

# 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.

**6,949**

Kāinga Ora IRRS Occupied Homes

**1,718**

Registered CHP IRRS Occupied Homes

**209**

Kāinga Ora Market Renters

**28**

Registered CHP Market Renters

**306**

Kāinga Ora Vacant Homes

**485**

Kāinga Ora Unavailable Homes

**= 9,695**

**Public Homes in Wellington region**  
(9,683 as at 30 September 2023)

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

**32,399**

People receiving Accommodation Supplements  
(30,704 as at 30 September 2023)

**\$3,160,537**

AS payments per week  
(\$2,990,814 as at 30 September 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.

**8,779**

People receiving Temporary Additional Support  
(8,355 as at 30 September 2023)

**\$821,283**

TAS payments per week  
(\$722,454 as at 30 September 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.

<b>3</b> Abbeyfield New Zealand Incorporated	<b>22</b> Accessible Properties New Zealand Limited	<b>11</b> Compass Housing Services (New Zealand) Co Ltd.	<b>80</b> Dwell Housing Trust	<b>136</b> Emerge Aotearoa Housing Trust
<b>4</b> Homes of Choice Limited	<b>42</b> Link People Limited	<b>1</b> Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust	<b>15</b> Porirua Whanau Centre Trust	<b>214</b> Poua ki Raro Limited
<b>898</b> Te Ahuru Limited Partnership	<b>21</b> Te Toi Mahana	<b>31</b> The Salvation Army New Zealand Trust	<b>237</b> Trusthouse Limited	<b>25</b> Wesley Wellington Mission Incorporated

**= 1,740**

Public housing tenancies in Wellington region being delivered by Community Housing Providers  
(1,707 as at 30 September 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.

<b>146</b> Emerge Aotearoa	<b>111</b> Wellington City Mission	<b>110</b> First Community Trust	<b>43</b> Kahungunu Whānau Services	<b>39</b> Te Whare Tane Charitable Trust
<b>35</b> The Salvation Army	<b>31</b> NCIWR	<b>24</b> Oasis Network	<b>15</b> Aterira	<b>11</b> Upper Hutt Housing Trust
<b>9</b> Wellington Homeless Womens Trust	<b>9</b> Koraunui Marae	<b>8</b> Wellington Women's Boarding House	<b>8</b> Porirua Whānau Centre	<b>= 599</b> Total available places as at 31 December 2023 (627 as at 30 September 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.



**\$1,104,075**

Bond Grants



**\$88,188**

Moving Assistance



**\$709,977**

Rent Arrears



**\$466,000**

Rent in Advance



**\$339**

Tenancy Costs Cover



**\$18,000**

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

**= 2,528**

Grants for 1,579 distinct clients (total \$2,386,580)

## 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.

**2,319**

Housing register  
(2,283 as at 30 September 2023)

**579**

Transfer register  
(565 as at 30 September 2023)

### Applications Housed



Wellington

**229** (165 as at 30 September 2023)



National

**2,344** (2,041 as at 30 September 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 31 December 2023, there have been **2,892** grants made supporting **758** households compared with **2,600** grants made supporting **752** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2023.

**\$11,861,850**

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 December 2023  
(\$10,658,033 as at 30 September 2023)

#### Note:

The number of households supported is the number of distinct clients who were granted an EH SNG in the quarter ending 31 December 2023, based on the housing region the last grant of the quarter was made in.

## Regional Overview

<b>Carterton District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>29</b> (22)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes <b>16</b> (-)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>\$</b> (S) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$</b> (S)
<b>Kapiti Coast District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>166</b> (176)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>9</b> (10)	Public Housing Occupied Homes <b>222</b> (202)	Transitional Housing places <b>20</b> (21)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>253</b> (224) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$899,279</b> (\$739,471)
<b>Lower Hutt City</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>569</b> (566)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>245</b> (254)	Public Housing Occupied Homes <b>3,317</b> (3,159)	Transitional Housing places <b>176</b> (139)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>477</b> (419) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$2,025,695</b> (\$1,864,511)
<b>Masterton District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>148</b> (141)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>6</b> (6)	Public Housing Occupied Homes <b>270</b> (276)	Transitional Housing places <b>39</b> (39)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>116</b> (129) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$292,795</b> (\$286,766)
<b>Porirua City</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>377</b> (370)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>175</b> (166)	Public Housing Occupied Homes <b>2,523</b> (2,514)	Transitional Housing places <b>55</b> (53)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>552</b> (462) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$2,535,937</b> (\$2,076,989)
<b>South Wairarapa District</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>20</b> (23)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes <b>18</b> (18)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>12</b> (7) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$20,730</b> (\$12,275)
<b>Upper Hutt City</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>197</b> (196)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>18</b> (18)	Public Housing Occupied Homes <b>417</b> (418)	Transitional Housing places <b>129</b> (133)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>188</b> (155) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$798,417</b> (\$645,317)
<b>Wellington City</b>	Number of applicants on the Housing Register <b>813</b> (789)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register <b>126</b> (111)	Public Housing Occupied Homes <b>2,121</b> (2,061)	Transitional Housing places <b>239</b> (242)	Number of EH SNG approved <b>1,292</b> (1,200) Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$5,287,598</b> (\$5,025,705)

### 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 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 31 December 2023.