

Emergency Housing Grants | Sep 2025

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. Clients may be eligible for an Emergency Housing Grant if 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.



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Amount granted
Sep 2025

\$3.1M

\$0.1M less than last month

Monthly Emergency
Housing Grants

1,290

9 more than last month

Households in
emergency housing
as at 30 September

438

3 fewer than last month

Adults in emergency
housing as at 30 Sep

474

6 fewer than last month

Children in emergency
housing as at 30 Sep

321

36 fewer than last
month

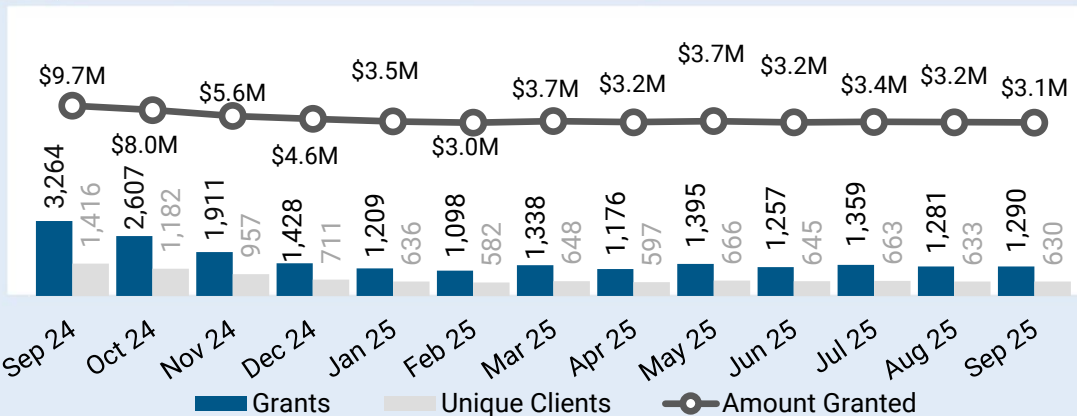
Households with
children in EH for
12 weeks+ as at
30 September

21

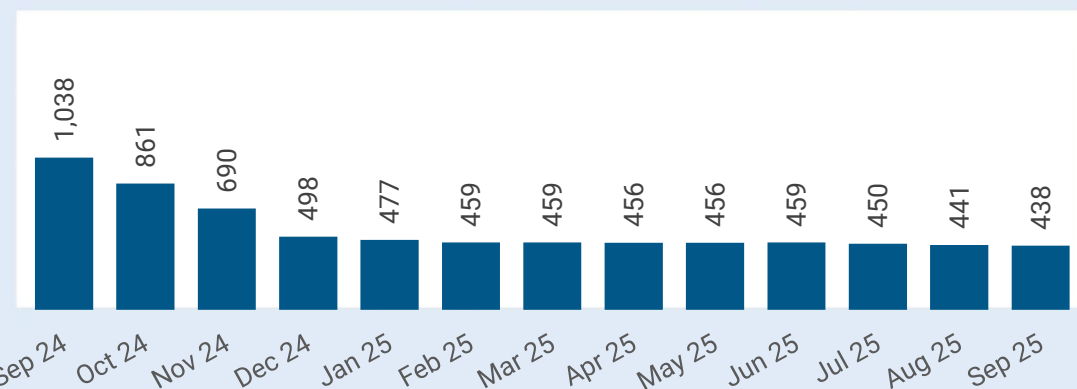
3 fewer than last month

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

There were 438 households in emergency housing (EH) as at the end of September 2025, nearly unchanged from the previous month. This represents a fall of 58% from the same time last year when there were 1,038 households in EH.

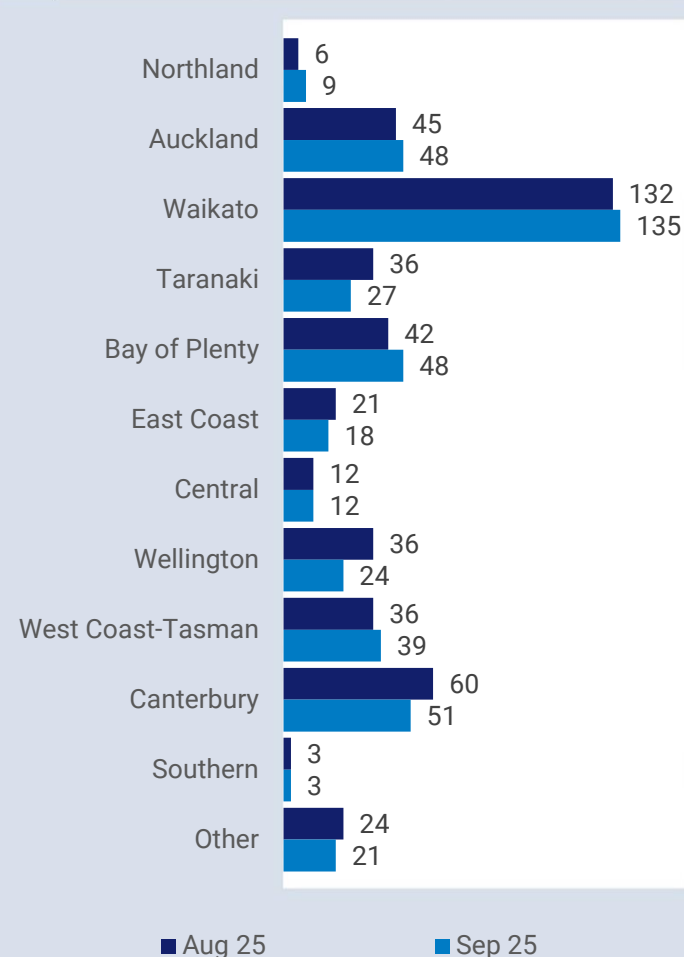
In most regions, the number of households in EH remained stable from August to September 2025. The largest change was in Wellington, which had 12 fewer households in EH, a fall of 33%.

As at the end of September 2025, the number of children in EH was 321, a fall of 36 or 10% from the previous month.

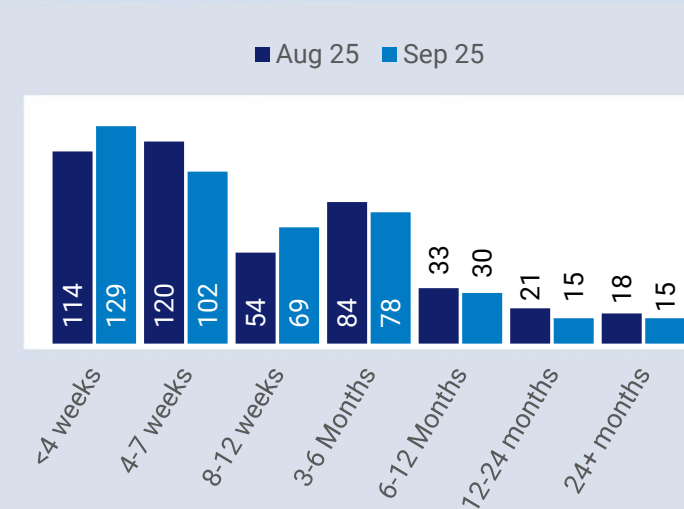
Note: Households living in Contracted Emergency Housing (CEH) in Rotorua are not included in this reporting. The new model is being piloted in Rotorua. Reporting of the number of households in CEH is currently unavailable. Random rounding has been applied to these figures. Figures in tables may not add up to the total due to random rounding.

Emergency housing – at the end of the month

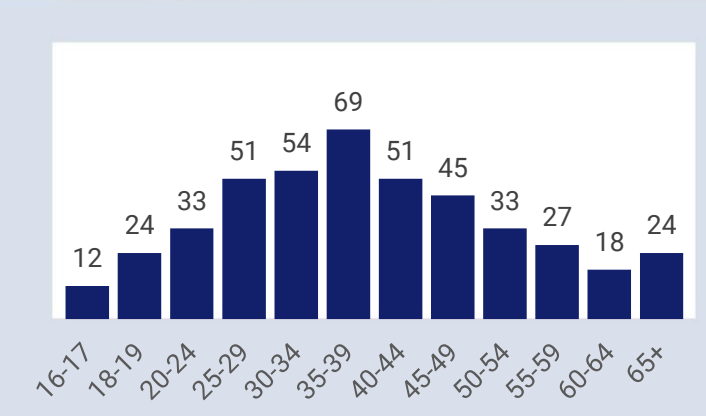
3 Households in emergency housing by MSD region – as at end of the month



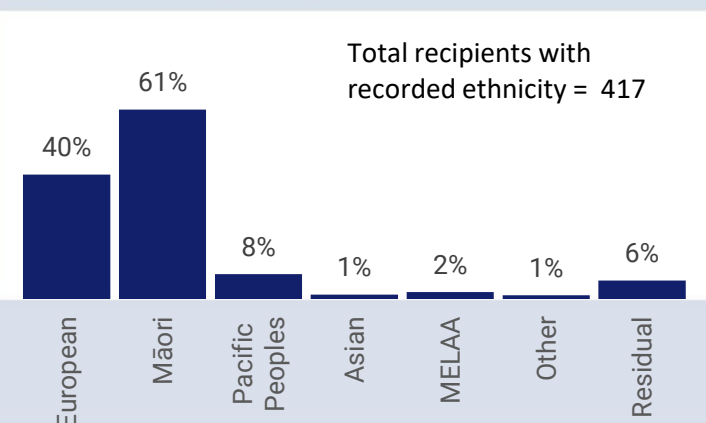
4 Households by duration in emergency housing – as at end of the month



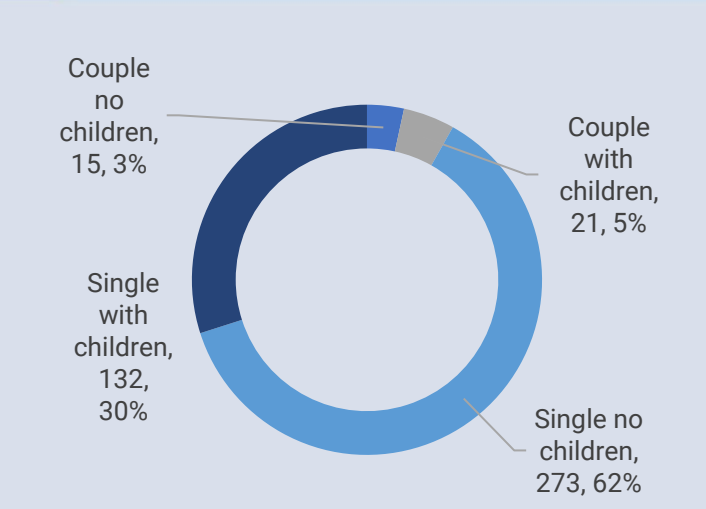
5 Age distribution of primary applicants in emergency housing – as at end of the month



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



7 Household composition – as at end of the month



Social Housing Register | 30 Sep 2025 |

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



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As at 30 Sep 2025

Housing Register

19,431

228 fewer than last month

Transfer Register*

4,860

36 more than last month

Social Housing
Register

24,291

189 fewer than last month

New applications
that entered the
Social Housing
Register

2,130

111 more than last month

Housed in social
housing

906

3 fewer than last month

Priority One Fast
Track

Live on Register

15

Housed in Sep 25

9

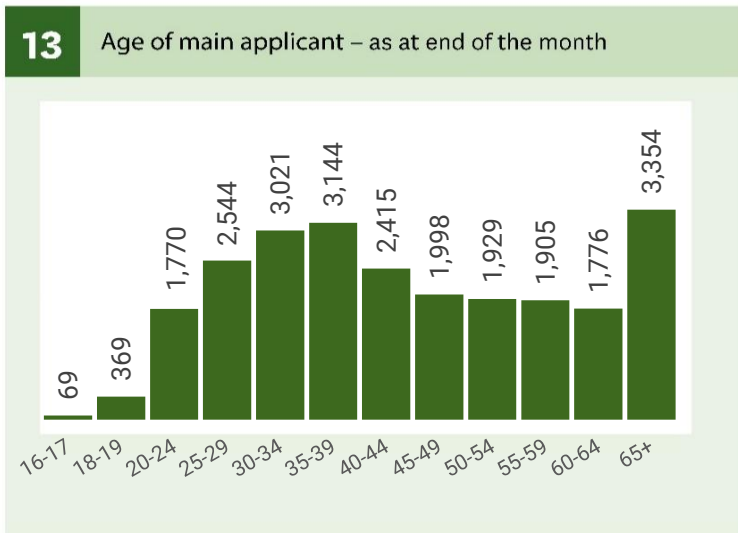
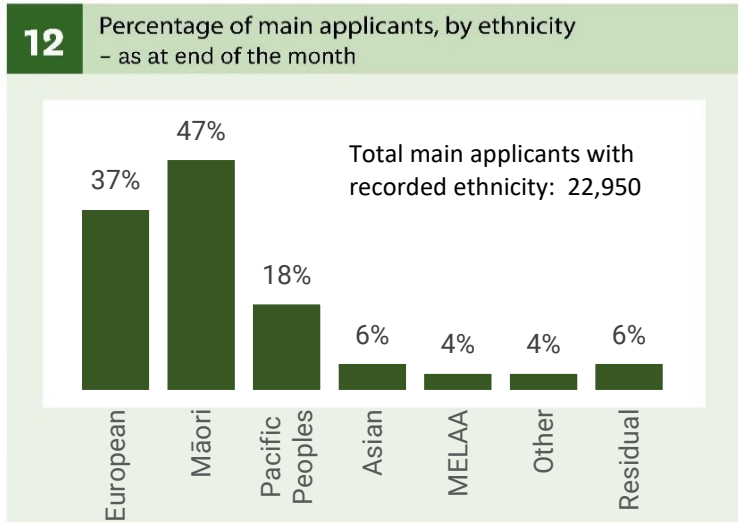
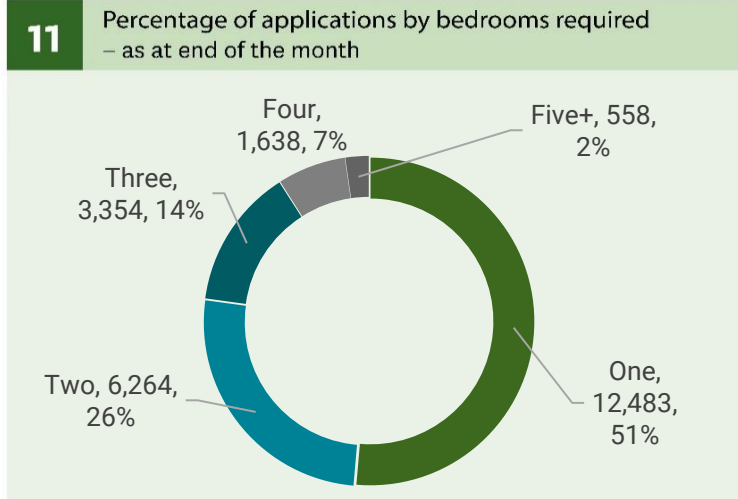
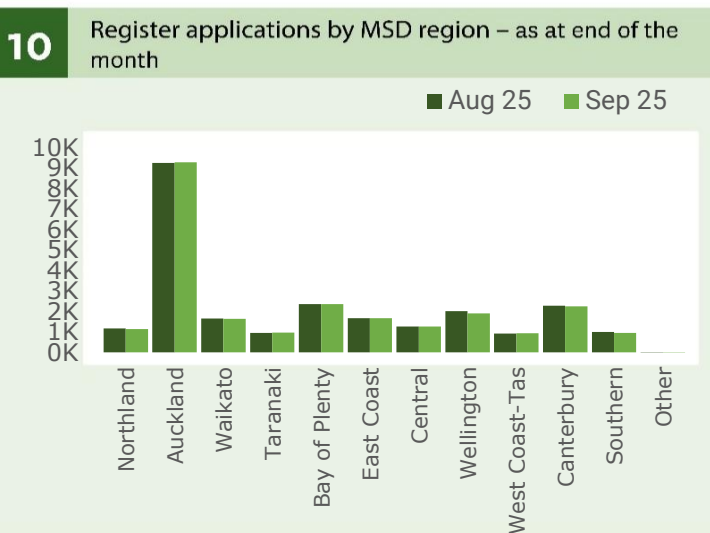
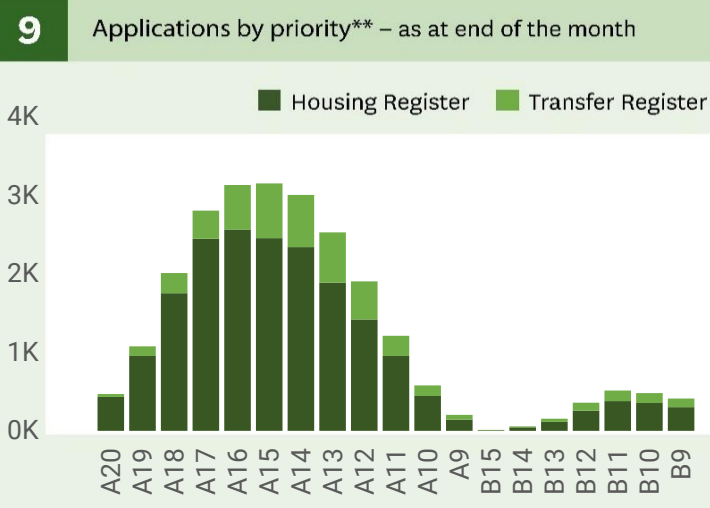
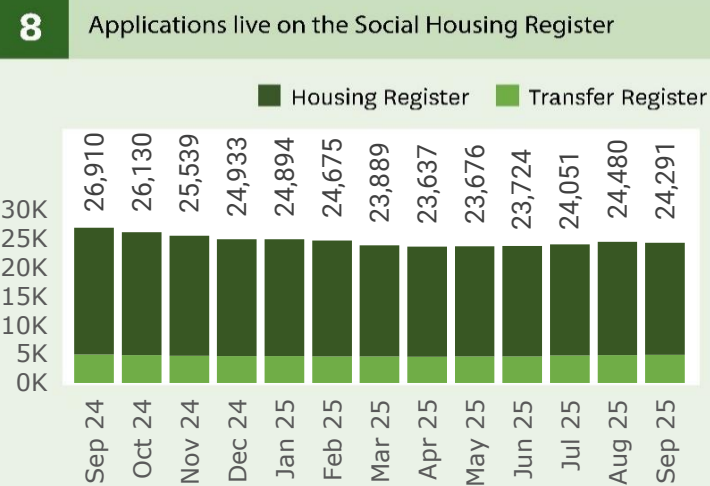
Housed since May 24

1,086

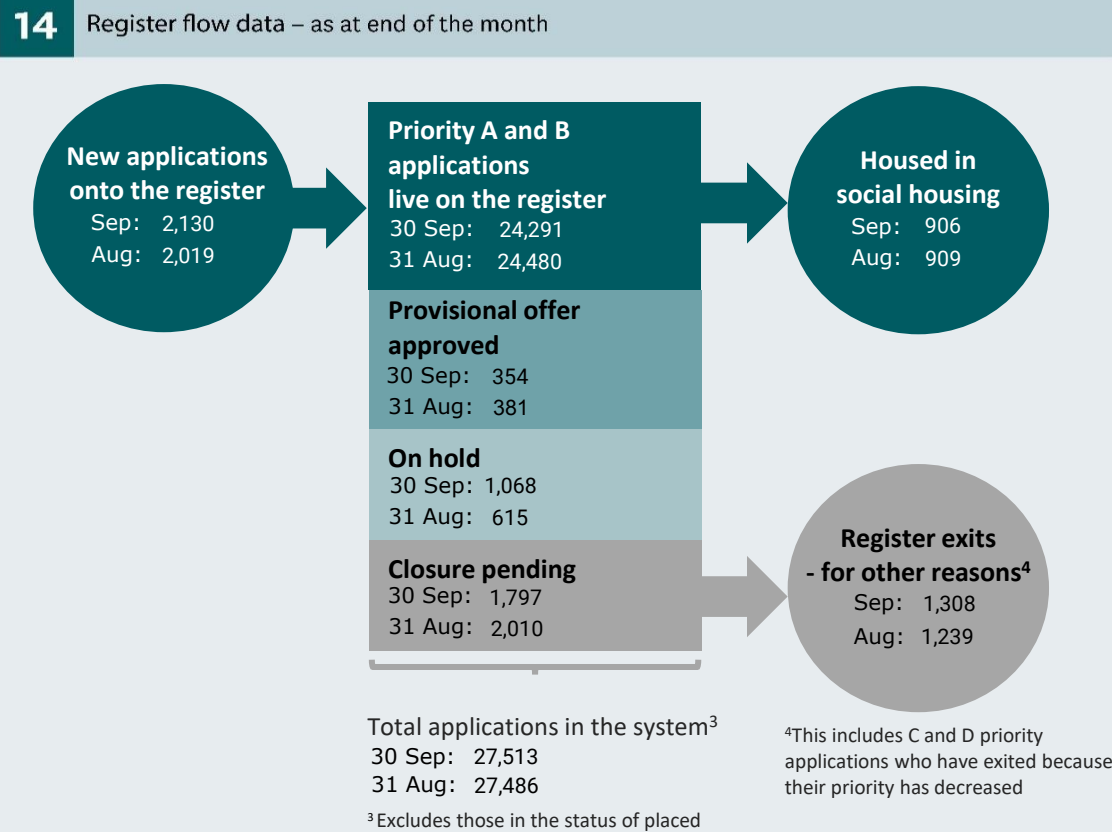
Children housed since
May 24

2,328

Social Housing Register numbers



Social Housing Register flow



Commentary

From August 2025 to September 2025, the number of applications on the Social Housing Register fell by 189 or 0.8%.

The number of applications on the Social Housing Register remained stable in most regions. The largest month-on-month percentage change was in Wellington, down by 114 or 6%.

**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

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

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*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.