

Emergency Housing Grants | May 2025

Emergency housing is short-term accommodation (usually in motels) for individuals who have an urgent need because they are unable to remain in their usual place of residence. Clients may be eligible for an Emergency Housing Grant if they cannot access accommodation and we have explored all the other options available to them. Grants can cover between one and 21 nights of accommodation at a time.



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Amount granted
May 2025

\$3.7M

\$0.5M more than last
month

Monthly Emergency
Housing Grants

1,395

219 more than last month

Households in
emergency housing
as at 31 May

453

- the same as last month

Adults in emergency
housing as at 31 May

495

3 more than last month

Children in emergency
housing as at 31 May

378

21 fewer than last
month

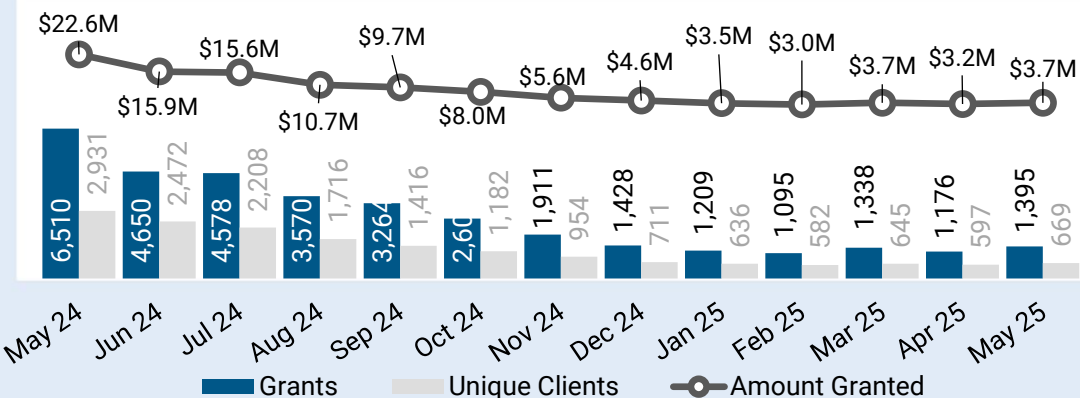
Households with
children in EH for
12 weeks+ as at
31 May

30

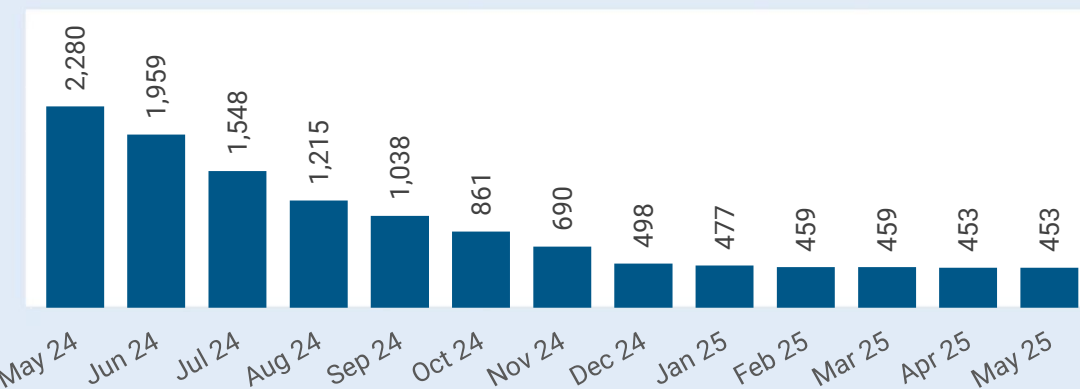
the same as last month

Emergency housing – over the month and historic numbers

1 Grants/clients/amount granted over each month



2 Number of households in emergency housing – as at the end of each month



Commentary

There were 453 households in emergency housing (EH) as at the end of May 2025, the same number as in the previous month. However, this remains a significant decline (of around 80%) from the same time last year, when there were 2,280 households in EH.

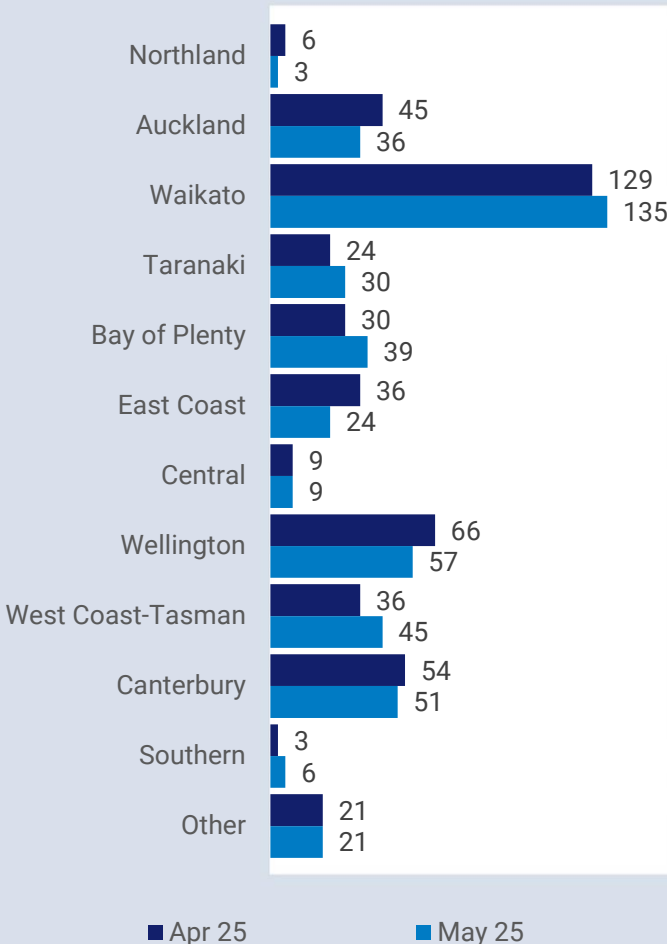
In most regions, the number of households in EH remained stable from April to May 2025. The largest change was in East Coast, which had 12 fewer households, a decline of 33%.

As at the end of May 2025, the number of children in EH was 378, a decrease of 21 or 5% from the previous month.

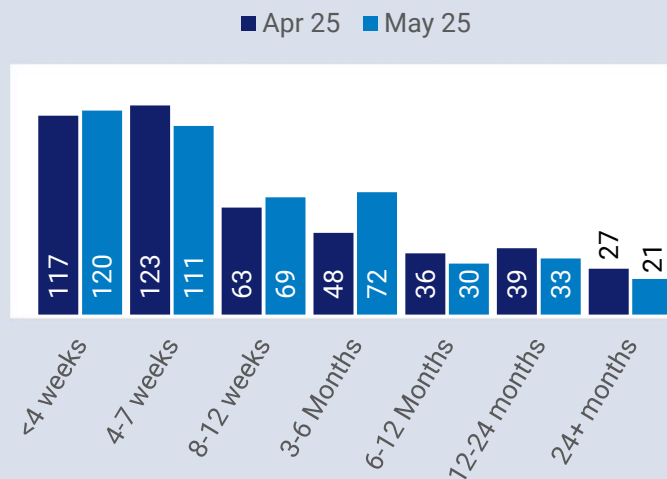
Note: Households living in Contracted Emergency Housing (CEH) in Rotorua are not included in this reporting. The new model is being piloted in Rotorua. Reporting of the number of households in CEH is currently unavailable. Random rounding has been applied to these figures. Figures in tables may not add up to the total due to random rounding.

Emergency housing – at the end of the month

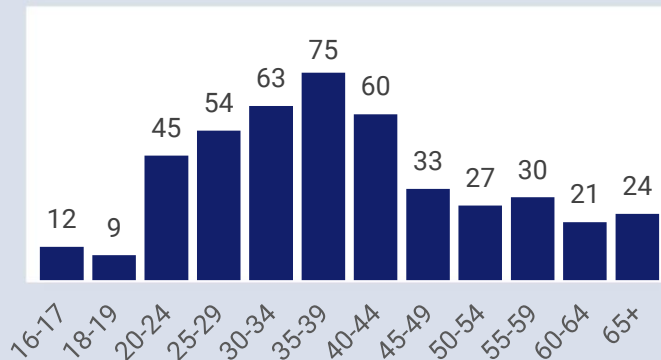
3 Households in emergency housing by MSD region – as at end of the month



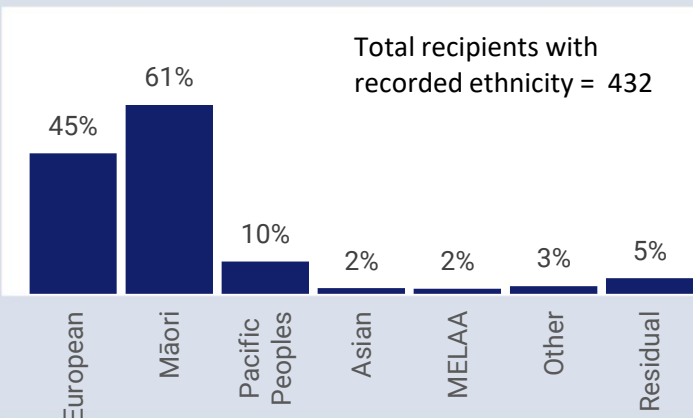
4 Households by duration in emergency housing – as at end of the month



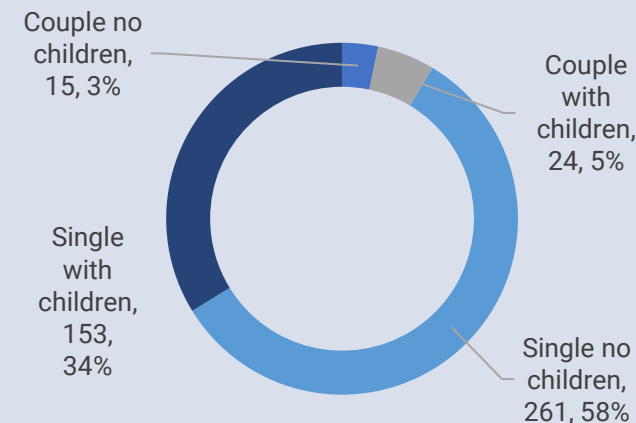
5 Age distribution of primary applicants in emergency housing – as at end of the month



6 Ethnicity* of primary applicant in emergency housing – as at end of the month



7 Household composition – as at end of the month



Social Housing Register | 31 May 2025

The Social Housing Register is a non-time-bound list of all applicants eligible to be placed in social housing. Applicants complete a social housing assessment which determines eligibility and priority for social housing against an agreed set of criteria, which is then used to assist the social housing provider in matching to the most appropriate property.



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As at 31 May 2025

Housing Register

19,089

3 fewer than last month

Transfer Register*

4,587

42 more than last month

Social Housing
Register

23,676

42 more than last month

New applications
that entered the
Social Housing
Register

2,121

345 more than last month

Housed in social
housing

924

141 more than last month

Priority One Fast
Track

Live on Register

51

Housed in May 25

24

Housed since May 24

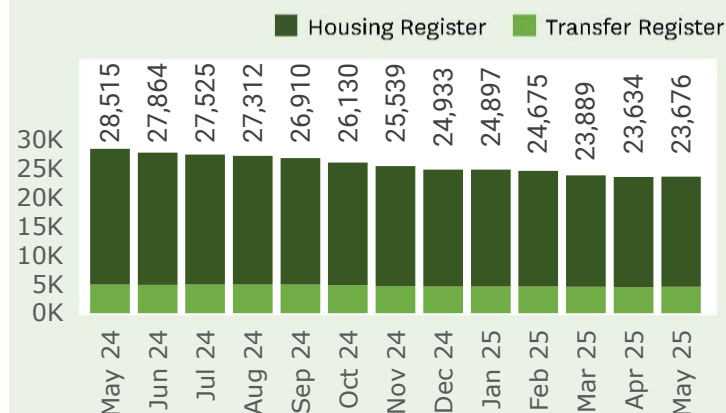
1,023

Children housed since
May 24

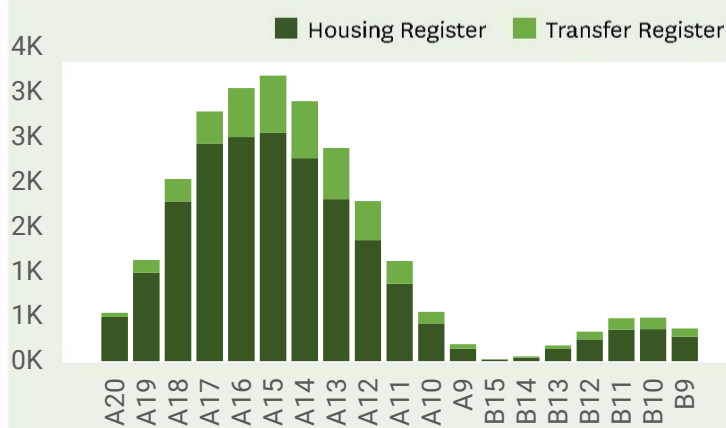
2,175

Social Housing Register numbers

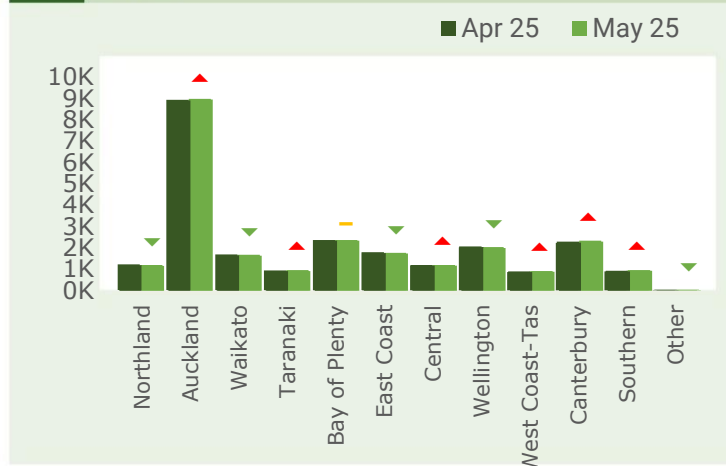
8 Applications live on the Social Housing Register



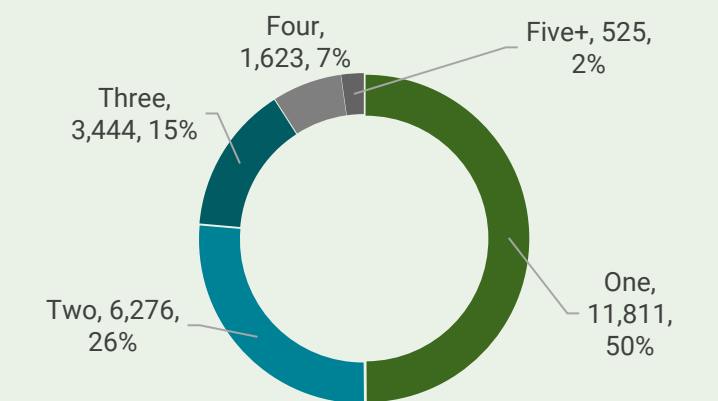
9 Applications by priority** – as at end of the month



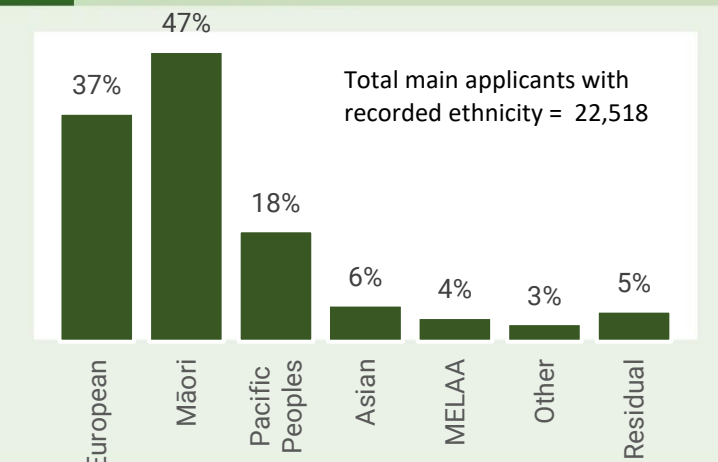
10 Register applications by MSD region – as at end of the month



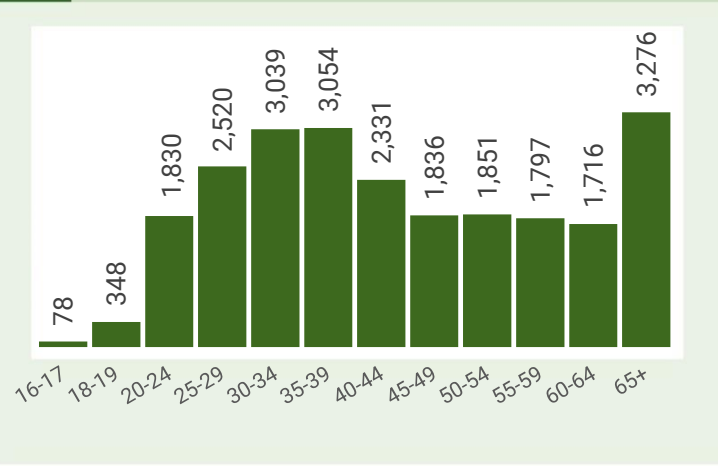
11 Percentage of applications by bedrooms required – as at end of the month



12 Percentage of main applicants, by ethnicity – as at end of the month

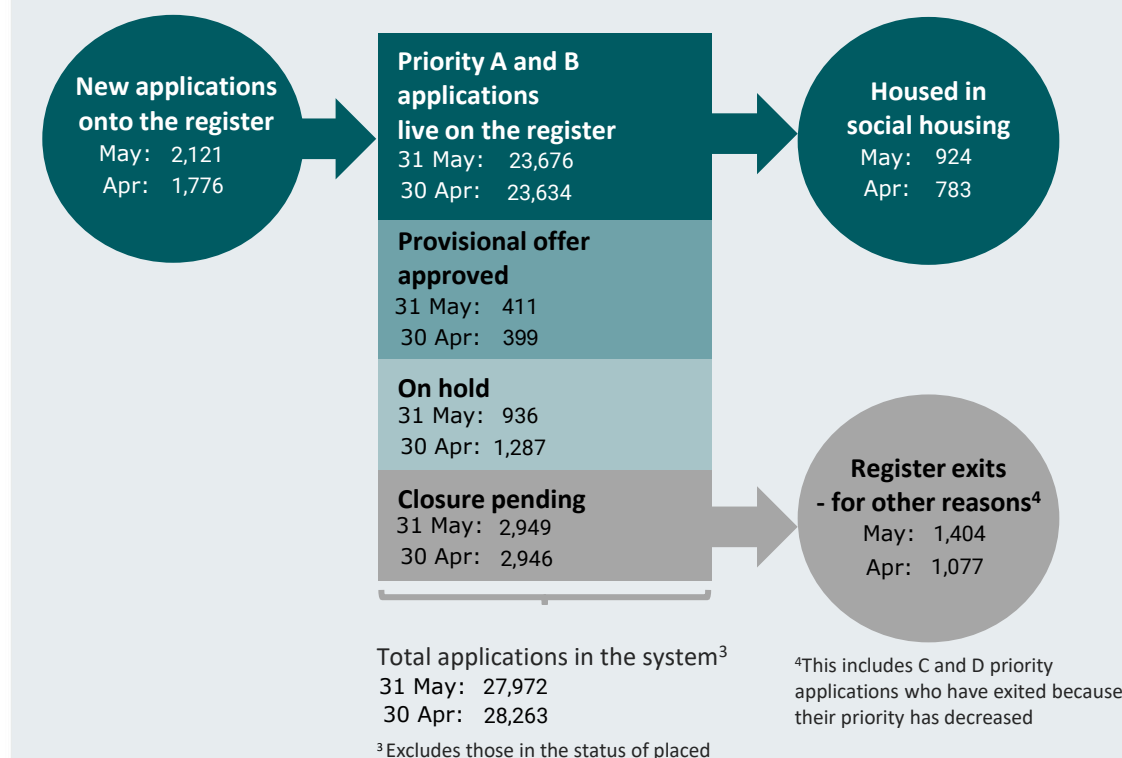


13 Age of main applicant – as at end of the month



Social Housing Register flow

14 Register flow data – as at end of the month



Commentary

From April 2025 to May 2025, the number of applications on the Social Housing Register rose by 39 or less than 1%.

The number of applications on the Social Housing Register remained stable in most regions. The largest month-on-month percentage change was in Southern, up by 21 or 3%.

**Graph 9 – Info on the SAS criteria used to determine eligibility and priority can be found here:

www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/index.html

*People who already live in social housing, but have applied and are eligible to transfer to another property are placed on the Transfer Register.

Random Rounding has been applied to these figures. Figures in tables may not add up to the total due to random rounding.

*MSD reports total response ethnicity. This means if a person identifies with more than one ethnic group, they are counted in each applicable group and the sum of responses for all ethnic groups may exceed 100%. For more information www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-report-ethnicity.html. Note, MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African.