

Community Housing survey report for quarter ending 31 March 2017

Community Housing Aotearoa has been running this project for a year now with the objective of gaining a more comprehensive view of the community housing sector. Our goal is to share this data to better inform policy decisions affecting the sector. This report is for the period to 31 March 2017.

Responses from the 30 organisations responding to the survey for this quarter show information on **9,582 homes** with an occupancy rate of 98%. We can observe a sector providing primarily long term rental (86%) and shared ownership programs (8%) with a small number of emergency and transitional housing and other ownership programmes.

For the year June 30, 2016 to July 1, 2017 there has been a growth in new supply of 315 homes built within the sector.

There has been an increase in the proportion of non-targeted community housing. Previously reported at 22% this now represents 58%. Some targeting can be seen for: the elderly/kaumatua, low income families, and people with disabilities – each with more than 10%. The remaining 8% of the sector provide homes for ex-prisoners, homeless, key workers, low-income single people, Māori in need, people with mental health needs, and youth.

The survey will be done again for the June 30th quarter and we expect to hit the 10,000 home mark this round. If your organisation has previously completed the survey you will be asked to input any changes from what you have already supplied.

This process is voluntary, but if your organisation has yet to take part, we urge you to respond now as this information is an important step towards having a better understood and resourced community housing sector.

Please get in contact with us at survey@communityhousing.org.nz. We are happy to share anonymised data with anyone who has an interest in the sector.