

# Public Housing in Canterbury Region

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

Ashburton District, Christchurch City, Hurunui District, Kaikoura District, Mackenzie District, Selwyn District, Timaru District, Waimakariri District, Waimate District, Waitaki District.



## Public Housing Supply

Public houses are properties owned or leased by Housing New Zealand (HNZ) and registered Community Housing Providers (CHPs) that can be tenanted by people who are eligible for public housing.

**6,487**

HNZ IRRS  
Places

**582**

Registered CHP  
IRRS Places

**216**

HNZ Market  
Renters

**6**

Registered CHP  
Market Renter

**57**

HNZ Short-term  
Vacants

**89**

HNZ Long-term  
Vacants

**= 7,437**

Public houses in Canterbury region  
(7,379 as at 31 December 2017)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 March 2018.

## Housing Support in the Canterbury 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.

**27,358**

Accommodation Supplement  
(28,278 as at 31 December 2017)

**\$2,356,214**

Weekly total AS amount  
(\$1,655,624 as at 31 December 2017)

**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.

**6,254**

Temporary Additional Support  
(7,658 as at 31 December 2017)

**\$293,151**

Weekly total TAS amount  
(\$510,833 as at 31 December 2017)

The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) also 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.

## Community Housing Providers

Community Housing Providers (CHPs) became eligible to receive the Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) from 2014 for tenants placed from the Social Housing Register.

CHPs are registered, regulated and monitored by the Community Housing Regulatory Authority, a part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

**47**

Accessible Properties  
New Zealand Limited

**15**

Christchurch Methodist  
Central Mission

**55**

Comcare  
Charitable Trust

**22**

Emerge Aotearoa  
Housing Trust

**25**

Link People  
Limited

**390**

Otautahi Community  
Housing Trust

**13**

The Salvation  
Army New  
Zealand Trust

**21**

VisionWest  
Community Trust

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**= 588**

Community housing places in Canterbury region  
being delivered by Community Housing Providers  
(530 as at 31 December 2017)

## Transitional Housing

Transitional housing provides warm, dry and safe short-term accommodation for people in need, along with tailored social support while they're there. Transitional housing is managed by contracted 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 MSD and Housing New Zealand and involves local councils and emergency housing providers.

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 MSD.

**12**

Christchurch Methodist  
Central Mission

**60**

Comcare Charitable Trust

**43**

Emerge Aotearoa

**3**

Fale Pasifika

**97**

The Salvation Army NZ Trust

**20**

VisionWest

**17**

Women's Refuge

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**= 252**

Total available places as at 31 March 2018  
(227 as at 31 December 2017)

## 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 transition out of public housing.



**\$21,253**

Bond Grants



**\$1,783**

Letting Fees



**\$2,640**

Moving Assistance



**\$3,143**

Rent in Advance



**\$840**

Tenancy Costs Cover



**\$9,000**

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant

**= 37**

Grants for 23 distinct clients (total \$38,658)

(34 grants for 20 distinct clients, total \$31,666 as at 31 December 2017)

## Social Housing Register

When New Zealanders are in need of public housing, their needs are recorded on the Social Housing Register. The Social 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.

**677**

Housing register

(537 as at 31 December 2017)

**188**

Transfer register

(154 as at 31 December 2017)

### Applications Housed



Canterbury

**281** (356 as at 31 December 2017)



National

**1,568** (1,673 as at 31 December 2017)

#### Notes:

- This includes both A and B priority applications.
- Applications housed may have been housed with Housing New Zealand Corporation 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 individual and families with the cost of staying in short-term accommodation if they are unable to access one of the Ministry'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 MSD to deliver accommodation services.

With more transitional housing places coming on board in the quarter ending 31 March 2018, MSD has seen a decrease in the number of EH SNG being paid.

In the quarter ending 31 March 2018, there have been **326** grants made supporting **179** households compared with **277** grants supporting **150** households in the quarter ending 31 December 2017.

**\$177,897**

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 March 2018

(\$132,745 as at 31 December 2017)

# Regional Overview

<b>Ashburton District</b>	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register <b>11 (8)</b>	Public Housing tenancies <b>178 (178)</b>	Transitional Housing places <b>4 Target</b> <b>1 Actual</b>	Number of EH SNG approved <b>\$ (13)</b> Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$2,289 (\$9,156)</b>
<b>Christchurch City</b>	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register <b>721 (591)</b>	Public Housing tenancies <b>6,371 (6,276)</b>	Transitional Housing places <b>259 Target</b> <b>247 Actual</b>	Number of EH SNG approved <b>271 (199)</b> Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$149,600 (\$94,348)</b>
<b>Hurunui District</b>	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register <b>\$ (S)</b>	Public Housing tenancies <b>24 (25)</b>	Transitional Housing places <b>2 Target</b> <b>- Actual</b>	Number of EH SNG approved <b>\$ (-)</b> Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$360 (\$0)</b>
<b>Kaikoura District</b>	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register <b>\$ (S)</b>	Public Housing tenancies <b>23 (23)</b>	Transitional Housing places <b>- Target</b> <b>- Actual</b>	Number of EH SNG approved <b>\$ (-)</b> Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$2,250 (\$0)</b>
<b>Mackenzie District</b>	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register <b>- (-)</b>	Public Housing tenancies <b>\$ (S)</b>	Transitional Housing places <b>- Target</b> <b>- Actual</b>	Number of EH SNG approved <b>15 (-)</b> Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$8,507 (\$0)</b>
<b>Selwyn District</b>	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register <b>18 (11)</b>	Public Housing tenancies <b>\$ (S)</b>	Transitional Housing places <b>1 Target</b> <b>- Actual</b>	Number of EH SNG approved <b>13 (S)</b> Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$4,371 (\$2,015)</b>
<b>Timaru District</b>	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register <b>46 (36)</b>	Public Housing tenancies <b>403 (408)</b>	Transitional Housing places <b>4 Target</b> <b>1 Actual</b>	Number of EH SNG approved <b>\$ (20)</b> Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$130 (\$10,431)</b>
<b>Waimakariri District</b>	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register <b>40 (28)</b>	Public Housing tenancies <b>147 (147)</b>	Transitional Housing places <b>8 Target</b> <b>2 Actual</b>	Number of EH SNG approved <b>18 (S)</b> Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$10,390 (\$1,290)</b>
<b>Waimate District</b>	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register <b>\$ (S)</b>	Public Housing tenancies <b>22 (23)</b>	Transitional Housing places <b>1 Target</b> <b>- Actual</b>	Number of EH SNG approved <b>- (33)</b> Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$0 (\$15,505)</b>
<b>Waitaki District</b>	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register <b>20 (11)</b>	Public Housing tenancies <b>112 (110)</b>	Transitional Housing places <b>1 Target</b> <b>1 Actual</b>	Number of EH SNG approved <b>- (-)</b> Amount of EH SNG approved <b>\$0 (\$0)</b>

## 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.
- Social Housing Register includes both the Housing Register and Transfer Register as at 31 March 2018. A breakdown of these is available at <http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/index.html>
- Transitional Housing – Actual is at 31 March 2018, and regional targets are adjusted based on demand.
- Emergency Housing – Amount of EH SNG is the total value of grants issued in the quarter ending 31 March 2018, per housing region.
- Public Housing Tenancies includes Housing New Zealand and community housing provider tenanted properties that are either subsidised through Income-Related Rent Subsidy or the tenant is paying market rent, and is at 31 March 2018.