

Emergency Housing SNGs | Jan 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've explored all the other options available to them. Grants can cover between 1 and 21 nights accommodation at a time.



Amount granted
Jan 2022

\$28.7M

\$12.6M less than last month

Monthly emergency housing special needs grants

10,422

2,841 fewer than last month

Current households in emergency housing as at 31 Jan

4,743

168 less than last month

Adults in emergency housing as at 31 Jan

5,364

198 less than last month

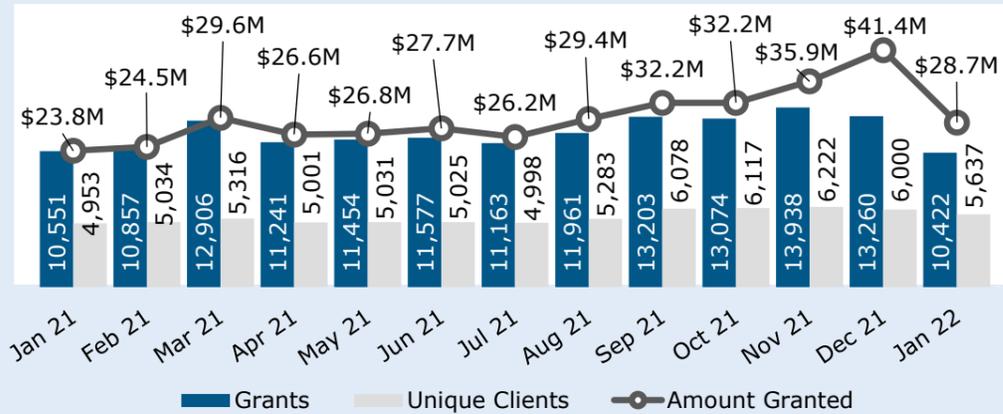
Children in emergency housing as at 31 Jan

4,536

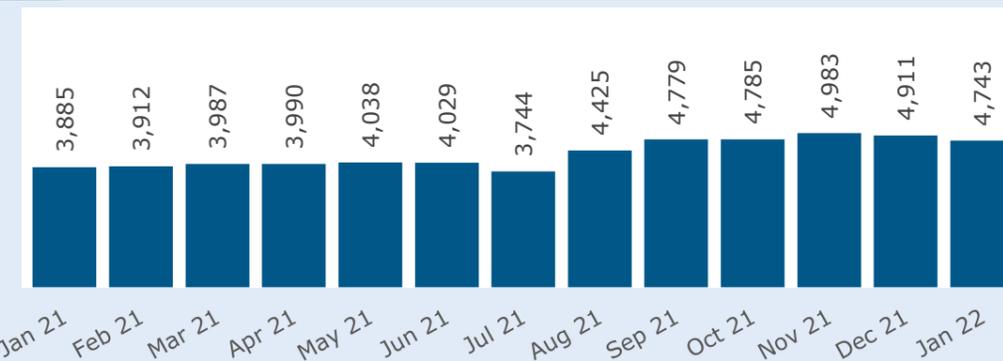
75 more than last month

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

There was a substantial decrease in the expenditure on Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants between December and January (down from \$41.4m to \$28.7m). This was due to the holiday period, with many grants made in December covering stays in Emergency Housing during the first half of January.

The number of clients in Emergency Housing at the end of January is also down to 4,743, from a peak of almost 5,000 households across both November and December. This is consistent with seasonal trends from previous years.

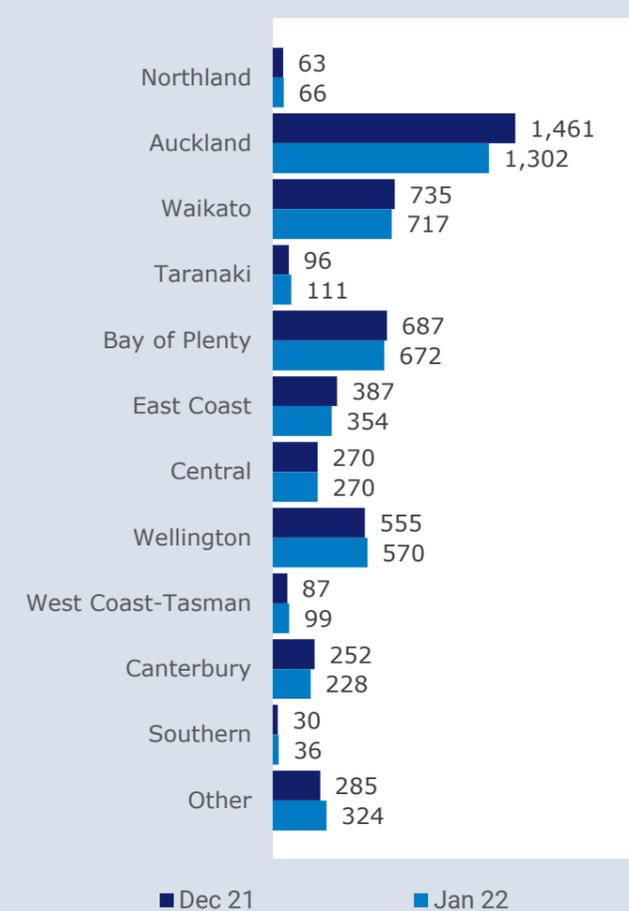
The number of new households entering Emergency Housing continues to fall each month. However, the average duration for those in Emergency Housing continues to increase, up to 20.2 weeks from 19.3 weeks, as households already in Emergency Housing are staying for longer.

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.

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

Emergency Housing – At the end of the month

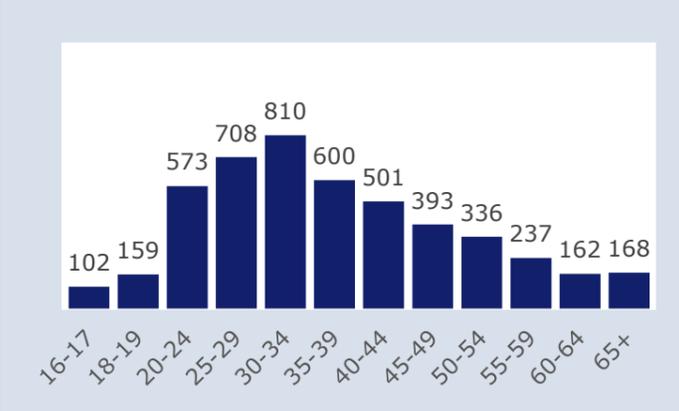
3 Households in Emergency Housing by region – as at end of the month



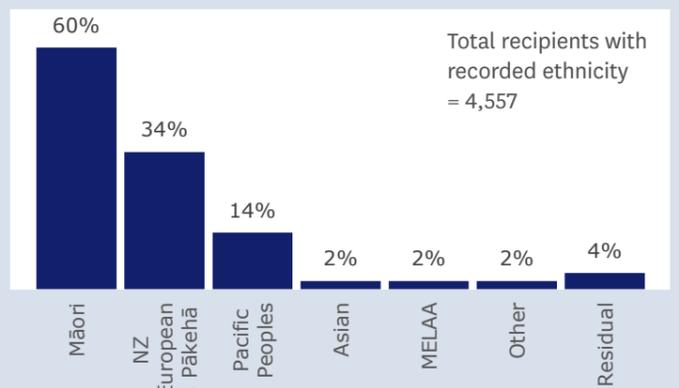
4 Households by duration in Emergency Housing – as at end of the month



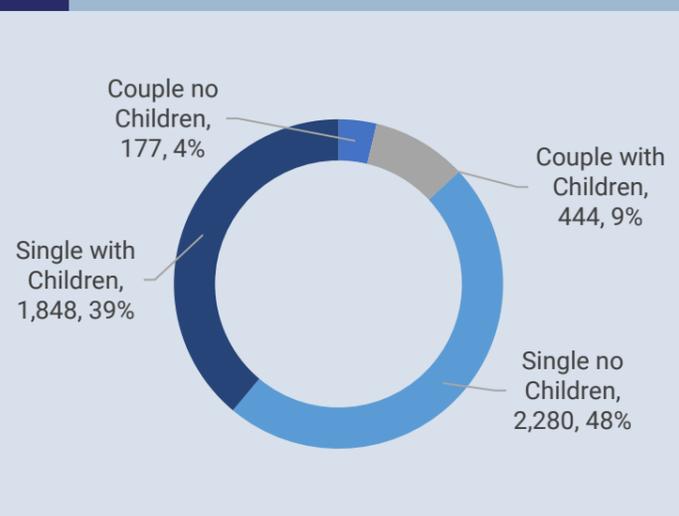
5 Age distribution of primary applicants in Emergency Housing – as at end of the month



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 | 31 Jan 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.



Public Housing Register as at 31 Jan

31,128

378 more than last month

Housing Register

25,887

363 more than last month

Transfer Register*

5,241

15 more than last month

New applications that entered the Register

1,338

375 less than last month

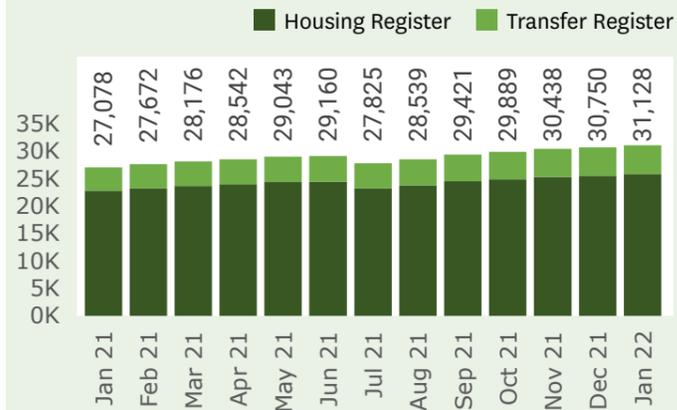
Housed in public housing

342

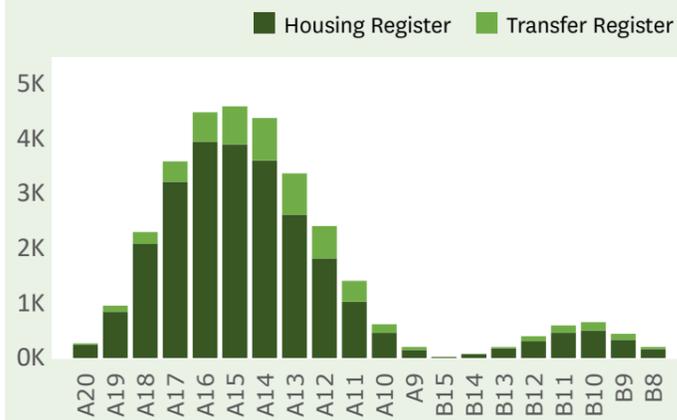
192 less than last month

Public housing – Register numbers

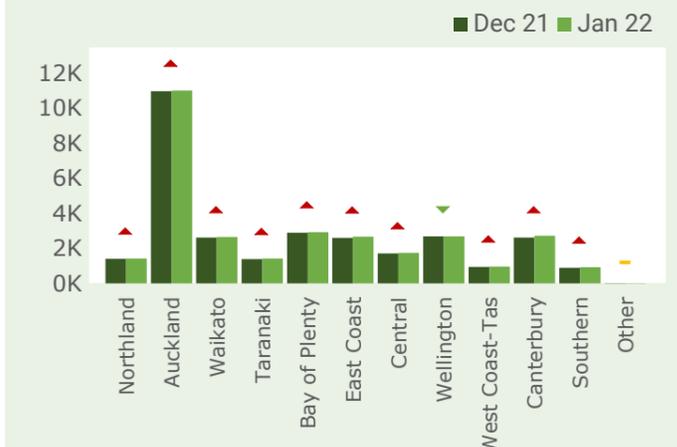
8 Applications live on the Public Housing Register – as at end of the month



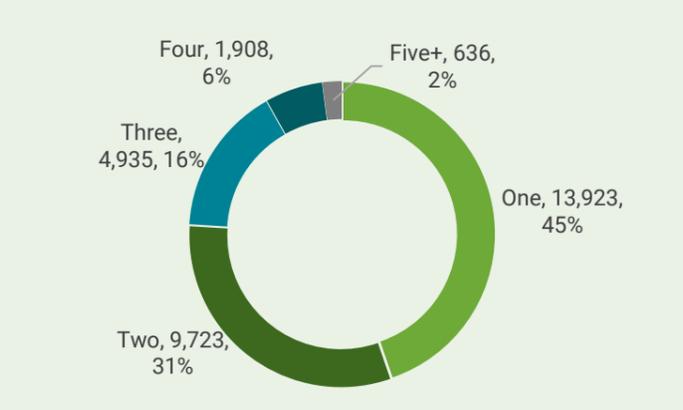
9 Applications by priority* – as at end of the month



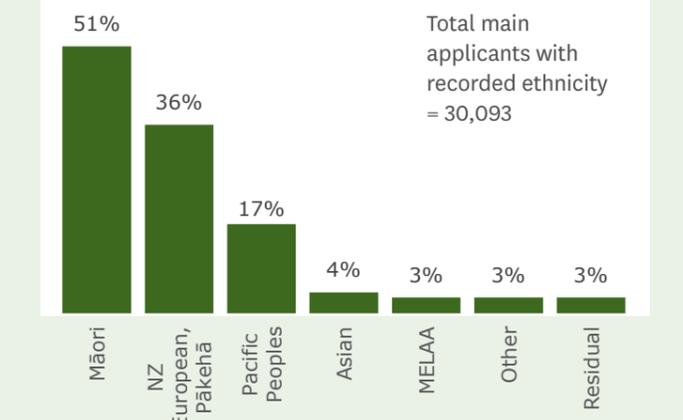
10 Register applications by region – as at end of the month



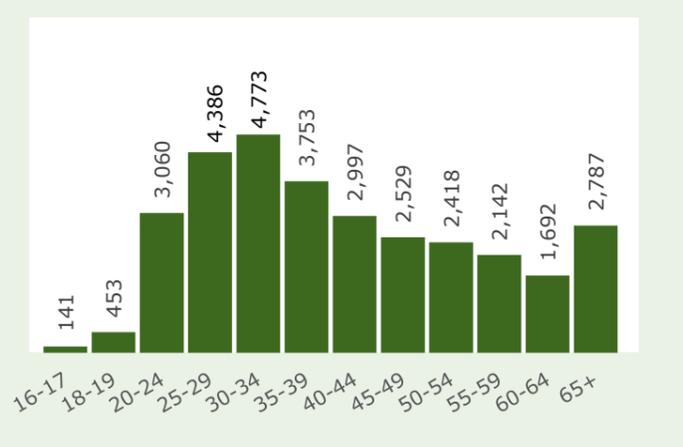
11 Percentage of applications by bedrooms required – as at end of the month



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

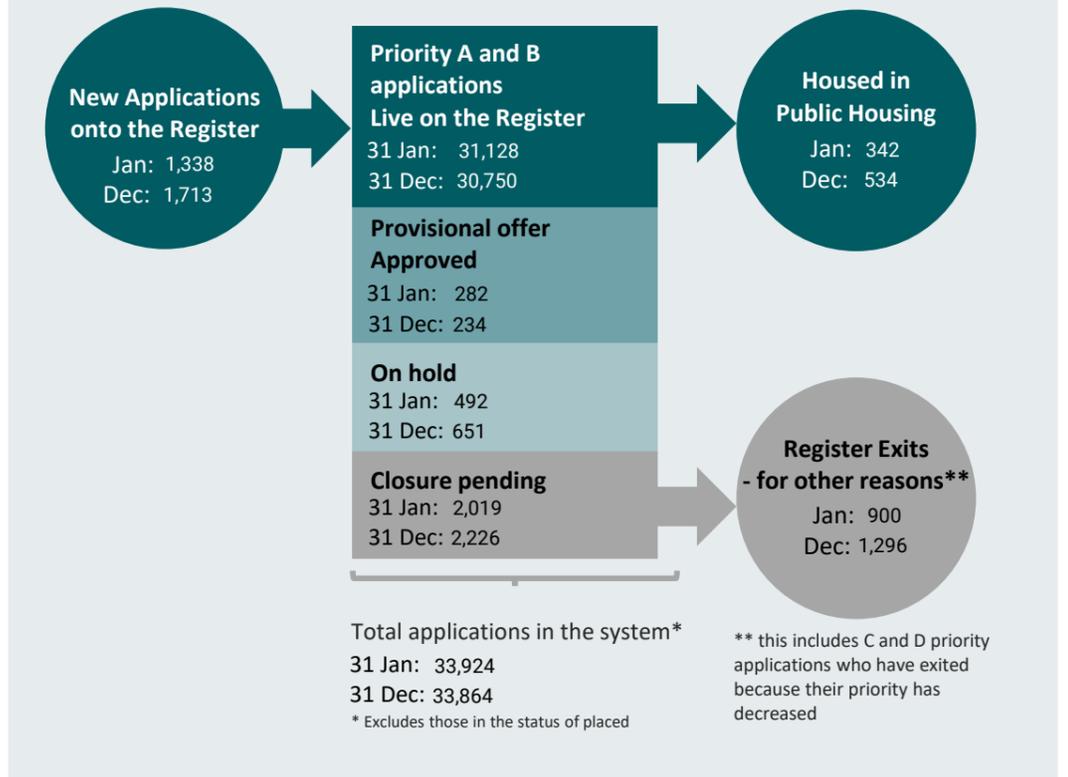


13 Age of main applicant – as at end of the month



Public housing – Register flow

14 Register flow data – as at end of the month



Commentary

There were 31,128 applications live on the Public Housing Register at the end of January, an increase of 378 from December 2021.

The number of new applications on to the Register decreased in January, as fewer assessments were completed over the holiday period, with reduced business days in January. There was also a decrease in the number of applications exiting the Register in January, which follows usual seasonal patterns for the beginning of each calendar year.

*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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