

Public Housing in Canterbury Region

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

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

6,441

HNZ IRRS
Places

525

Registered CHP
IRRS Places

230

HNZ Market
Renters

5

Registered CHP
Market Renter

84

HNZ Short-term
Vacants

94

HNZ Long-term
Vacants

= 7,379

Public houses in Canterbury region
(7,251 as at 30 September 2017)

Note: All figures in this factsheet are as at 31 December 2017.

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.

28,278

Accommodation Supplement
(27,664 as at 30 September 2017)

\$1,655,624

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,613,627 as at 30 September 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.

7,658

Temporary Additional Support
(7,453 as at 30 September 2017)

\$510,833

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$497,726 as at 30 September 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).

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Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

14

Christchurch Methodist
Central Mission

54

Comcare
Charitable Trust

21

Emerge Aotearoa
Housing Trust

24

Link People
Limited

337

Otautahi Community
Housing Trust

11

The Salvation
Army New
Zealand Trust

21

VisionWest
Community Trust

= 530

Community housing places in Canterbury region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(437 as at 30 September 2017)

Housing Supply Targets 2020

MSD plans to purchase additional public housing by June 2020. It is an ambitious plan that recognises specific areas in New Zealand where there is significant unmet demand for public housing.

Public Housing Supply Targets 2020 breakdown by Territorial Local Authority:

| | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Ashburton District | 191 public houses | | |
| Christchurch City | 6,684 public houses | | |
| Hurunui District | 26 public houses | Kaikoura District | 25 public houses |
| Mackenzie District | 1 public houses | Selwyn District | 9 public houses |
| Timaru District | 422 public houses | Waimakariri District | 160 public houses |
| Waimate District | 34 public houses | | |

Canterbury
Region

7,552

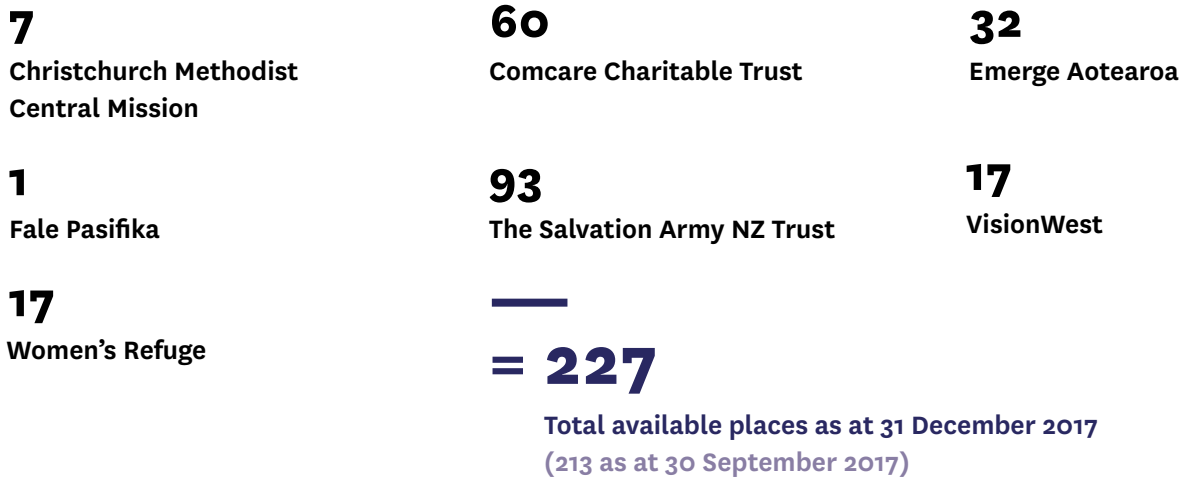
Public houses by 2020

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.



Transitional Housing Targets

Using demand data and local knowledge, MSD has identified transitional housing targets for each region.

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Ashburton District | 0 available places | 4 target |
| Christchurch City | 224 available places | 259 target |
| Hurunui District | 0 available places | 2 target |
| Selwyn District | 0 available places | 1 target |
| Timaru District | 1 available places | 4 target |
| Waimakariri District | 2 available places | 8 target |
| Waimate District | 0 available places | 1 target |



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.



\$17,985

Bond Grants



\$2,356

Letting Fees



\$3,475

Moving
Assistance



\$1,849

Rent in Advance

= 34

Grants for 20 distinct clients (total \$31,666)

(26 grants for 16 distinct clients, total \$24,329 as at 30 September 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.

537

Housing register

(539 as at
30 September 2017)

154

Transfer register

(144 as at
30 September 2017)

Applications Housed



Canterbury

356 (391 as at 30 September 2017)



National

1,673

(1,876 as at 30 September 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 December 2017, MSD has seen a decrease in the number of EH SNG being paid.

In the quarter ending 31 December 2017, there have been **277** grants made supporting **150** households compared with **364** grants supporting **183** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2017.

\$132,745

Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 31 December 2017
(\$201,379 as at 30 September 2017)