

17 June 2022

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Thank you for your email of 18 May 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Information held as to the ethnicity of all KiwiBuild purchasers.*
- *Information held as to all KiwiBuild properties re-sold after initial settlement.*

I note that on 24 May 2022 you clarified the second part of your request to:

- *Information as to KiwiBuild homes sold before the minimum ownership period, and KiwiBuild homes sold at any time after their first purchase.*

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities gathers ethnicity information on KiwiBuild buyers through the application process that buyers complete to ensure they are eligible to buy a KiwiBuild home. Provision of ethnicity is a voluntary option in the eligibility check.

As at 31 March 2022 there were 2909 buyers of KiwiBuild homes (noting that KiwiBuild homes can be purchased by more than one eligible buyer, e.g. a couple buying a home together). The breakdown of provided ethnicity is outlined in the following table:

NZ European	1172	40.10%
Maori	125	4.28%
Filipino	196	6.71%
Other European	57	1.95%
Pacific People	114	3.90%
Other Asian	177	6.06%
Indian	372	12.73%
Chinese	173	5.92%
Could Not Determine	19	0.65%
Korean	115	3.93%
Other	94	3.22%
Prefer Not to Say	309	10.57%
Grand Total	2923	100.00%

Please note that the table above reflects the number of selected ethnicities for all applicants. Each applicant has the choice of selecting a primary ethnicity, as well as a secondary one. For example, an applicant could select "NZ European" as their primary ethnicity, and "Tongan" as their secondary one. Where an applicant has selected two distinct ethnicities, as in the example above, both have been counted. Where an applicant has given a primary ethnicity of "Other" and provided a secondary ethnicity then only the secondary option has been counted.

Buyers of KiwiBuild homes are required to reside in the home and are restricted from on-selling or renting it for a period of time, dependent on the typology of the home. This is called a minimum ownership period (MOP). The MOP is incorporated into the eligibility process to confirm buyers intend to live in the home themselves. This ensures KiwiBuild homes are provided to those who need them. The current MOPs are:

- Studio/one-bedroom: 12 months from date of settlement.
- Two-bedroom or larger: Three years from date of settlement.

The MOP is outlined in a Deed of Covenant, which buyers agree to and sign during the sales process.

We also appreciate that life can be unpredictable, and in some cases flexibility is required. If an owner's circumstances change unexpectedly they can apply for an exemption of the MOP, which includes signing a statutory declaration confirming their circumstances.

Kāinga Ora will evaluate applications for an exemption of the MOP on a case-by-case basis. Key factors taken into consideration include the reason for moving and how long they have lived in the property for. Circumstances for MOP exemptions are outlined in the KiwiBuild eligibility criteria which I have attached as Appendix one.

As at 30 May 2022 a total of 93 requests had been received for exemption of the MOP to either sell or rent a KiwiBuild home. Of those requests, 23 were approved for sale and 13 approved for rental with 14 applications declined. The balance of the applications are either awaiting further information, being assessed or, in the case of rental requests, a variation to the MOP has been offered to the applicant and is under consideration.

One KiwiBuild home has been sold within the MOP and without Kāinga Ora consent. Kāinga Ora is considering its response to this breach of the Deed of Covenant and is in communication with the original KiwiBuild buyer.

Kāinga Ora does not track sales or rental information on KiwiBuild homes after the MOP has expired.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/> with your personal information removed.

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