

Public Housing in Northland Region

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

Far North District,
Kaipara District,
Whangarei 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.

2,059

Kāinga Ora IRRS
Occupied Homes

180

Registered CHP
IRRS Occupied
Homes

54

Kāinga Ora
Market Renters

3

Registered CHP
Market Renters

39

Kāinga Ora
Short-term
Vacants

65

Kāinga Ora
Long-term
Vacants

= 2,400

Public Homes in Northland region
(2,338 as at 30 June 2023)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 30 September 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 Northland 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.

18,972

People receiving Accommodation Supplements
(18,456 as at 30 June 2023)

\$1,547,667

AS payments per week
(\$1,498,678 as at 30 June 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.

5,235

People receiving Temporary Additional Support
(4,979 as at 30 June 2023)

\$462,909

TAS payments per week
(\$435,478 as at 30 June 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.

20

Habitat for Humanity
Northern Region Limited

63

Kāhui Tū Kaha

66

Ngati Hine Health Trust

18

Te Hau Ora o Ngapuhi
Limited

6

One Double Five Whare
Awhina Community
House Trust

10

Whangarei Accessible
Housing Trust

= 183

**Public housing tenancies in Northland region being
delivered by Community Housing Providers
(172 as at 30 June 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.

25

Emerge Aotearoa

59

He Korowai Trust

9

Kāhui Tū Kaha

24

NCIWR

6

Otangarei Papakainga Ltd

24

Tai Tokerau Emergency
Housing Charitable Trust

33

Te Runanga o Whaingaroa

45

The Salvation Army

17

Waitomo Papakainga

6

155 Whare Āwhina
Community House

1

Ngati Hine Health Trust

= 249

**Total available places
as at 30 September
2023 (241 as at 30
June 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.



\$618,145

Bond Grants



\$89,277

Moving Assistance



\$220,956

Rent Arrears



\$263,229

Rent in Advance



\$0

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$3000

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

= 1,325

Grants for 788 distinct clients (total \$1,194,607)

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.

1,180

Housing register

(1,135 as at 30 June 2023)

175

Transfer register

(166 as at 30 June 2023)

Applications Housed



Northland

73 (60 as at 30 June 2023)



National

2,041 (1,758 as at 30 June 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 September 2023, there have been **347** grants made supporting **74** households compared with **354** grants made supporting **77** households in the quarter ending 30 June 2023.

\$759,751

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 30 September 2023

(\$772,276 as at 30 June 2023)

Note:

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

Regional Overview

Far North District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 513 (501)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 45 (48)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 671 (660)	Transitional Housing places 122 (121)	Number of EH SNG approved S (126) Amount of EH SNG approved S (\$384,072)
Kaipara District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 78 (80)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register S (6)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 117 (117)	Transitional Housing places - (-)	Number of EH SNG approved S (S) Amount of EH SNG approved S (S)
Whangarei District	Number of applicants on the Housing Register 589 (554)	Number of applicants on the Transfer Register 124 (112)	Public Housing Occupied Homes 1,508 (1,487)	Transitional Housing places 127 (120)	Number of EH SNG approved 227 (225) Amount of EH SNG approved \$389,886 (\$383,750)

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 September 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 September 2023.