

## Regional Profile

This section provides contextual information on the designated region.

The estimated population and the regional projected ethnic distribution figures are based on a subnational projection as at 30 June 2021 and may differ from what is publicly available. The population number used to create the percentage of the working age population on a main benefit only includes people aged 18 to 64 as opposed to the total population used in this section.

The number of Accommodation Supplement recipients are as at the end of December 2021.

Weekly median rent by Territorial Local Authority is as at December 2021 and is sourced from:  
<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/building-and-energy/tenancy-and-housing/rental-bond-data/>

## Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant profile

This section provides regional information on Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (EH SNGs) and contains figures both year to date and snapshot figures.

Emergency Housing assistance payments are granted as Special Needs Grants. A client can have more than one grant in the time period. The total amount granted for an EH SNG may not be the same as the amount spent.

Total grants, amount granted, distinct clients and average duration displayed in these dashboards are year to date figures.

The number of households, adults and children are all as at 31 December 2021 based on check in and check out dates for the emergency housing primary recipient collected at the time of the Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant was given.

MSD region is based on the Work and Income region where the recommending case manager for the application was based at the time of the grant. This may differ to the client's residential address or the location of the EH supplier.

Details of the individual children attached to each EH SNG are not recorded and as such we are unable to count the number of unique children in Emergency Housing across a period if their caregivers have had more than one grant in that period.

## Public Housing profile

This section provides regional information on Public Housing and contains snapshot figures.

This section is based on the number of applications live on the Public Housing Register as at the end of December 2021 and is split into two different types

The Housing Register provides the number of applicants assessed as eligible for social housing who are ready to be matched to a suitable property. People who already live in public housing, but have applied and are eligible to transfer to another property are placed on the Transfer Register.

Number of bedrooms required is the number of bedrooms assessed as being required based on the number and composition of the people that will be housed with the applicant.

Demographic information featured in the graphs is based on the main applicant.

## How we keep data private

All information in these dashboards has been randomly rounded to base 3. Data found here is rounded independently from other products produced by MSD.

From 12 February 2021, MSD started applying a range of new confidentiality procedures to public data releases. These procedures will continue to protect client information, while making more data available. To find out how we have changed the way we work with client information visit:

<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-keep-data-private.html>

Rounding to base 3 is applied to all figures in each graph including totals but no number or total will ever be more than 2 away from the original value. A cell value of 1 may be rounded to 0 or 3.

## Total response ethnicity

From December 2021, we have introduced a new reporting approach called 'total response'. Making this change means we recognise all aspects of someone's ethnicity and allows us to represent the full diversity of communities, whānau, and people in Aotearoa. This reflects our clients more accurately, aligns our approach with Statistics NZ's reporting, and reflects best practice.

The total response ethnicity percentages are calculated by dividing the number of people who identify with each ethnic group by the total unique number of people with a reported ethnicity (this excludes people who have not specified an ethnicity).

Total response ethnicity means people can appear more than once in our reporting, so ethnic group totals will add to more than 100 percent.

The number of people receiving an EH SNG each month has not changed, but the way we represent them has.

Ethnicity is about people's identity and sense of belonging. Ethnicity measures cultural affiliation, rather than race, ancestry, nationality, or citizenship. Ethnicity is self-perceived and people can identify with more than one ethnic group.

Previously, we reported ethnicity using an approach called 'prioritised ethnicity'.

Prioritised ethnicity meant that we allocated people to a single ethnic group in an order of priority. The priority previously used by MSD was Māori, Pacific Peoples, Other, and NZ European.

For more information please see:  
<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-report-ethnicity.html>