

Points of Interest

- 1.The Number of people on the Horowhenua Housing Register decreased by 15.
- 2.The Number of people in Horowhenua requiring Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants has increased by six and an increase in the amount funded by \$36,636.
- 3.As at 30 June 2026, 4,398 people in Horowhenua were receiving a main benefit.
- 4.As at 30 June 2026, local beneficiary numbers increased by 30.
- 5.The total number of vaccinations administered for MidCentral is 42,244.
- 6.The total number of vaccinations administered for MidCentral to those aged 65 years or more is 23,000. Note the vaccine is free for over 65s.
- 7.The uptake of vaccinations amongst those aged 65 years and over has decreased by 2 to 4 percent across all ethnicities.
- 8.The Horowhenua District has received a total of \$1,733,065 in funding from Sport Manawātū, DIA and ECCT, with \$409,820 attributed to Health and support related services. Note that the reporting periods vary due to available data.
- 9.General practices across Horowhenua are operating at capacity, with wait times for appointments ranging from 2 to 8 weeks. To help bridge this gap, three new health services have recently been established in the district: Muaūpoko Tribal Authority, Raukawa Iwi Medical Service in Shannon, and Ka Ora Telecare.
- 10.The Horowhenua Community Health Shuttle provides a reliable and safe transportation option for over 7,000 Horowhenua patients and visitors each year.

Context Notes:

* In a limited number of circumstances, low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified, regardless of random rounding. Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some groups of people may be suppressed or aggregated. Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. Suppressed number have been replaced by an ‘S’.

Community Wellbeing Dashboard - August 2026

HOUSING

1. Horowhenua Housing Register as at 30 June 2026

March 2026	June 2026	Change
162	147	▼ 15

Source: MSD

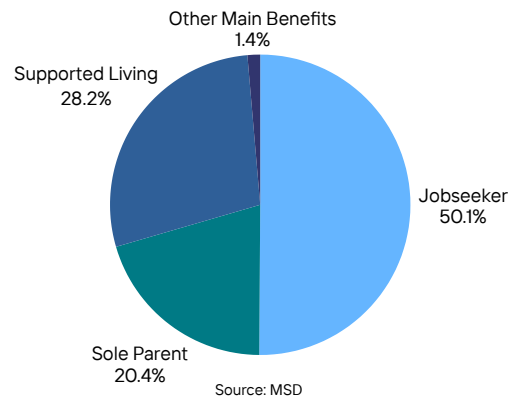
2. Horowhenua Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants as at 30 June 2026

	March 2026	June 2026	Change
Number of Grants	12	18	▲ 6
Number of Applicants	6	S*	▶ 0
Total Amount Granted	\$15,104	\$51,740	▲ \$36,636

Source: MSD

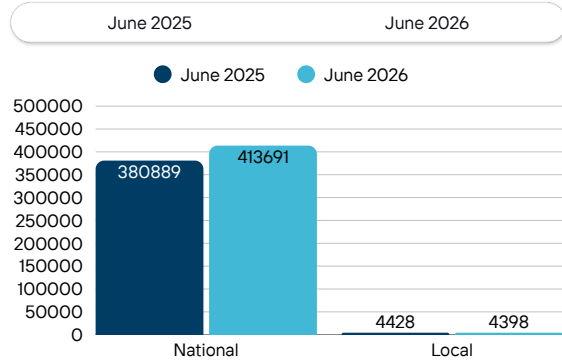
INCOME, SOCIAL WELFARE AND BENEFICIARY SUPPORT

3. Local Beneficiary Numbers as at 30 June 2026



Source: MSD

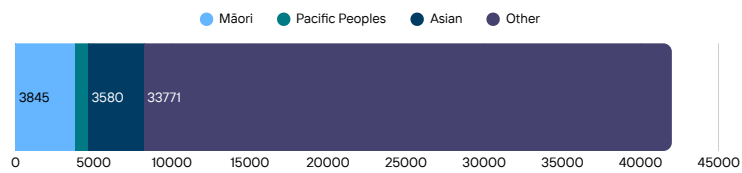
4. National and Regional Beneficiary Comparison June 2025/2026



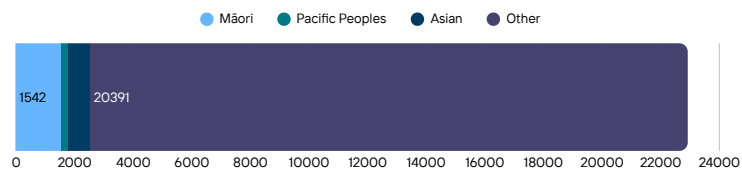
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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

5. Mid-Central Influenza Vaccine Data as at July 2026



6. Vaccination Uptake - Age 65 years or more



7. Vaccination Update - Age 65 years or more Comparission 2025/2026

Ethnicity	2025 Uptake	2026 Uptake	Change
Māori	51%	47%	▼ 4%
Pacific Peoples	50%	47%	▼ 3%
Asian	50%	48%	▼ 2%
Other	62%	59%	▼ 3%

Source: Health NZ

GRANTS AND FUNDING

8. Horowhenua Grants and Funding Distribution

	Number of Horowhenua Grants Awarded	Health & Support Related Services	Sport & Recreation	Kai & Care Services	Other	Total Amount Funded
Sport Manawātū 1 June 2025 - to date	5	-	\$239,624	-		\$239,624
ECCT July 2025-June 2026	21	\$85,100	\$112,081	\$65,090	\$204,700	\$575,971
DIA Lottery Community Committee (October 24 - March 26)	46	\$291,220	\$10,000	\$130,000	\$396,850	\$828,070
DIA 2025 Community Organisation Grants (COGS).	31	\$33,500	-	\$19,000	\$36,900	\$89,400
Total	103	\$409,820	\$361,705	\$214,090	\$638,450	\$1,733,065

An additional \$156,442 in Sport Manawātū funding was allocated to the Manawātū area that included projects based in Horowhenua.

Source: Sport Manawātū, DIA & ECCT

GROWTH AND POPULATION

9. Horowhenua General Practice Enrolments

Health Centre	Enrolling	Address
Horowhenua After Hours	N/A	No enrolment necessary, venue rotates
Horowhenua Community Practice	X	Kimiora, 13b Bristol Street, Levin
Hokio Beach Free Hauora Clinic	N/A	Hokio Beach Playground or Muaūpoko Tribal Authority if wet weather. Third Wednesday of each month, 10am - 2pm
Ka Ora Telecare	N/A	Virtual Appointments, free for children 0-13 years
Levin Family Health	X	20 Power Street, Levin
Muaūpoko Tribal Authority	N/A	Running Practice Plus every weekend, 9am - 2pm
Queen Street Surgery	X	50 Queen Street, Levin
Raukawa Whanau Ora	N/A	152 Bath Street, Levin - Walk in Service
Raukawa Iwi Medical Service Shannon	N/A	2 Stout St, Shannon - Walk in with nurse practioner
Taitoko Health (formerly Masonic)	X	15-17 Durham Street Levin
Tararua Medical Centre	Yes	538 Queen Street, Levin
Te Waioira Community Health Services	Yes	10 Ladys Mile, Foxton

Source: Think Hauora and own research

General practices across Horowhenua are operating at capacity, with wait times for appointments ranging from 2 to 8 weeks. To help bridge this gap, three new health services have recently been established in the district: Muaūpoko Tribal Authority, Raukawa Iwi Medical Service in Shannon, and Ka Ora Telecare. At present, only two medical practices are accepting new enrolments. The data reinforces the importance of ensuring that health infrastructure and services keep pace with population growth. As Horowhenua continues to grow, additional general practice capacity will be required to meet increasing demand. This will be particularly important given Horowhenua's ageing population.

SAFETY

10. Spotlight - Horowhenua Community Health Shuttle

The Horowhenua Community Health Shuttle has been providing an affordable, effective, reliable and safe transportation option to the Horowhenua Community since 2008.

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Health Shuttles

48
Health Shuttle
Volunteers

10 Trips per Day

Departing Levin: 6.30am, 9.00am, 11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm
Departing Palmerston North: 8.00am, 11.00am, 1.00pm (or 1.30pm if Dialysis Patients are late), 3.00pm and 4.30pm

	2025	2026 to-date
Number of Return Trips	1201	740
Number of Patients Transported	7,812	3,965

Source: Horowhenua Community Health Shuttle