



16 June 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 4 June 2025 requesting information about the number of individuals and families waiting for a 2-bedroom property in Christchurch on the Public Housing Register.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

- *Can I please be advised on how many families/individuals with a rating of A17 or over are waiting for a 2-bedroom property in Christchurch?*

Please find attached **Appendix One** containing **Table One** showing the number of primary clients on the Public Housing register with A17 or more priority rating and looking for two-bedroom in Christchurch City Territorial Local Authority as at end of April 2025.

How long someone has to wait for a house will depend on where they want to live, the type of house they need (and what is available to match those factors) and their priority rating. The Register changes as people's circumstances change, so there is no set timeframe available.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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Appendix One

Table One: Number of primary clients on the Public Housing register with A17 or more priority rating and looking for two-bedroom in Christchurch City Territorial Local Authority as at end of April 2025.

Priority rating and household composition		Housing Register	Transfer Register	Total
A17	2+ adults	3	0	3
	Single age 24 years or younger	3	0	3
	Single age 25 years +	12	6	15
	Single with child(ren)	15	6	21
	Total	30	12	39
A18	2+ adults with child(ren)	3	0	3
	Single age 24 years or younger	3	3	3
	Single age 25 years +	12	3	15
	Single with child(ren)	9	3	12
	Total	21	6	27

A19	Single age 24 years or younger	3	0	3
	Single age 25 years +	6	3	6
	Single with child(ren)	3	3	3
	Total	9	3	15
A20	Single age 25 years +	3	3	6
	Single with child(ren)	3	0	3
	Total	6	3	9
Total	2+ adults	3	0	3
	2+ adults with child(ren)	3	0	3
	Single age 24 years or younger	3	3	6
	Single age 25 years +	30	12	45
	Single with child(ren)	30	9	39
	Total	66	24	90

Notes:

- This includes applications on both the Housing Register and Transfer Register.
- Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the main applicant's residential address as at the end of the period.
- Ungeocoded address records that are unable to be matched to a TLA through suburb and city details have an unknown TLA.
- To protect confidentiality, the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.

- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
- Random rounding does not round down to zero, a value of one or two will be rounded to three.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.