housing places 36 (36)	Number of EH SNG approved 110 (131) Amount of EH SNG approved \$273,103 (\$253,048)
Porirua City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 364 (326)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 164 (168)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 2,523 (2,539)	Transitional Housing places 51 (51)	Number of EH SNG approved 423 (377) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,860,571 (\$1,576,280)
South Wairarapa District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 24 (21)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 18 (19)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved - (-) Amount of EH SNG approved - (-)
Upper Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 205 (202)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 19 (20)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 415 (416)	Transitional Housing places 128 (128)	Number of EH SNG approved 152 (166) Amount of EH SNG approved \$726,024 (\$760,280)
Wellington City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 815 (764)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 119 (119)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 2,051 (1,987)	Transitional Housing places 237 (238)	Number of EH SNG approved 1,204 (994) Amount of EH SNG approved \$4,903,948 (\$3,980,185)

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 30 June 2023.
- Public Housing Occupied Homes includes Kāinga Ora and community housing provider occupied homes that are either subsidised through Income-Related Rent Subsidy or the tenant is paying market rent, and is at 30 June 2023.