

Emergency Housing SNGs | Dec 2021

Emergency housing is short-term accommodation (usually in motels) for individuals who have an urgent need because they are unable to remain in their usual place of residence. It is funded through Special Needs Grants that clients apply for when they cannot access accommodation and we've explored all the other options available to them. Grants can cover between 1 and 21 nights accommodation at a time.



Amount granted
Dec 2021

\$41.4M

\$5.5M more than last month

Monthly emergency housing special needs grants

13,263

675 fewer than last month

Current households in emergency housing as at 31 Dec

4,911

72 less than last month

Adults in emergency housing as at 31 Dec

5,562

48 less than last month

Children in emergency housing as at 31 Dec

4,464

135 less than last month

Emergency Housing – Over the month and historic numbers

1 Grants/clients/amount granted by month



2 Number of households in Emergency Housing – as at the last of each month



Commentary

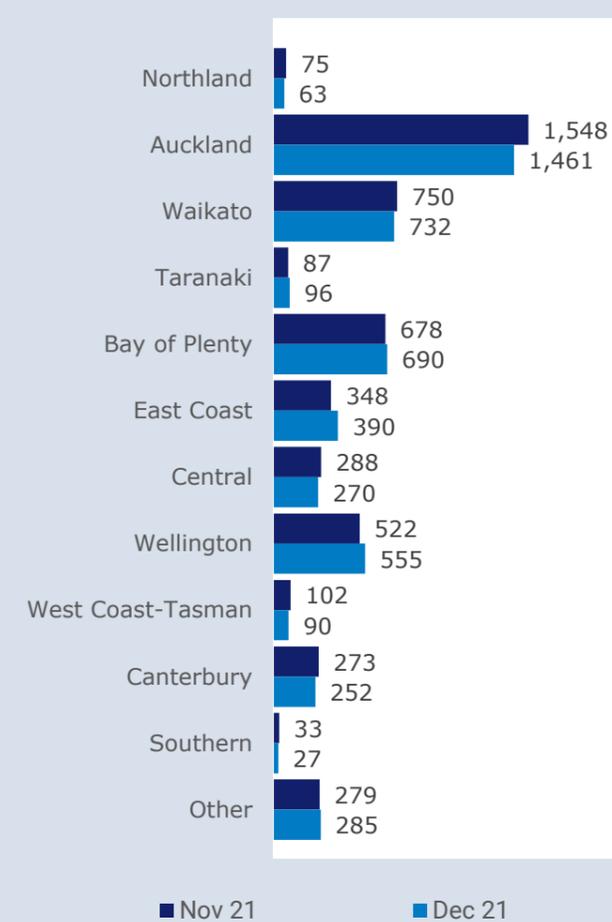
The number of unique households who received an EH SNG grant across the month of December decreased to 6,000 households, while around 4,900 households were in Emergency Housing as at 31 December, a slight reduction compared to the previous month.

A decrease in the level of new households coming into Emergency Housing has led to an increase in the average Emergency Housing duration in December, up to 19.3 weeks, from 17.9 weeks in November.

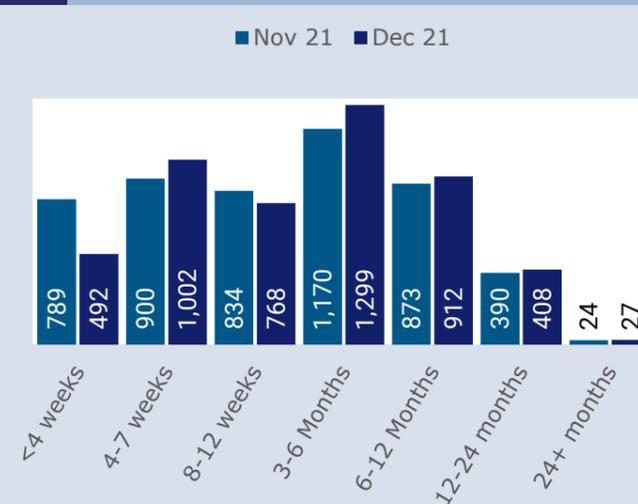
Expenditure on Emergency Housing grew, reaching a high of \$41.4 million in December, an increase of \$5.5 million on November. This increase was expected, as staff were encouraged to extend client's Emergency Housing stays over the holiday period to ensure they remained in suitable accommodation throughout this time. This also contributed to the average duration for each grant in December, increasing to almost two weeks (13.9 nights), up from 11.6 nights in November.

Emergency Housing – At the end of the month

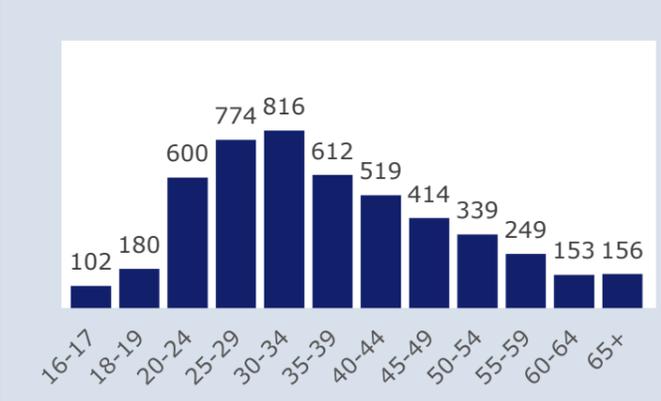
3 Households in Emergency Housing by region – as at end of the month



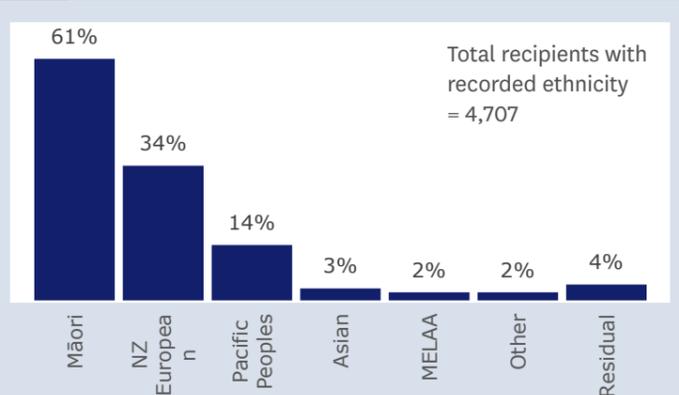
4 Households by duration in Emergency Housing – as at end of the month



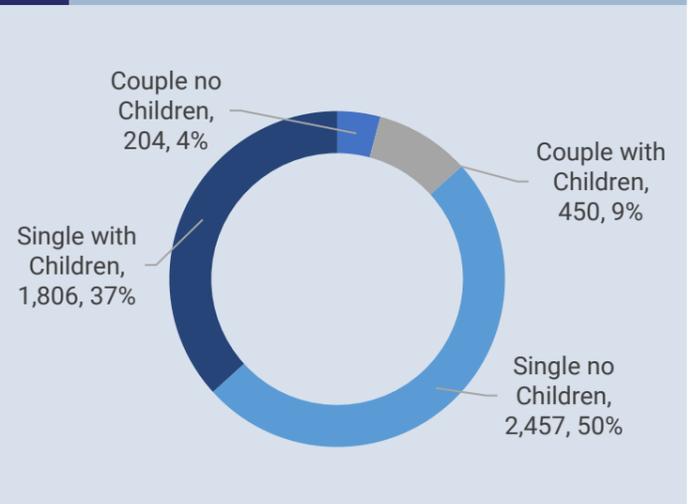
5 Age distribution of primary applicants in Emergency Housing – as at end of the month



6 Ethnicity* of primary applicant in Emergency Housing – as at end of the month



7 Household composition – as at end of the month



Note: Households living in Contracted Emergency Housing in Rotorua are not included in this reporting. The new model is being piloted in Rotorua. Reporting of the number of households in Contracted EH is currently unavailable.

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Public Housing Register as at 31 Dec

30,750

312 more than last month

Housing Register

25,527

216 more than last month

Transfer Register*

5,226

96 more than last month

New applications that entered the Register

1,710

480 less than last month

Housed in public housing

534

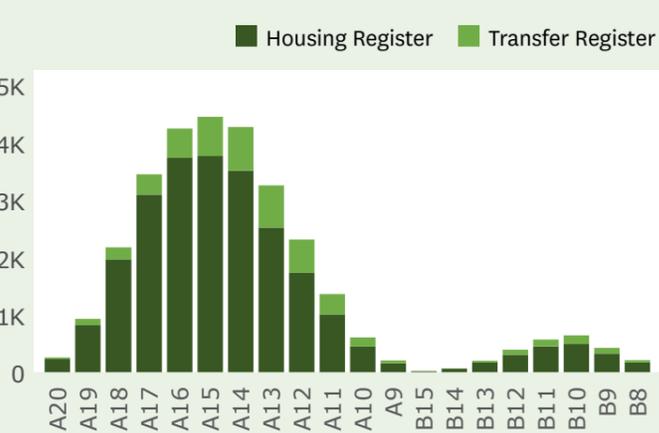
66 more than last month

Public housing – Register numbers

8 Applications live on the Public Housing Register – as at end of the month



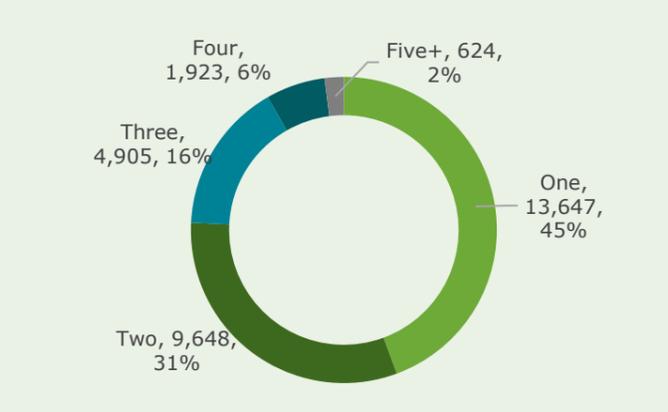
9 Applications by priority* – as at end of the month



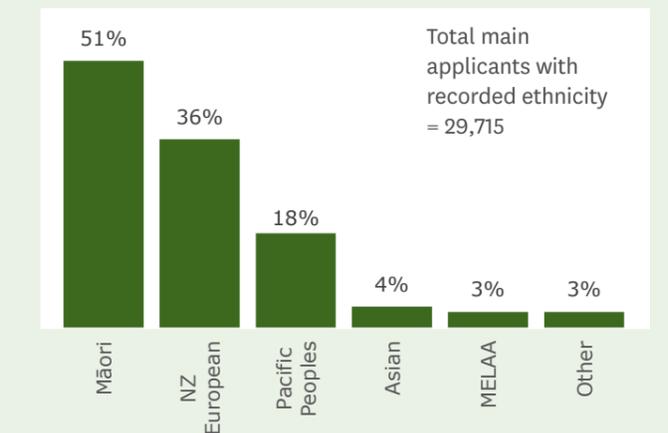
10 Register applications by region – as at end of the month



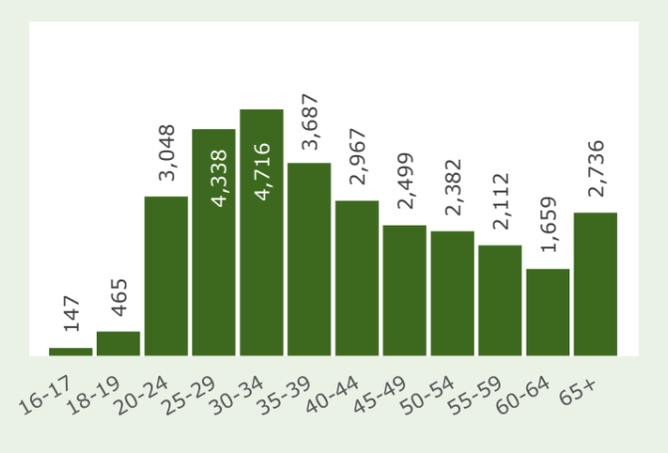
11 Percentage of applications by bedrooms required – as at end of the month



12 Percentage of main applicants, by ethnicity – as at end of the month

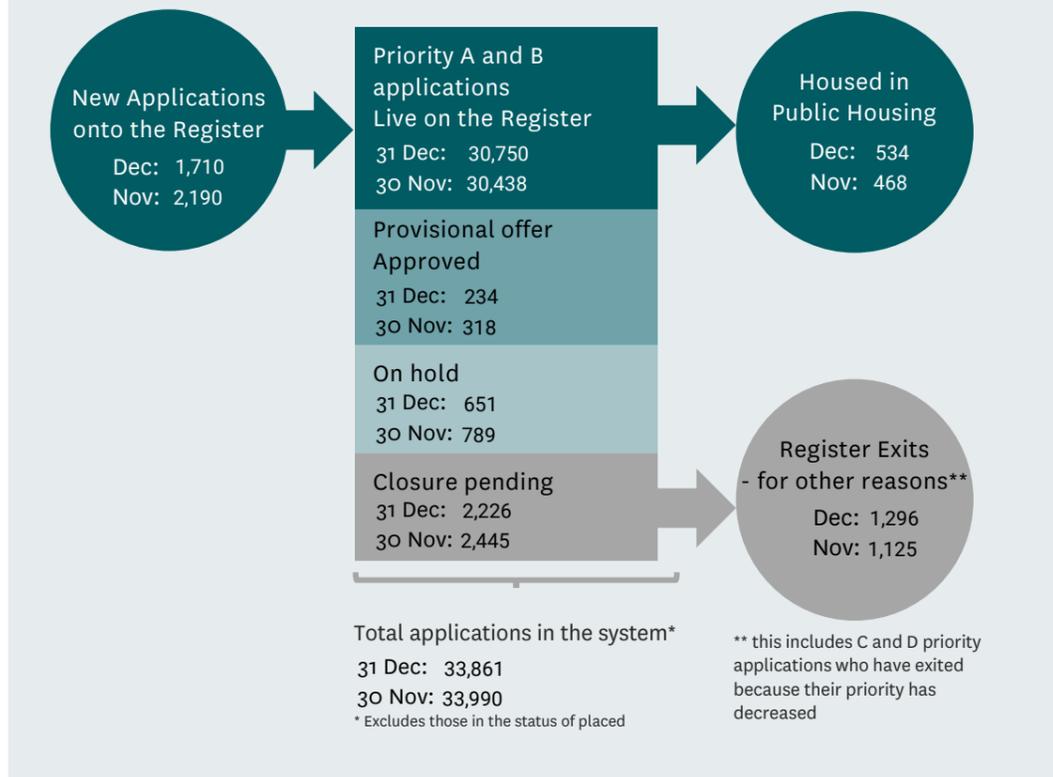


13 Age of main applicant – as at end of the month



Public housing – Register flow

14 Register flow data – as at end of the month



Commentary

There were 30,750 applications live on the Public Housing Register at the end of December, an increase of 312 or 1.0% from November 2021. This was the lowest month-on-month increase since the national lockdown in August 2021, when monthly growth ranged from 1.6% to 3.1%, due to more new applications entering the Register and fewer applications being housed. The slowing number of new applications may also be associated with fewer business days throughout December.

While the number of applications housed in Public Housing each month has not yet returned to pre-lockdown levels, it is increasing each month as the effects of lockdown restrictions ease. This December, 534 applications were housed in Public Housing, compared to December 2020 and 2019, in which 796 and 779 applications housed respectively.

*MSD reports total response ethnicity. This means if a person identifies with more than one ethnic group, they are counted in each applicable group and the sum of responses for all ethnic groups may exceed 100%. For more information www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-report-ethnicity.html. Note, MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African.

*People who already live in public housing, but have applied and are eligible to transfer to another property are placed on the Transfer Register.

*Graph 9 – Info on the SAS criteria used to determine eligibility and priority can be found here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/index.html

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