

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 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.

1,710

Kāinga Ora IRRS Occupied Homes

75

Registered CHP IRRS Occupied Homes

63

Kāinga Ora Market Renters

2

Registered CHP Market Renters

8

Kāinga Ora Short-term Vacants

87

Kāinga Ora Long-term Vacants

= 1,945

Public Homes in Southern region
(1,942 as at 31 December 2022)

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

15,573

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(16,843 as at 31 December 2022)

\$1,098,794

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,187,258 as at 31 December 2022)

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.

3,632

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(3,819 as at 31 December 2022)

\$298,101

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$299,312 as at 31 December 2022)

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.

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Just Housing
Otepoti Dunedin

41

Queenstown
Lakes Community
Housing Trust

35

The Salvation Army
New Zealand Trust

= 77

Public housing tenancies in Southern region being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(77 as at 31 December 2022)

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.

66

Emerge Aotearoa

18

Methodist Mission
Southern

31

NCIWR

46

The Salvation Army

= 161

Total available places as at 31 March 2023
(161 as at 31 December 2022)

Housing Support Products

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) is currently changing some of the features of the Housing Support Products (HSPs) and this includes changes to some housing-related assistance provided by MSD.

While these changes are finalised, data that is normally provided on Housing Support Products is not available.

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.

732

Housing register
(692 as at 31 Dec 2022)

97

Transfer register
(90 as at 31 Dec 2022)

Applications Housed



Southern

27 (38 as at 31 Dec 2022)



National

1,264 (1,848 as at 31 Dec 2022)

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 March 2023, there have been **164** grants made supporting **51** households compared with **156** grants made supporting **55** households in the quarter ending 31 December 2022.

\$224,112

Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 31 March 2023
(\$235,858 as at 31 December 2022)

Note:

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

Regional Overview

Central Otago District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 13 (15)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (S)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 19 (19)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 6 (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$8,170 (\$1,610)
Clutha District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 34 (26)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 27 (27)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,400 (\$2,284)
Dunedin City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 407 (381)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 84 (81)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 1,355 (1,355)	Transitional Housing places 99 (99)	Number of EH SNG approved 76 (68) Amount of EH SNG approved \$94,687 (\$87,179)
Gore District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 34 (29)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 38 (38)	Transitional Housing places 6 (6)	Number of EH SNG approved S (6) Amount of EH SNG approved \$2,525 (\$7,350)
Invercargill City	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 199 (195)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 10 (7)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 355 (355)	Transitional Housing places 56 (56)	Number of EH SNG approved 64 (77) Amount of EH SNG approved \$108,715 (\$136,935)
Queenstown-Lakes District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 15 (18)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (S)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 54 (54)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved - (-) Amount of EH SNG approved - (-)
Southland District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 30 (28)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register - (-)	Public Housing Occupied Homes S (S)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved 14 (S) Amount of EH SNG approved \$8,615 (\$500)

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 March 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 March 2023.