

Public Housing in Bay of Plenty Region

The Bay of Plenty region is based on the following Territorial Local Authorities:

Kawerau District, Opotiki District, Rotorua District, Tauranga District, Western Bay Of Plenty District, Whakatane 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.

1,423

HNZ IRRS
Places

1,121

Registered
CHP IRRS
Places

44

HNZ Market
Renters

32

Registered
CHP Market
Renters

9

HNZ Short-term
Vacants

26

HNZ Long-term
Vacants

= 2,655

Public houses in
Bay of Plenty region

(2,658 as at 30 September 2017)

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

Housing Support in the Bay of Plenty 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..

24,096

Accommodation Supplement
(22,912 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.

4,851

Temporary Additional Support
(4,392 as at 30 September 2017)

\$1,624,507

Weekly total AS amount
(\$1,538,108 as at 30 September 2017)

\$303,978

Weekly total TAS amount
(269,755 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).

1,092

Accessible Properties
New Zealand Limited

9

Mangatawa
Papamoa Blocks
Incorporated

52

Tauranga
Community
Housing Trust

= 1,153

Community housing places in Bay of Plenty region
being delivered by Community Housing Providers
(1,153 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:

Kawerau District	39 public houses
Opotiki District	118 public houses
Rotorua District	727 public houses
Tauranga City	1,411 public houses
Western Bay Of Plenty District	125 public houses
Whakatane District	559 public houses

Bay of Plenty
Region

2,979

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.

46

LinkPeople

4

Ngati Awa Health
& Social Services

19

Tauranga Community
Housing Trust

39

Te Tuinga Whanau Support

27

The Salvation Army

7

Women's Refuge

= 142

Total available places as at 31 December 2017
(111 as at 30 September 2017)

Transitional Housing Targets

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

Kawerau District	0 available places	4 target
Opotiki District	0 available places	10 target
Rotorua District	58 available places	37 target
Tauranga District	69 available places	58 target
Western Bay of Plenty District	0 available places	18 target
Whakatane District	15 available places	19 target

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142

Total available places
as at 31 December 2017
(111 as at 30 September 2017)

146

Total target
(146 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.



\$3,640

Bond Grants



\$450

Rent in Advance



\$3,000

Transition to
Alternative
Housing Grant

= 4

Grants for 3 distinct clients (total \$7,090)

(2 grants for 2 distinct clients, total \$4,450 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.

404

Housing register

(356 as at
30 September 2017)

49

Transfer register

(48 as at
30 September 2017)

Applications Housed



Bay of Plenty

42 (53 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 **458** grants made supporting **181** households compared with **695** grants supporting **223** households in the quarter ending 30 September 2017.

\$389,726

Total amount granted in the
quarter ending 31 December 2017
(\$595,674 as at 30 September 2017)