



15 October 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 15 September 2025 to Kainga Ora, requesting information about the number of people on the Social Housing Register.

- *The current number of people on the public housing register in Canterbury and in the Ashburton District*
- *The current number of people on the public housing register over 65 in Canterbury and the Ashburton District*
- *Year on Year information on the number of people aged 65 or older on the public housing register over the last 10 years – trends if this has increased.*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Please find **Appendix One** attached, which contains the following tables:

- **Table One:** Number of primary applicants on the Social Housing register for specific Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs) as at month end August 2025.
- **Table Two:** Number of primary applicants who are 65 years old and over on the Social Housing register, as at month end of August 2015 to 2025

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, 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 or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Graham', written in a cursive style.

Anna Graham
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