

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.

7,123

Kāinga Ora IRRS Occupied Homes

1,468

Registered CHP IRRS Occupied Homes

193

Kāinga Ora Market Renters

36

Registered CHP Market Renters

75

Kāinga Ora Short-term Vacants

294

Kāinga Ora Long-term Vacants

= 9,189

Public Homes in Wellington region
(9,168 as at 30 September 2021)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 December 2021.

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.

32,215

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(31,311 as at 30 September 2021)

\$3,034,267

Weekly total AS amount
(\$2,940,028 as at 30 September 2021)

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.

7,648

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(7,310 as at 30 September 2021)

\$584,025

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$553,792 as at 30 September 2021)

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.

21

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

25

Airedale Property
Trust

61

Dwell Housing
Trust

122

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

1

Kahui Tu Kaha
Limited

24

Link People
Limited

17

Porirua Whanau
Centre Trust

30

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

228

Trusthouse
Limited

884

Te Ahuru Mowai
Limited Partnership

83

Ngati Kahungunu Ki
Poneke Community
Services

8

Compass Housing
Services (New
Zealand) Co Ltd.

= 1,504

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

(1,473 as at 30 September 2021)

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

139

Emerge
Aotearoa

64

First Community
Trust

4

Koraunui
Marae

38

NCIWR

24

Oasis
Network

34

Kahungunu
Whanau
Services

5

Supporting
Families
Wairarapa

34

Te Whare Tane
Charitable Trust

37

The Salvation
Army

9

Wellington
Homeless
Womens Trust

8

Wellington
Women's
Boarding House

11

Upper Hutt
Housing Trust

106

Wellington
City Mission

11

Porirua Whanau
Centre

= 541

Total available places as at 31 December 2021

(543 as at 30 September 2021)

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.



\$154,170

Bond Grants



\$13,811

Moving Assistance



\$34,077

Rent Arrears



\$41,799

Rent in Advance



\$650

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$3,000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 199

Grants for 136 distinct clients (total \$247,506)

(214 grants for 140 distinct clients, total \$264,598 as at 30 September 2021)

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.

2,454

Housing register

(2,423 as at 30 Sep 2021)

633

Transfer register

(592 as at 30 Sep 2021)

Applications Housed



Wellington

139 (143 as at 30 Sep 2021)



National

1,441 (1,290 as at 30 Sep 2021)

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 December 2021, there have been **3,889** grants made supporting **1,030** households compared with **3,929** grants made supporting **1,072** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2021.

\$13,962,364

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 December 2021

(\$12,897,640 as at 30 September 2021)

Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 31 December 2021, 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 22 (20)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 18 (17)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 19 (33) Amount of EH SNG approved \$32,163 (\$51,535)
Kapiti Coast District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 200 (182)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 17 (15)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 231 (233)	Transitional Housing places 20 (16)	Number of EH SNG approved 280 (279) Amount of EH SNG approved \$766,562 (\$718,741)
Lower Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 614 (586)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 262 (238)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 3,323 (3,317)	Transitional Housing places 123 (128)	Number of EH SNG approved 723 (642) Amount of EH SNG approved \$2,581,340 (\$2,059,637)
Masterton District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 136 (139)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 210 (210)	Transitional Housing places 28 (25)	Number of EH SNG approved 237 (334) Amount of EH SNG approved \$493,587 (\$635,330)
Porirua City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 391 (366)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 181 (162)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 2,581 (2,594)	Transitional Housing places 48 (52)	Number of EH SNG approved 422 (386) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,766,309 (\$1,482,511)
South Wairarapa District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 20 (22)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 17 (16)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved - (12) Amount of EH SNG approved - (\$9,852)
Upper Hutt City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 208 (197)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 25 (25)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 407 (406)	Transitional Housing places 127 (121)	Number of EH SNG approved 214 (155) Amount of EH SNG approved \$820,500 (\$609,353)
Wellington City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 863 (911)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 146 (150)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 2,033 (2,034)	Transitional Housing places 195 (201)	Number of EH SNG approved 1,994 (2,088) Amount of EH SNG approved \$7,501,904 (\$7,330,681)

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 December 2021.
- 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 31 December 2021.