

# Emergency Housing SNGs | Oct 2023

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  
Oct 2023

**\$28.8M**

\$0.4M more than last month

Monthly Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants

**8,406**

78 more than last month

Households in emergency housing as at 31 October

**3,234**

102 fewer than last month

Adults in emergency housing as at 31 Oct

**3,627**

108 fewer than last month

Children in emergency housing as at 31 Oct

**3,408**

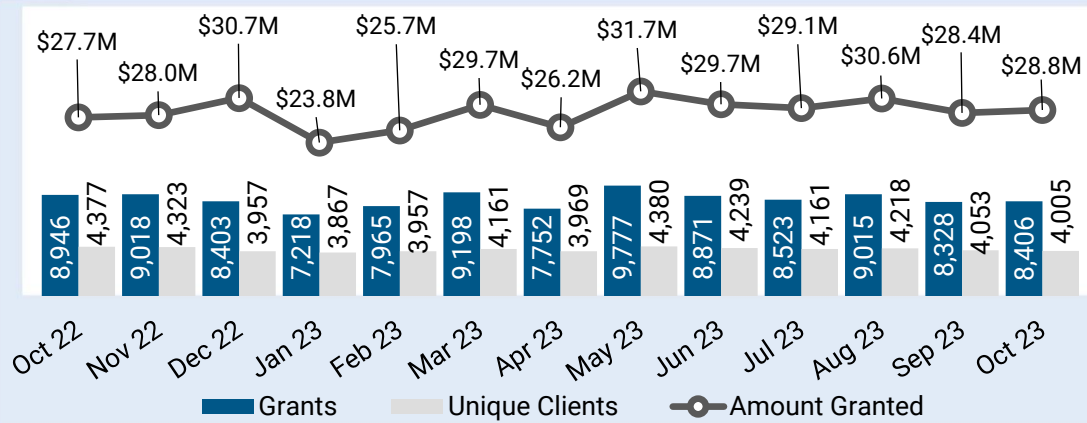
114 fewer than last month

**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.

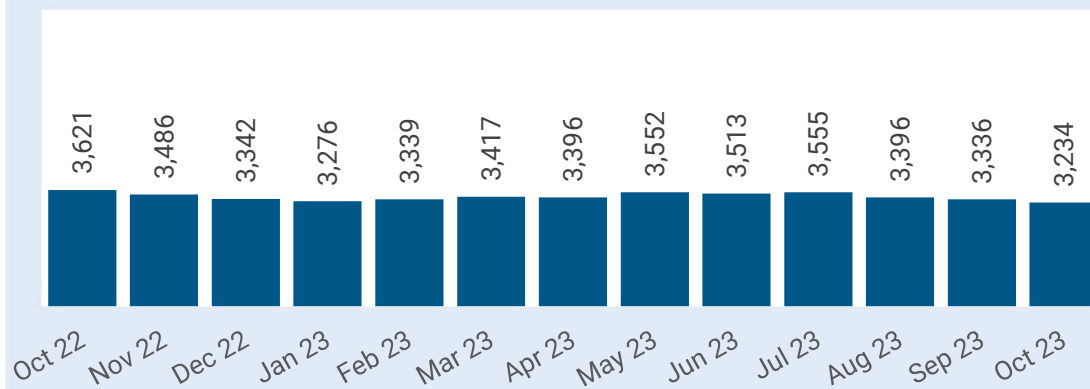
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## Emergency housing – over the month and historic numbers

1 Grants/clients/amount granted over each month



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



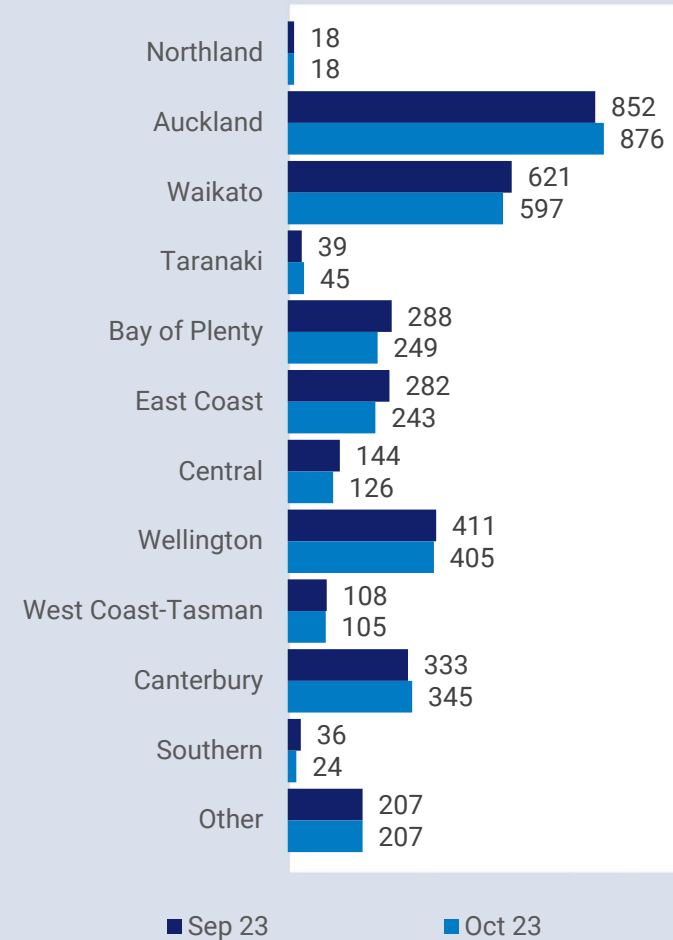
## Commentary

The number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants (EH-SNGs) increased by 78 from last month (a 0.9 percent increase). There was \$0.4 million more granted during October 2023 than for September 2023 (a 1.6 percent increase).

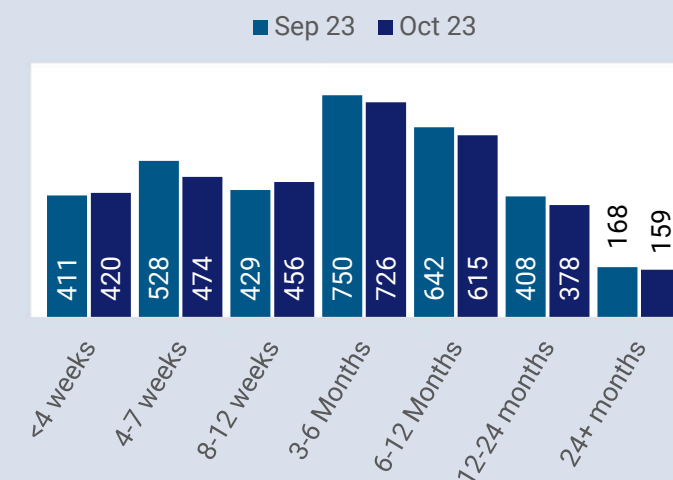
The number of households in emergency housing has decreased for the third consecutive month. At the end of October 2023, the number of households decreased from September by 102 (3.1 percent). All regions saw a decrease with the exception of Auckland, Taranaki and Canterbury.

## Emergency housing – at the end of the month

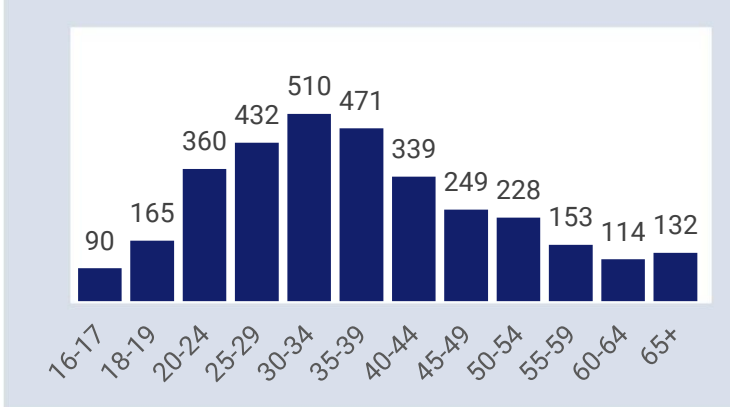
3 Households in emergency housing by MSD region – as at end of the month



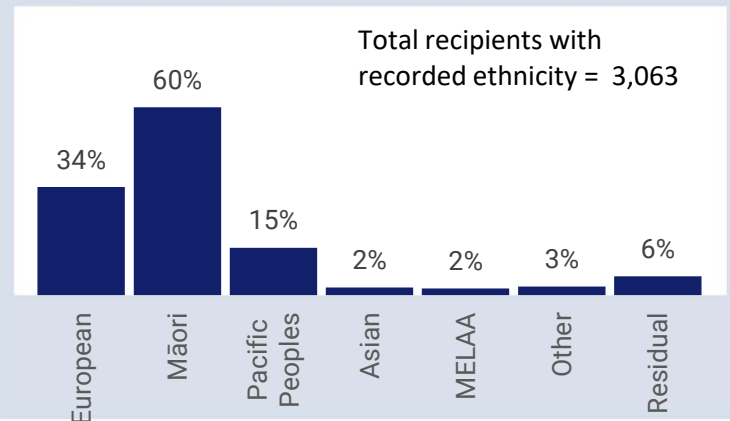
4 Households by duration in emergency housing – as at end of the month



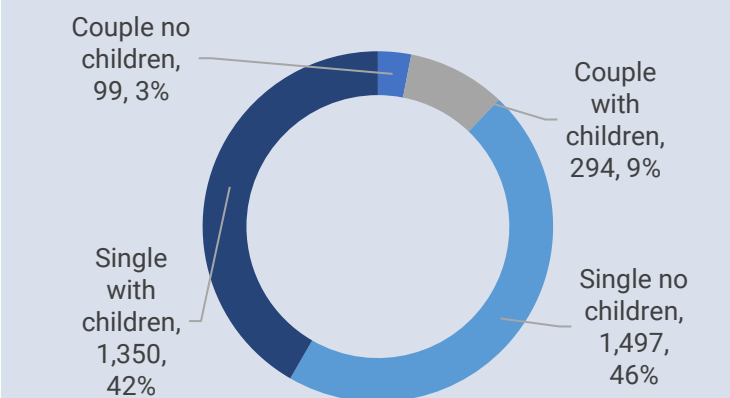
5 Age distribution of primary applicants in emergency housing – as at end of the month



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



7 Household composition – as at end of the month



As at 31 Oct 2023

Housing Register

**25,434**

150 more than last month

Transfer Register\*

**5,091**

78 more than last month

Public Housing Register

**30,525**

231 more than last month

New applications that entered the Public Housing Register

**1,917**

12 fewer than last month

Housed in public housing

**732**

78 more than last month

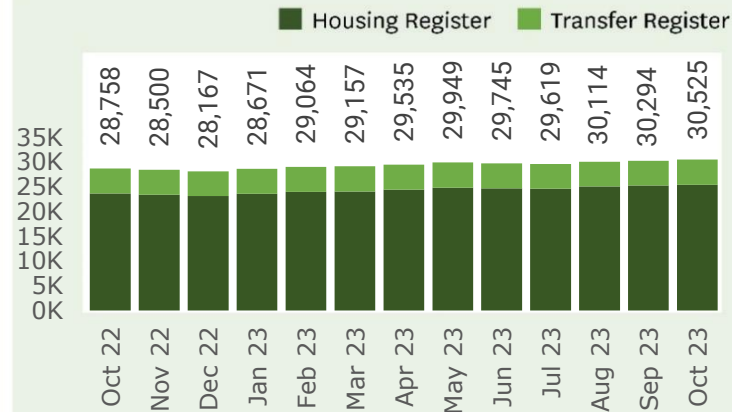
\*People who already live in public housing, but have applied and are eligible to transfer to another property are placed on the Transfer Register.

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

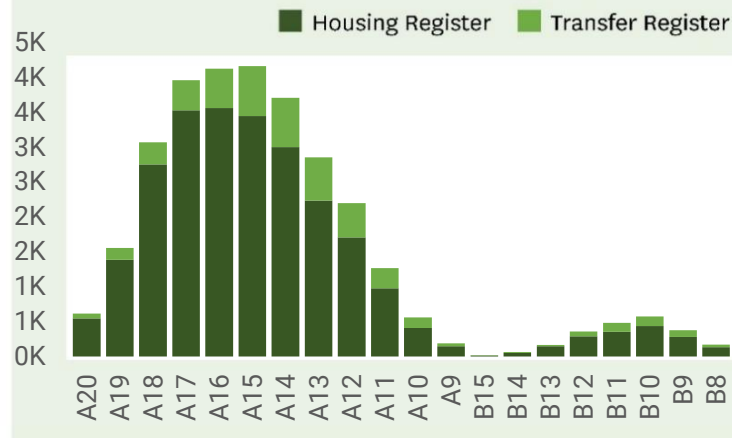
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## Public Housing Register numbers

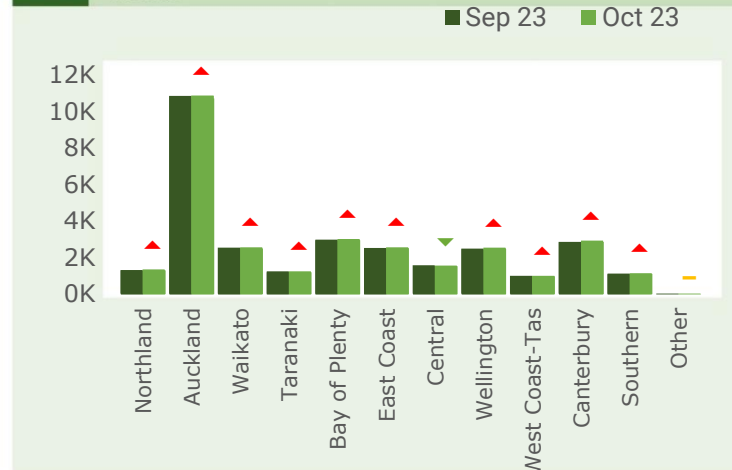
**8** Applications live on the Public Housing Register - as at end of the month



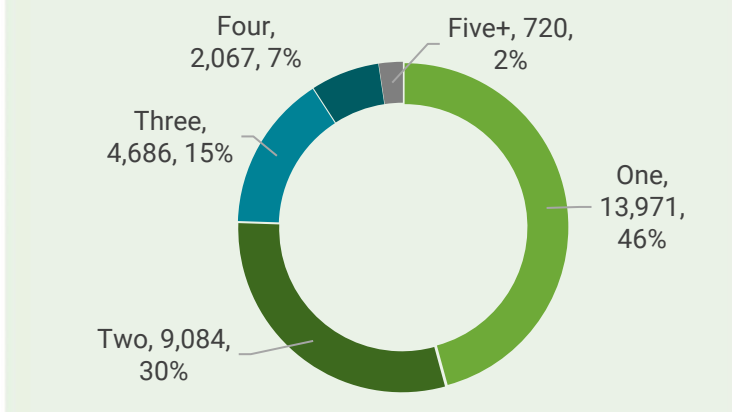
**9** Applications by priority\*\* - as at end of the month



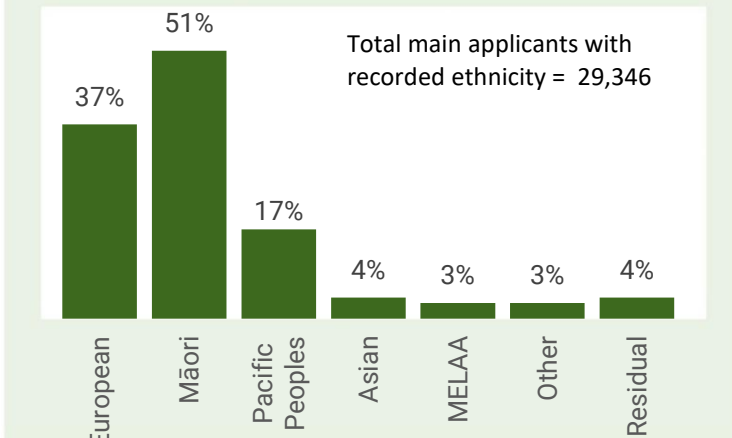
**10** Register applications by MSD region - as at end of the month



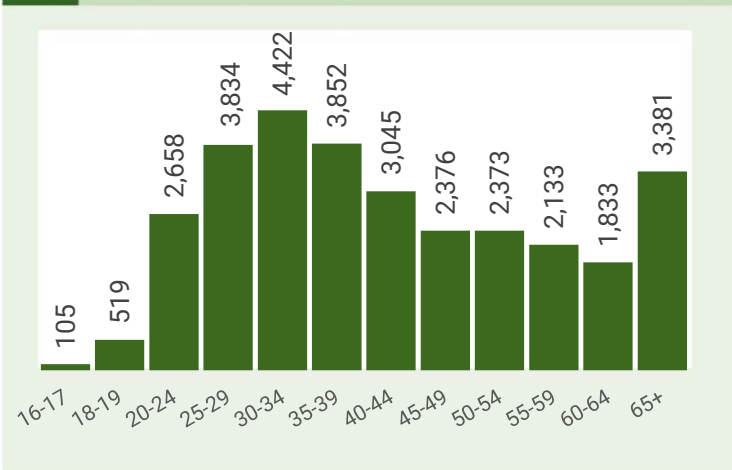
**11** Percentage of applications by bedrooms required - as at end of the month



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

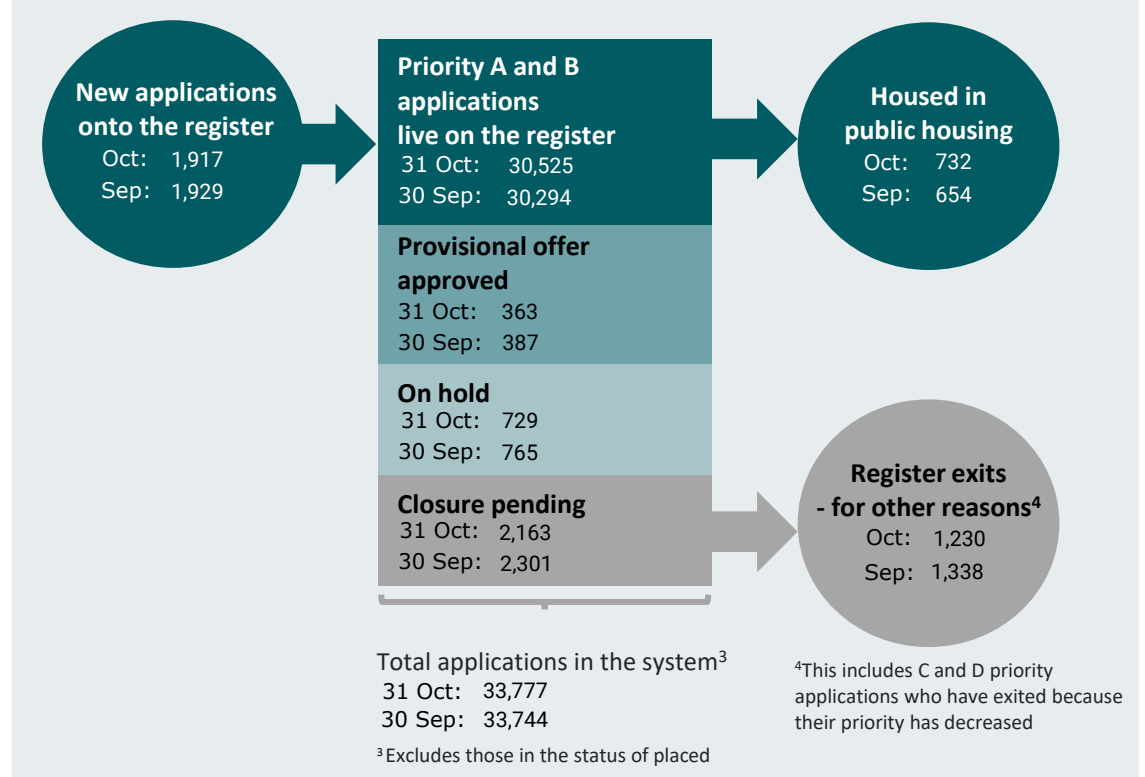


**13** Age of main applicant - as at end of the month



## Public Housing Register flow

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



## Commentary

The number of Public Housing Register applications increased by 231 (0.8 percent) to 30,525 at the end of October 2023. There were 12 fewer new applications in October 2023 compared to September 2023 (a decrease of 0.6 percent).

There were 78 more applications housed in October 2023 compared to September 2023 (an increase of 11.9 percent). There were 1,230 less register exits for other reasons in October 2023 which likely affected the overall number of applications on the register (an 8 percent decrease).

<sup>3</sup>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.