

Public Housing in East Coast Region

The East Coast region is based on the following Territorial Local Authorities:

Central Hawke's Bay District,
Gisborne District, Hastings District,
Napier City, Wairoa 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.

3,788

HNZ IRRS
Places

40

Registered
CHP IRRS
Places

109

HNZ Market
Renters

0

Registered
CHP Market
Renters

38

HNZ Short-term
Vacants

38

HNZ Long-term
Vacants

= 4,013

Public houses in East Coast region
(4,023 as at 30 September 2017)

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

Housing Support in the East Coast 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.

16,698

Accommodation Supplement
(16,768 as at 30 September 2017)

\$896,669

Weekly total AS amount
(\$894,627 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.

3,414

Temporary Additional Support
(3,436 as at 30 September 2017)

\$202,277

Weekly total TAS amount
(\$200,446 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).



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:

Central Hawke's Bay District	36 public houses
Gisborne District	1,332 public houses
Hastings District	1,280 public houses
Napier City	1,567 public houses
Wairoa District	89 public houses

East Coast Region
4,304
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.

81

Emerge – Te Taiwhenua
o Heretaunga

13

Te Runanga o Ngati Porou

19

Te Whare Tu Wahine

24

The Salvation Army

3

Wairoa Youth Services

14

Whatever It Takes

27

Women's Refuge

= 181

Total available places as at

31 December 2017

(143 as at 30 September 2017)

Transitional Housing Targets

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

Central Hawkes Bay District

0 available places

2 target

Gisborne District

32 available places

36 target

Hastings District

31 available places

44 target

Napier City

115 available places

79 target

Wairoa District

3 available places

2 target

East Coast Region

181

Total available places
as at 31 December 2017

(143 as at 30 September 2017)

163

Total target

(163 as at 30 September 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.



\$37,225

Bond Grants



\$903

Letting Fees



\$8,339

Moving Assistance



\$311

Tenancy Costs Cover



\$720

Transition to Alternative Housing Grant



\$6,570

Rent in Advance

= 64

Grants for 36 distinct clients (total \$54,067)

(100 grants for 52 distinct clients, total \$78,345 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.

515

Housing register

(486 as at 30 September 2017)

80

Transfer register

(79 as at 30 September 2017)

Applications Housed



East Coast

87 (116 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 **568** grants made supporting **176** households compared with **1,200** grants supporting **335** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2017.

\$535,416

Total amount granted in the quarter ending 31 December 2017

(\$1,074,108 as at 30 September 2017)