



On 11 June 2019, you made the following request under the Official Information Act (OIA) for information about state housing stock:

- *The number of state homes built during the years 1946 – 1961*
- *The number built between 1962 – 1972*
- *The number built between 1972 & whatever year it was that building stopped*
- *The complete housing stock for the years 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, May 2019*
- *The number of current state homes the govt plans to build over the rest of their current term*

Housing New Zealand was formed in 2002. Therefore some information about state housing stock before then is not held in our systems. As a result, I am required to state that I am refusing this information under section 18(g) of the OIA, as it is not held by us. Where I do provide historical data prior to the formation of Housing New Zealand in this reply, the figures are indicative only.

The attached table provides the information that Housing New Zealand is able to provide. I am advised that there has never been a year where a new state house has not been built. Therefore, I am providing the figures for each year. Also, there is a period of ten years between 1992/93 and 2001/02, where build information was not provided to us when the organisation was formed.

The New Zealand History website has a graph which may help you fill in the information for those years. The following is a link to that graph.

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/media/photo/construction-and-sale-of-state-houses-1938-2002>

The information you requested for the housing stock in particular years is contained in the following table. Please note that we do not have a total stock number for 1990 and I have provided the totals for 1989 and 1991 instead.

**The total state housing stock for requested years**

Year	Stock Numbers
1985	57,547
1989	64,521
1991	69,928
1995	69,690
2000	59,462
2005	66,354
2010	69,489
2015	67,245
May-2019	64,607

Finally, you asked for the number of state homes that are planned until the next election. Housing New Zealand has forecast building 1,380 state homes in 2018/19 and 1,500 state homes in the 2019/20 financial year.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my response. Details about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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### State Houses Built By Financial Year Since 1946/47

Financial Year	Number Built
1946/1947	2392
1947/1948	2715
1948/1949	3429
1949/1950	3378
1950/1951	3374
1951/1952	2087
1952/1953	2077
1953/1954	2760
1954/1955	2915
1955/1956	2260
1956/1957	2758
1957/1958	1861
1958/1959	1647
1959/1960	2128
1960/1961	2148
1961/1962	1926
1962/1963	1820
1963/1964	1425
1964/1965	1620
1965/1966	1334
1966/1967	1469
1967/1968	1490
1968/1969	1534
1969/1970	1241
1970/1971	1194
1971/1972	661
1972/1973	765
1973/1974	650
1974/1975	1423
1975/1976	3017
1976/1977	2238
1977/1978	1611
1978/1979	1346
1979/1980	1189
1980/1981	812
1981/1982	264

Financial Year	Number Built
1982/1983	328
1983/1984	496
1984/1985	846
1985/1986	1256
1986/1987	1258
1987/1988	1241
1988/1989	1562
1989/1990	1738
1990/1991	2175
1991/1992	930
1992/1993	Not held
1993/1994	Not held
1994/1995	Not held
1995/1996	Not held
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2000/2001	Not held
2001/2002	Not held
2002/2003	347
2003/2004	231
2004/2005	416
2005/2006	659
2006/2007	629
2007/2008	519
2008/2009	462
2009/2010	372
2010/2011	165
2011/2012	123
2012/2013	100
2013/2014	173
2014/2015	408
2015/2016	732
2016/2017	418
2017/2018	841
2018/2019 as at May 2019	219

Note 1: that build numbers for 1992/93 to 2001/2002 are not held by Housing New Zealand.  
 Note 2: The numbers for the historical data on new builds are indicative and collected from spreadsheets.