

# Emergency Housing SNGs | Nov 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  
Nov 2021

**\$35.9M**

\$3.7M more than last month

Monthly emergency housing special needs grants

**13,938**

864 more than last month

Current households in emergency housing as at 30 Nov

**4,983**

199 more than last month

Adults in emergency housing as at 30 Nov

**5,613**

177 more than last month

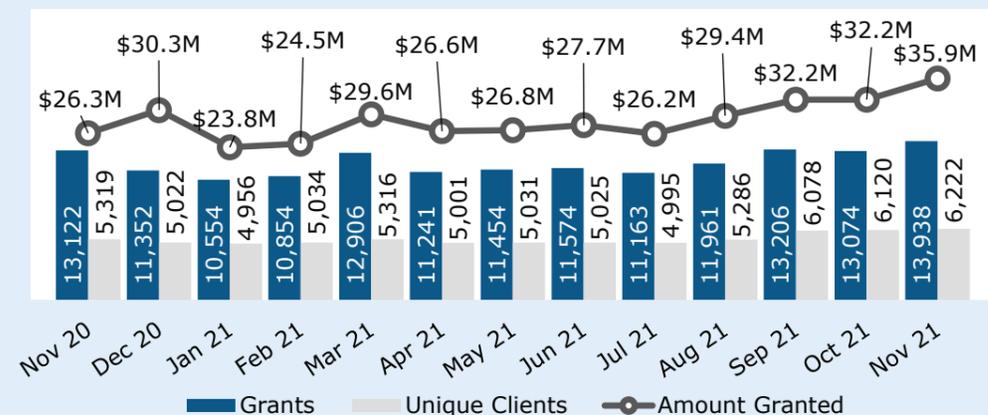
Children in emergency housing as at 30 Nov

**4,599**

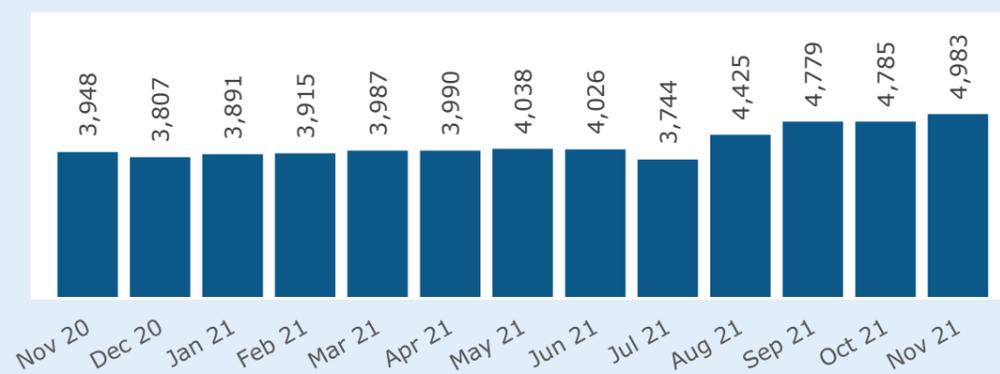
92 more than last month

## 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

Expenditure on EH SNGs reached a height of \$35.9m in November, with around 6,200 clients supported. Increasing expenditure reflect longer grant durations, and higher numbers of clients accessing support.

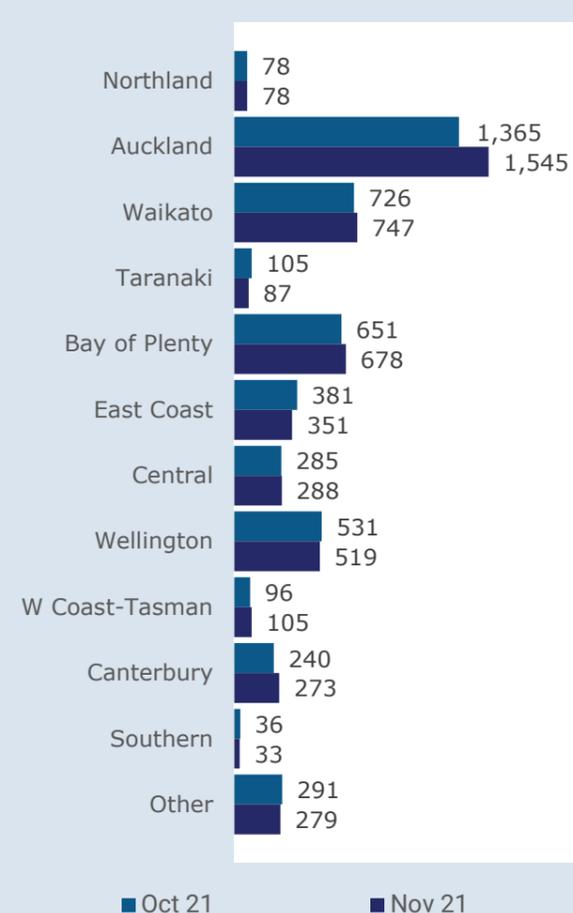
As at 30 November, there were 4,983 households in Emergency Housing, an increase of 200 households from October. Most of this increase was in the Auckland region, which remained in Level Three throughout November.

The average duration for clients in Emergency Housing increased this month to 17.9 weeks, from 17.3 weeks in October. This reflects a slow-down in new households entering Emergency Housing and an increasing number of households staying in Emergency Housing for longer periods.

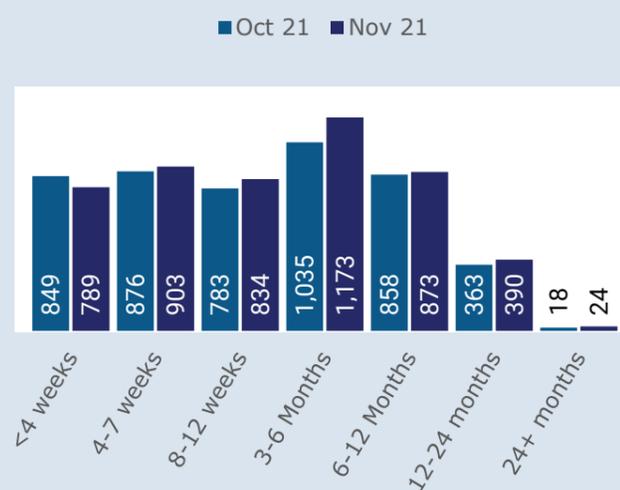
\*MSD reports total response ethnicity. This means if a person identifies with more than one ethnic group, they are counted in each applicable group and the sum of responses for all ethnic groups may exceed 100%. For more information [www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-report-ethnicity.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/ho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

## Emergency Housing – At the end of the month

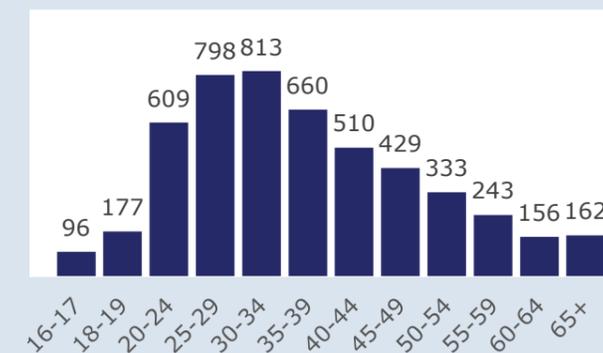
3 Households in emergency housing by region – as at end of the month



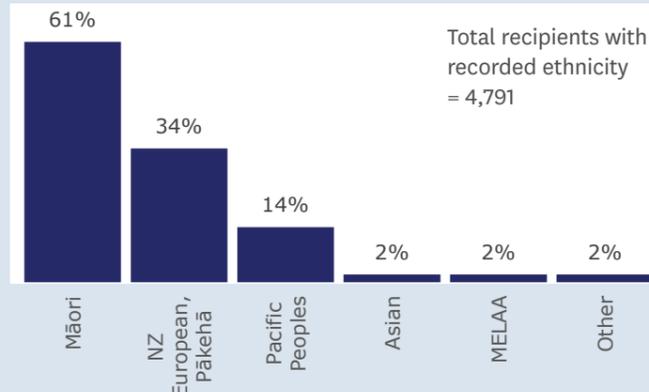
4 Households by duration in emergency housing – as at end of the month



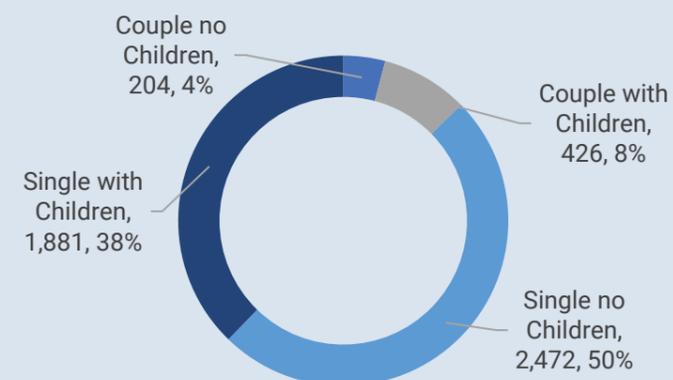
5 Age distribution of primary applicants in emergency housing – as at end of the month



6 Ethnicity\* of primary applicant in emergency housing – as at end of the month



7 Household composition – as at end of the month



## Public Housing Register as at 30 Nov

# 30,438

549 more than 31 Oct

### Housing Register

# 25,308

400 more than 31 Oct

### Transfer Register\*

# 5,127

149 more than 31 Oct

## New applications that entered the Register in Oct

# 2,190

344 more than 31 Oct

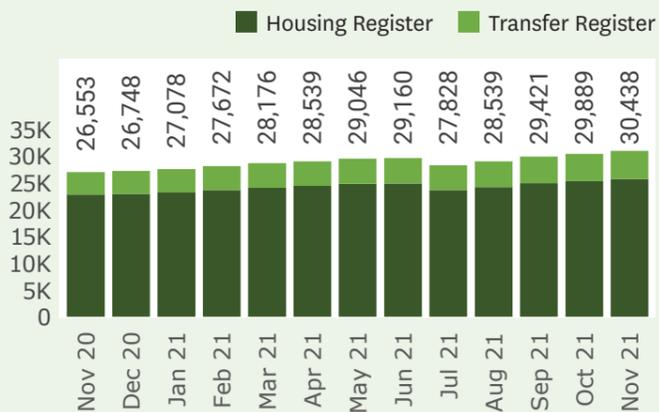
## Housed in public housing in Oct

# 465

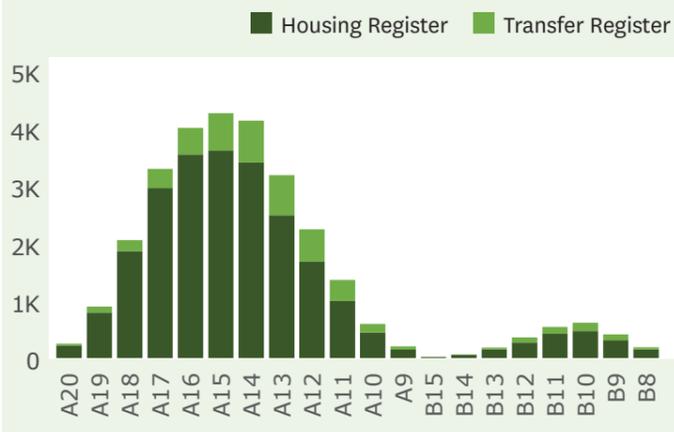
27 more than 31 Oct

## Public housing – Register numbers

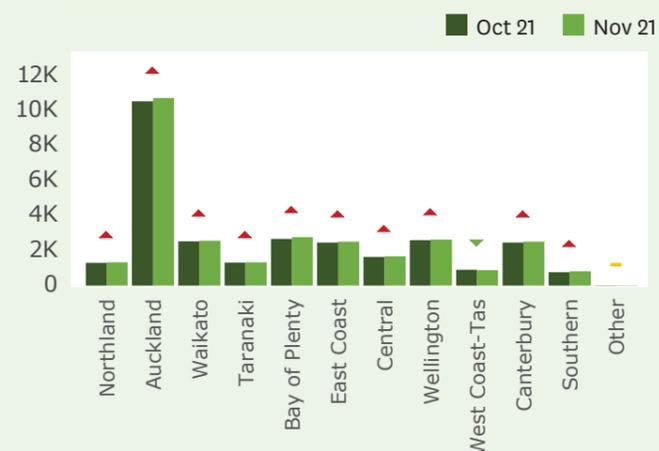
**8** Applications live on the Public Housing Register – as at end of the month



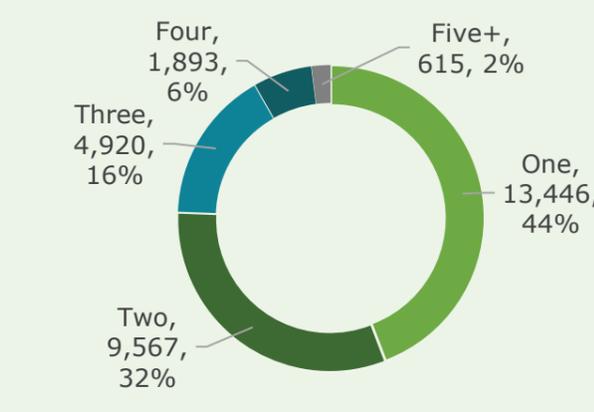
**9** Applications by priority\* – as at end of the month



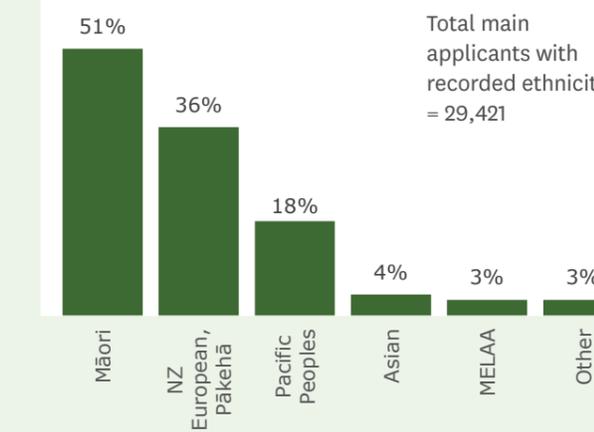
**10** Register applications by region – as at end of the month



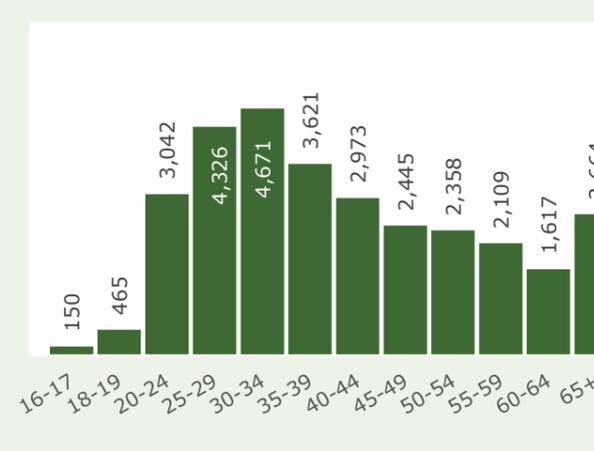
**11** Percentage of applications by bedrooms required – as at end of the month



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

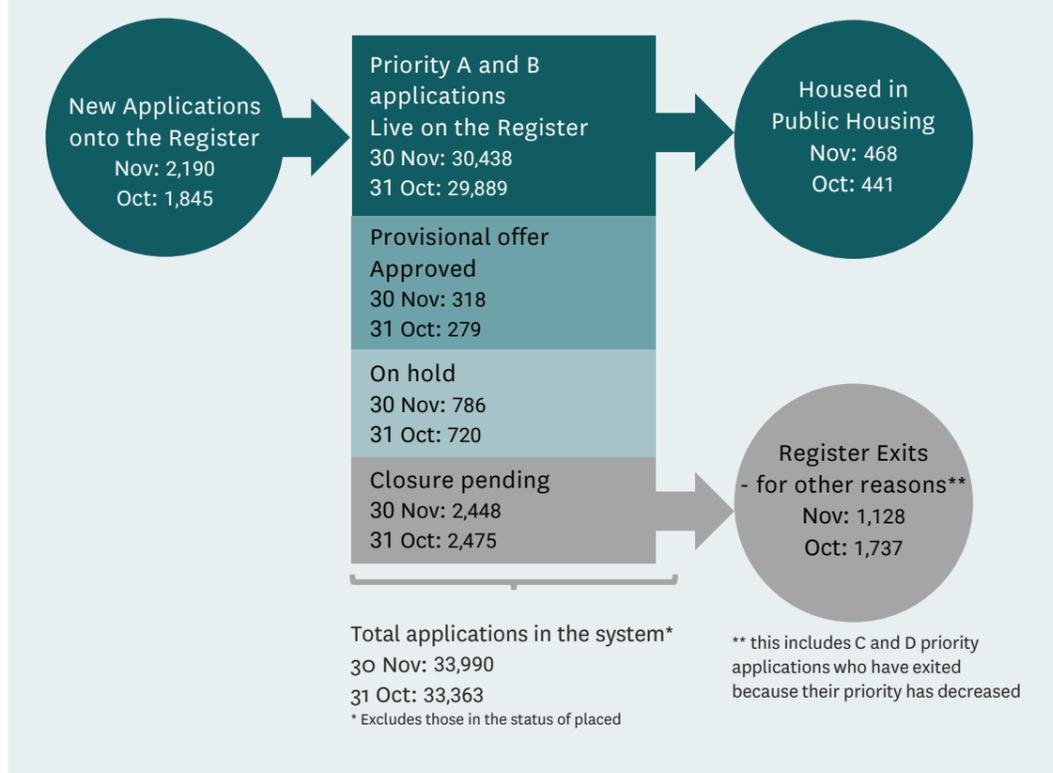


**13** Age of main applicant – as at end of the month



## Public housing – Register flow

**14** Register flow data – as at end of the month



## Commentary

The Public Housing Register continues to grow, with over 30,000 applications live on the Register at the end of November. This growth reflects an increase in the number of new applications entering the Register in November (up to 2,190 from 1,845 in October) and a reduction in the number exiting.

There was a small increase in the number of applicants housed in Public Housing this month compared to October. However, this number remains lower than pre-lockdown levels, where on average, around 600 applications were housed a month.

The recent phased approach to Register Management, which involved contacting applications based on their priority rating, has been completed. We have now returned to the normal Register Management process, which involves engaging with clients based on time since last contact.

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\*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](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/index.html)

Random Rounding has been applied to these figures. Figures in tables may not add up to the total due to random rounding.