



19 July 2022

Tēnā koe

On 9 June 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *How many children are included in applications made for Social Housing in New Zealand as at 31 March 2022?*
2. *How many children included in applications for social housing are on the Social housing register awaiting housing as at March 31 2022 in New Zealand?*
3. *How many children are in emergency accommodation as at March 31 2022 in New Zealand?*
4. *How many children are in insecure housing on the social housing register as at March 31 2022 in New Zealand?*
5. *How many children are classed as not in insecure housing are on the social housing register as at 31 March 2022 in New Zealand?*
6. *How many children are attached to the transfer register awaiting a transfer as at 31 March 2022 in New Zealand?*
7. *How many adults and children in total are attached to the applications for social housing or transfer in New Zealand as 31 March 2022?*
8. *What are the ethnicity of the ones attached to the applications for social housing in New Zealand as at 31 March 2022?*
9. *How many on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing longer than 3 months as at 31-3-2022 in New Zealand?*
10. *How many children on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing longer than 3 months as at 31-3-2022 in New Zealand?*

11. *How many on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing more than 3 months but less than 12 months as at 31-3-2022 in New Zealand?*
12. *How many children on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing more than 3 months but less than 12 months as at 31-3-2022 in New Zealand?*
13. *How many on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing longer than 12 months as at 31-3-2022 in New Zealand?*
14. *How many children on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing longer than 12 months as at 31-3-2022 in New Zealand?*
15. *What is the longest time children have been on the social housing register and in emergency or transitional housing as at the 30 Sept 31-3-2022 in New Zealand.*

On the same day, you also sent the Ministry a second email requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

16. *How many children are included in applications made for Social Housing in Tairāwhiti as at 31 March 2022?*
17. *How many children included in applications for social housing are on the Social housing register awaiting housing as at March 31 2022 in Tairāwhiti?*
18. *How many children are in emergency accommodation as at March 31 2022 in Tairāwhiti?*
19. *How many children are in insecure housing on the social housing register as at March 31 2022 in Tairāwhiti?*
20. *How many children are classed as not in insecure housing are on the social housing register as at 31 March 2022 in Tairāwhiti?*
21. *How many children are attached to the transfer register awaiting a transfer as at 31 March 2022 in Tairāwhiti?*
22. *How many adults and children in total are attached to the applications for social housing or transfer in Tairāwhiti as 31 March 2022?*
23. *What are the ethnicity of the ones attached to the applications for social housing in Tairāwhiti as at 31 March 2022?*
24. *How many on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing longer than 3 months as at 31-3-2022?*
25. *How many children on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing longer than 3 months as at 31-3-2022?*
26. *How many on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing more than 3 months but less than 12 months as at 31-3-2022?*

27. *How many children on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing more than 3 months but less than 12 months as at 31-3-2022?*
28. *How many on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing longer than 12 months as at 31-3-2022?*
29. *How many children on the social housing register have been in emergency or transitional housing longer than 12 months as at 31-3-2022?*
30. *What is the longest time children have been on the social housing register and in emergency or transitional housing as at the 30 Sept 31-3-2022?*

The transitional housing aspects of questions 9-15 and 24-30 were transferred to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on 15 June 2022, in accordance with section 14 of the Act, as these questions are more closely aligned with their functions. You can expect a response from HUD in due course.

On 8 July 2022, the Ministry emailed you to advise you that due to the similar nature of your two requests and the Ministry receiving them both of the same day, the Ministry will respond to both of your requests in one response.

The Ministry also advised in the same email that more time was required for necessary consultations to take place, as such, the due date of your request was extended to 9 August 2022 in accordance with section 15(1) and 15A of the Act.

Please see the attached in **Appendix** the following tables:

- **Table One:** Clients on the Public Housing Register Waitlist, as at 31 March 2022, broken down by region, household type and accommodation security.
- **Table Two:** Clients on the Public Housing Register Waitlist, as at 31 March 2022, broken down by region, household type and total response ethnicity.
- **Table Three:** Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant clients who are also on the Public Housing Register waitlist, as at 31 March 2022, broken down by region, household type and total response ethnicity.
- **Table Four:** Duration in Emergency Housing and number of children for clients who are also on the Public Housing Register waitlist, as at 31 March 2022, broken down by region, duration in Emergency Housing and household type.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Emergency and Social Housing in Tairāwhiti and all of New Zealand, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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## APPENDIX

**Table One: Clients on the Public Housing Register Waitlist, as at 31 March 2022 broken down by Region, by Household type, by Accommodation security**

Region by household type		Insecure Accommodation	Secure Accommodation	Total distinct clients
<b>TAIRAWHITI</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	27	15	<b>39</b>
	2+ adults	27	9	<b>39</b>
	Single age 24 years or younger	12	9	<b>24</b>
	Single age 25 years +	141	105	<b>243</b>
	Single with child(ren)	192	159	<b>351</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>699</b>
<b>REST OF NZ</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	1,284	1,704	<b>2,988</b>
	2+ adults	654	1,074	<b>1,728</b>
	Single age 24 years or younger	1,014	414	<b>1,428</b>
	Single age 25 years +	7,230	6,855	<b>14,082</b>
	Single with child(ren)	5,772	5,580	<b>11,352</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,954</b>	<b>15,621</b>	<b>31,575</b>
<b>Total</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	1,314	1,716	<b>3,027</b>
	2+ adults	684	1,086	<b>1,770</b>
	Single age 24 years or younger	1,026	423	<b>1,449</b>
	Single age 25 years +	7,368	6,957	<b>14,325</b>
	Single with child(ren)	5,964	5,739	<b>11,703</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,353</b>	<b>15,921</b>	<b>32,277</b>

### Notes for Table One:

- The Public Housing register comprises of applications for both the Housing and Transfer Register.
- Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the main applicant's residential address as at 31 March 2022.
- Tairawhiti is defined here as the Gisborne/Tairawhiti District TLA.

- Household composition is based on the declared adults and children staying in Emergency Housing (EH) and may not be reflective of their actual family size.
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- A value of one or two may be rounded to zero or three.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.
- After 7 February 2017, Insecure Housing is based on the main applicant's current accommodation.
- It includes applications where the main applicant is currently living in a car, tent, homeless or night shelter, Refugee Centre, Sleeping Rough, Motel/Hotel or campground, EH Provider (either contracted or non-contracted), Women's Refuge, Marae or a Mobile Home – Caravan.

**Table Two: Clients on the Public Housing Register Waitlist, as at 31 March 2022 broken by Region, by Household type and by Total Response Ethnicity**

Region by household type		Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	Middle East/ Latin/African	Other	Unknown	Total distinct clients
<b>TAIRAWHITI</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	30	9	6	0	0	0	3	<b>39</b>
	2+ adults	30	12	3	0	0	3	0	<b>39</b>
	Single age 24 years or younger	18	3	3	0	0	0	3	<b>24</b>
	Single age 25 years +	201	66	3	0	0	3	0	<b>243</b>
	Single with child(ren)	324	48	9	0	0	0	3	<b>351</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>699</b>
<b>REST OF NZ</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	951	477	1,047	264	228	162	231	<b>2,988</b>
	2+ adults	585	537	336	228	72	54	72	<b>1,728</b>

Region by household type		Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	Middle East/ Latin/African	Other	Unknown	Total distinct clients
	Single age 24 years or younger	831	429	138	21	18	30	135	<b>1,428</b>
	Single age 25 years +	6,372	6,765	1,434	528	321	420	252	<b>14,082</b>
	Single with child(ren)	6,666	2,940	2,427	258	279	159	363	<b>11,352</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,402</b>	<b>11,145</b>	<b>5,376</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>31,575</b>
<b>Total</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	981	483	1,053	264	228	165	234	<b>3,027</b>
	2+ adults	612	549	336	228	75	57	72	<b>1,770</b>
	Single age 24 years or younger	846	429	141	21	18	30	141	<b>1,449</b>
	Single age 25 years +	6,573	6,831	1,437	528	321	423	255	<b>14,325</b>
	Single with child(ren)	6,990	2,988	2,436	258	279	159	366	<b>11,703</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,999</b>	<b>11,283</b>	<b>5,403</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>32,277</b>

**Notes for Table Two:**

- Includes applications on both the Housing or Transfer register.
- Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the main applicant's residential address as at 31 March 2022.
- Tairāwhiti is defined here as the Gisborne/Tairāwhiti District TLA.
- Household composition is based on the declared adults and children staying in EH and may not be reflective of their actual family size.
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- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.
- Ethnicity data is self-identified and multiple ethnicities may be chosen by an individual as fits their preference or self-concept.
- Total Response Ethnicity means that if a person identifies with more than one ethnic group, they are counted in each applicable group.
- Because a client can choose more than one ethnic response, the total number of ethnic responses will be greater than the number of clients.

**Table Three: Clients who have been granted Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants and who are also on the Public Housing Register waitlist, as at 31 March 2022 broken down by Region, by Household type and by Total Response Ethnicity**

Region by household type		Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	Middle East/ Latin/African	Other	Unknown	Total distinct clients
<b>TAIRAWHITI</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
	2+ adults	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
	Single age 24 years or younger	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
	Single age 25 years +	21	12	3	0	0	0	0	<b>30</b>
	Single with child(ren)	42	9	0	0	0	0	0	<b>51</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>REST OF NZ</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	123	51	81	15	12	18	24	<b>282</b>
	2+ adults	69	42	15	6	3	6	6	<b>123</b>
	Single age 24 years or younger	105	45	12	0	6	6	15	<b>168</b>
	Single age 25 years +	687	588	105	24	24	30	18	<b>1,278</b>
	Single with child(ren)	957	423	201	18	27	15	48	<b>1,479</b>
	not specified	21	9	3	0	0	0	3	<b>33</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3,366</b>

Region by household type		Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	Middle East/ Latin/African	Other	Unknown	Total distinct clients
<b>Total</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	126	51	78	15	12	15	24	<b>288</b>
	2+ adults	75	42	15	3	3	6	6	<b>132</b>
	Single age 24 years or younger	111	45	15	0	3	6	15	<b>171</b>
	Single age 25 years +	711	603	108	24	21	30	18	<b>1,308</b>
	Single with child(ren)	999	432	204	18	30	18	48	<b>1,527</b>
	not specified	24	9	6	0	0	0	3	<b>36</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,043</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3,462</b>

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- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.
- This data only includes EHSNGs made to the primary applicant on the Public Housing Register.
- Check in/Check out dates have been used to determine if a client was in receipt of EH while also on the Public Housing Register.
- Check in/Check out dates were incorporated into EHSNG as part of system enhancements on the 1st of April 2020.
- Prior to this check in/out dates were not captured in a reportable manner within the system, being held in client notes.

**Table four: Duration in Emergency Housing and number of children for clients who are also on the Public Housing Register waitlist, as at 31 March 2022 broken down by Region, Duration in Emergency Housing and Household Type**

Region by household type		Less than 3 Months	3-6 Months	More than 6-12 Months	12+ months	Total distinct clients	Number Children included in EHSNG
<b>TAIRAWHITI</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	0	0	3	3	6	6
	2+ adults	3	0	3	0	6	3
	Single age 24 years or younger	3	3	0	0	6	0
	Single age 25 years +	6	6	9	9	30	0
	Single with child(ren)	6	12	12	15	51	87
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>REST OF NZ</b>	2+ adults with child(ren)	114	75	63	30	282	729
	2+ adults	51	27	27	18	123	24
	Single age 24 years or younger	72	48	39	12	168	15
	Single age 25 years +	414	300	360	204	1,278	90
	Single with child(ren)	615	375	339	153	1,479	2,772
	not specified	33	0	0	0	33	42
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>3,366</b>	<b>3,669</b>
<b>Total</b>	2+ adults with	117	72	66	33	288	732

Region by household type		Less than 3 Months	3-6 Months	More than 6-12 Months	12+ months	Total distinct clients	Number Children included in EHSNG
	child(ren)						
	2+ adults	54	27	30	21	<b>132</b>	24
	Single age 24 years or younger	72	48	39	15	<b>171</b>	15
	Single age 25 years +	417	306	369	216	<b>1,308</b>	87
	Single with child(ren)	621	387	351	168	<b>1,527</b>	2,859
	not specified	33	0	0	0	<b>36</b>	45
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>3,765</b>

#### Notes for Table Four:

- Includes applications on both the Housing or Transfer register.
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- Household composition is based on the declared adults and children staying in EH and may not be reflective of their actual family size.
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- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.
- This data only includes EGSNG made to the primary applicant on the Public Housing Register.
- Prior to 29 March 2020, Duration in EH was based on the number of weeks in which the client has received an EH SNG. After four weeks with no grants, the consecutive count is reset to zero and a new spell in EH is begun.
- Post 29 March 2020, Duration in EH is calculated based on the check in and check out dates for which EHSNGs have been granted.
- In some cases, children may have alternative or alternating living arrangements and may not necessarily be living in EH for the entire duration in EH.
- Children may also be counted more than once, as the Ministry are unable to verify if the child/children are included in more than one household living in EH.