

Emergency Housing SNGs | Dec 2022

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 have explored all the other options available to them. Grants can cover between one and 21 nights of accommodation at a time.



Amount granted
Dec 2022

\$30.7M

\$2.7M more than last month

Monthly Emergency
Housing Special
Needs Grants

8,403

615 less than last month

Households in
emergency housing
as at 31 December

3,342

147 fewer than last month

↳ Adults in emergency
housing as at 31 Dec

3,702

198 fewer than last month

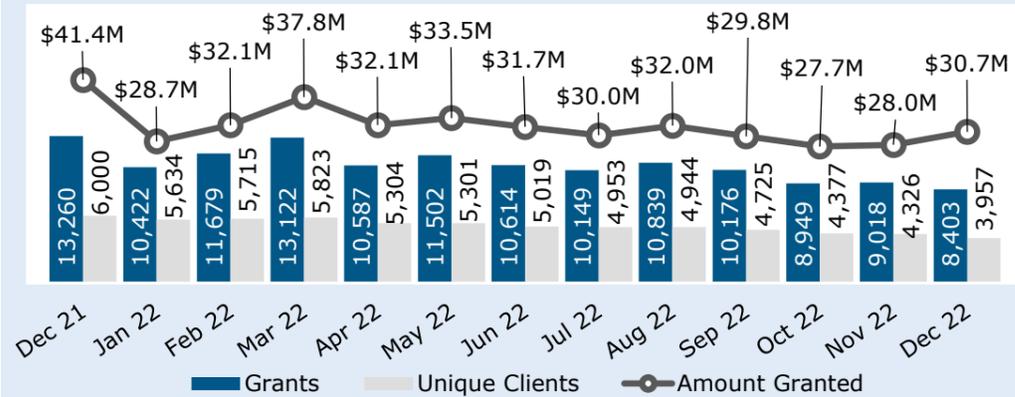
↳ Children in emergency
housing as at 31 Dec

3,054

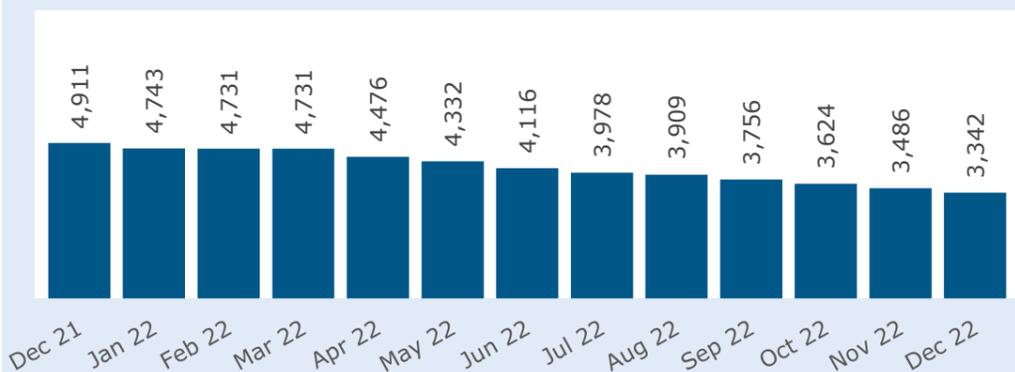
198 fewer than last month

Emergency housing – over the month and historic numbers

1 Grants/clients/amount granted over each month



2 Number of households in emergency housing – as at the end of each month



Commentary

The number of households in emergency housing continued to trend down since January 2022, reaching an all time low of 3,342 households in December. There were 1,401 (30 percent) fewer households in emergency housing between these months.

Most regions saw a decrease in the number of households in emergency housing last month, except Waikato, East Coast and Wellington.

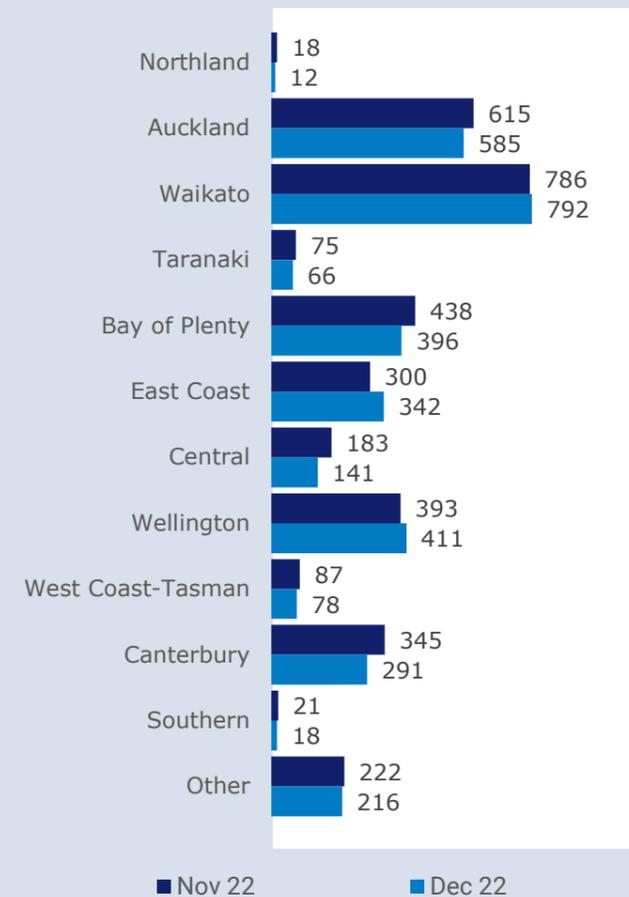
The number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (EH-SNGs) has dropped by nearly 4,900 last month, with \$2.7 million more granted. This is consistent to previous seasonal trends as there were fewer working days over the holiday period and clients are staying more nights.

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

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Emergency housing – at the end of the month

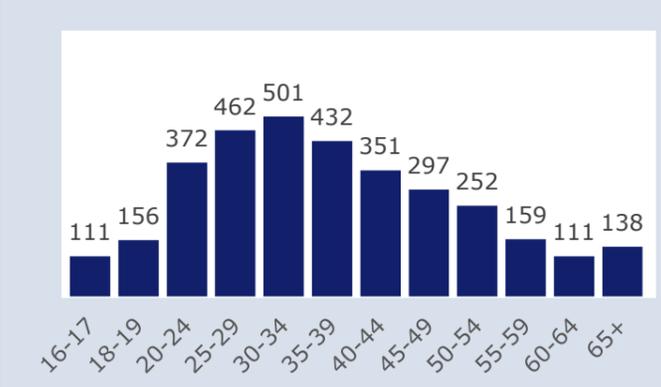
3 Households in emergency housing by MSD region – as at end of the month



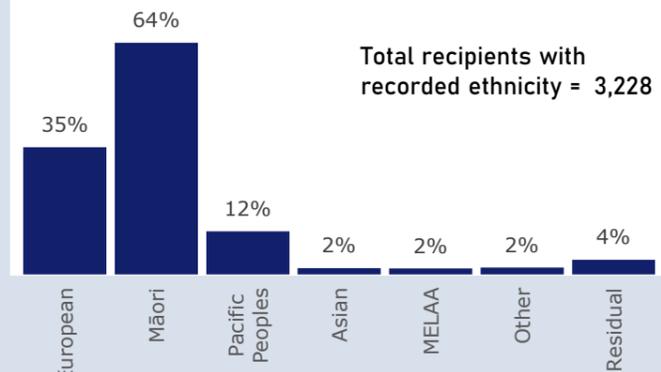
4 Households by duration in emergency housing – as at end of the month



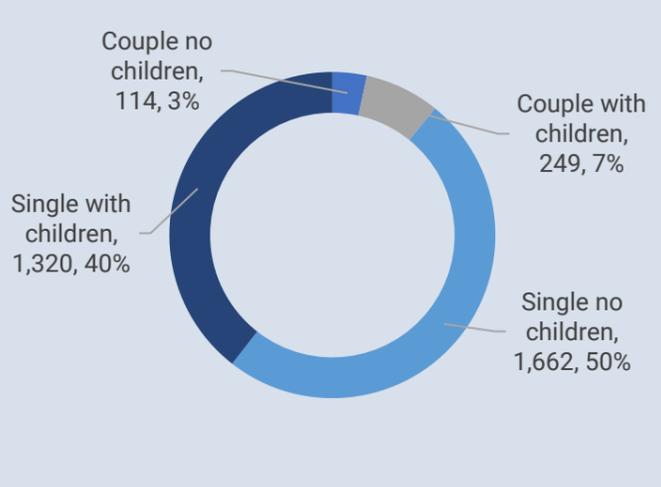
5 Age distribution of primary applicants in emergency housing – as at end of the month



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 | 31 Dec 2022

The Public Housing Register is a non-time bound list of all applicants eligible to be placed in public housing. Applicants complete a public housing assessment which determines eligibility and priority for public housing against an agreed set of criteria, which is then used to assist the public housing provider in matching to the most appropriate property.



As at 31 Dec 2022

Housing Register

23,130

306 fewer than last month

Transfer Register*

5,040

24 fewer than last month

Public Housing Register

28,167

333 fewer than last month

New applications that entered the Public Housing Register

1,479

108 fewer than last month

Housed in public housing

615

135 more than last month

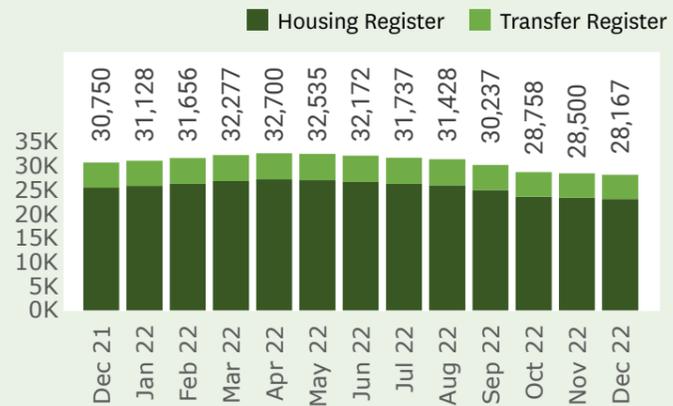
*People who already live in public housing, but have applied and are eligible to transfer to another property are placed on the Transfer Register.

**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

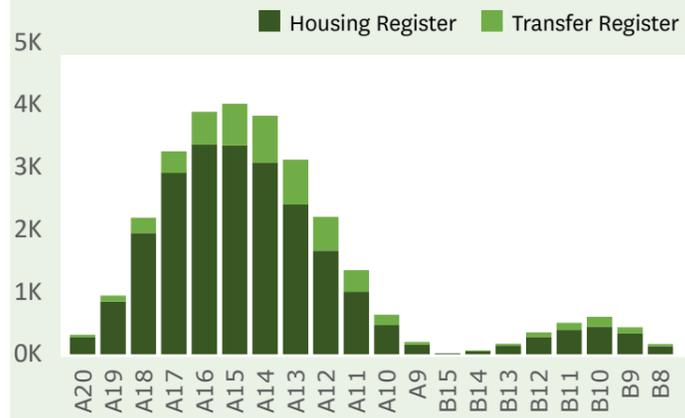
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Public Housing Register numbers

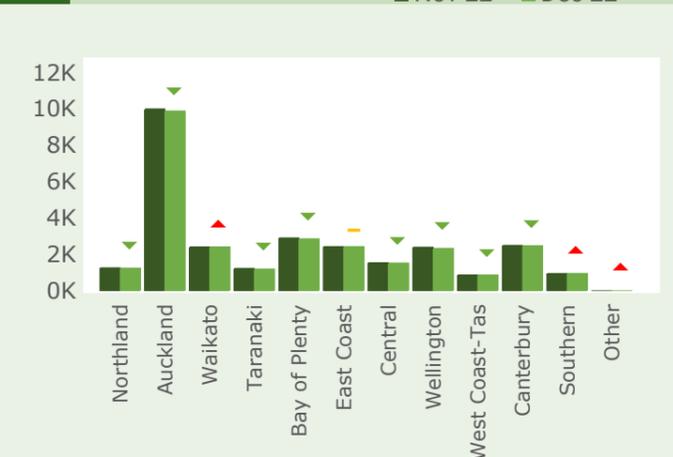
8 Applications live on the Public Housing Register – as at end of the month



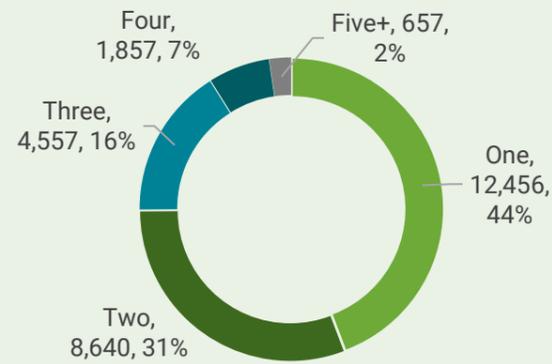
9 Applications by priority** – as at end of the month



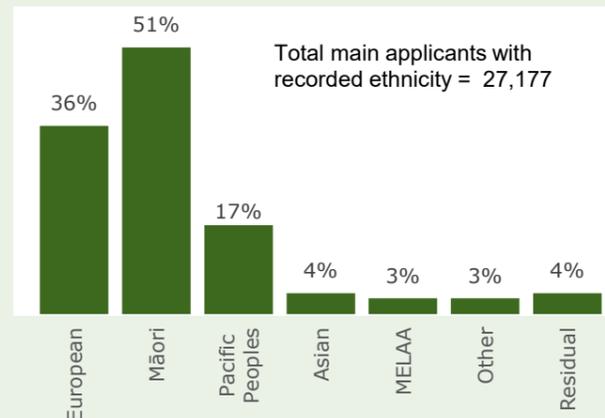
10 Register applications by MSD region – as at end of the month



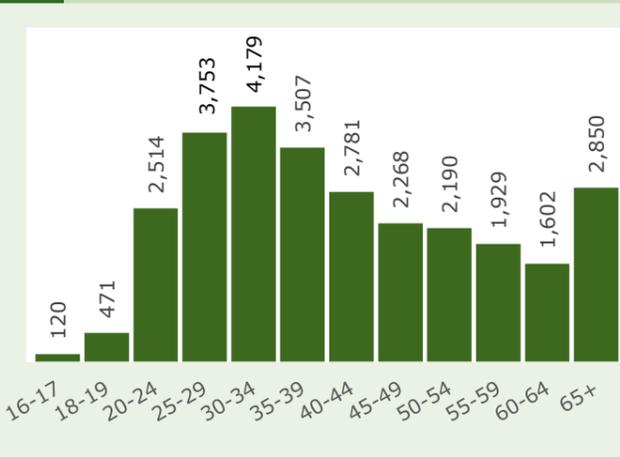
11 Percentage of applications by bedrooms required – as at end of the month



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

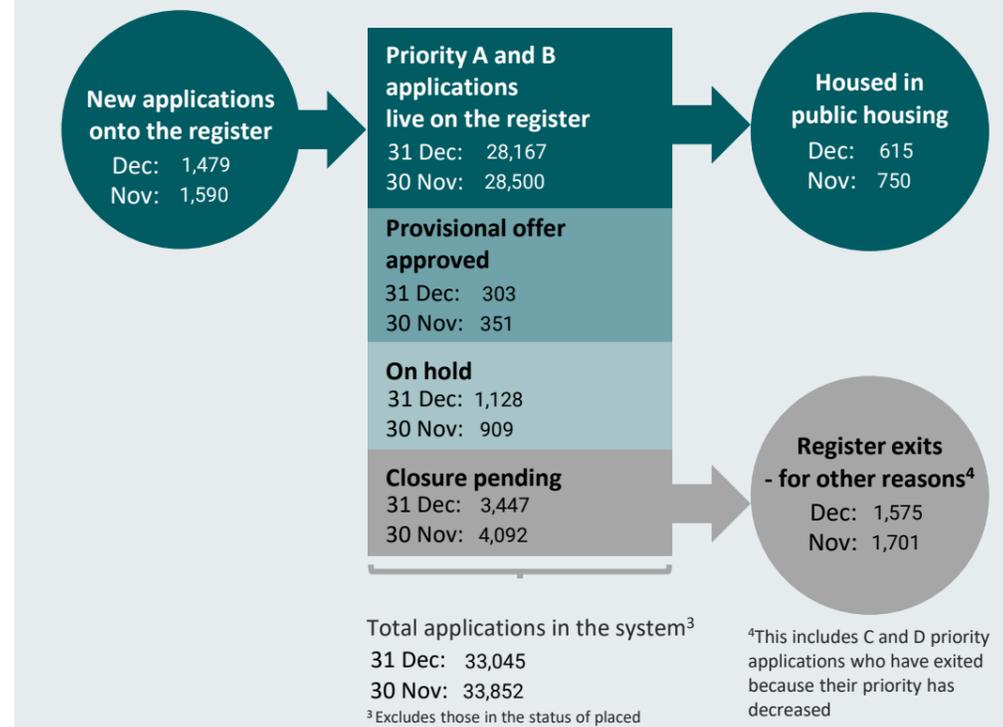


13 Age of main applicant – as at end of the month



Public Housing Register flow

14 Register flow data – as at end of the month



Commentary

There were 28,167 applications in the Public Housing Register as at the end of December 2022, a decrease of 333 (12 percent) compared to the end of November.

Most regions had a decrease in applications in November, except Waikato, East Coast and Southern.

System improvements continued to be undertaken to increase the capacity for register management. These improvements have resulted in the completion of one year's worth of housing register conversations in 12 weeks, along with an increase of public housing applications with closure pending status. This trend is likely to continue over the next few months as improvements are completed.

³MSD 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.