

Public Housing in Northland Region

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

Far North District,
Kaipara District,
Whangarei 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.

1,969

HNZ IRRS
Places

1

Registered CHP
IRRS Place

39

HNZ Market
Renters

0

Registered
CHP Market
Renters

18

HNZ Short-term
Vacants

11

HNZ Long-term
Vacants

= 2,038

Public houses in Northland region
(2,040 as at 31 December 2017)

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

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.

14,941

Accommodation Supplement
(15,559 as at 31 December 2017)

\$1,072,702

Weekly total AS amount
(\$819,312 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.

3,282

Temporary Additional Support
(3,974 as at 31 December 2017)

\$165,455

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$251,360 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).

1

Whangarei Accessible
Housing Trust

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= 1

Community housing place in Northland region being
delivered by Community Housing Providers
(1 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.

11

Waitomo Papakainga

37

He Korowai Trust

1

Ngati Hine Health Trust

12

Emerge Aotearoa

21

Te Runanga o Whaingaroa

15

Tai Tokerau Emergency
Housing Charitable Trust

17

The Salvation Army

24

Women's Refuge

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= 138

Total available places as at 31 March 2018
(129 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.



\$39,047

Bond Grants



\$3,658

Letting Fees



\$3,915

Moving
Assistance



\$3,745

Rent in Advance

= 57

Grants for 39 distinct clients (total \$50,365)

(117 grants for 76 distinct clients, total \$108,998 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.

276

Housing register

(191 as at
31 December 2017)

52

Transfer register

(45 as at
31 December 2017)

Applications Housed



Northland

48 (58 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 **273** grants made supporting **93** households compared with **296** grants supporting **81** households in the quarter ending 31 December 2017.

\$188,639

Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 31 March 2018

(\$201,703 as at 31 December 2017)

Regional Overview

Far North District	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 110 (83)	Public Housing tenancies 650 (657)	Transitional Housing places 87 Target 82 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved S (136) Amount of EH SNG approved \$71,398 (\$66,881)
Kaipara District	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 16 (14)	Public Housing tenancies 114 (112)	Transitional Housing places 3 Target - Actual	Number of EH SNG approved S (21) Amount of EH SNG approved \$1,192 (\$9,005)
Whangarei District	Number of applicants on the Social Housing Register 202 (139)	Public Housing tenancies 1,245 (1,247)	Transitional Housing places 52 Target 56 Actual	Number of EH SNG approved 136 (141) Amount of EH SNG approved \$116,049 (\$126,897)

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.