

POINTS OF INTEREST:

1. EH SNG Grants have reduced due to changes to eligibility criteria.
2. Local beneficiary numbers have increased by 3.5% since September 2024.
3. Horowhenua's NEET rate ranking sits among the bottom seven territorial authorities in New Zealand.
4. 71% of Horowhenua ED Admissions are our community aged 55 and over.
5. Residents aged 55-64 years make up the largest age group in Horowhenua, accounting for a combined 21.6% of the total population.
6. All crimes show a decrease or no change, with robbery only slightly up by 5.

HOUSING

Horowhenua Housing Register as at December 2024

December 2024	September 2024	Change
177	186	↓ 9

Source: MSD

Horowhenua Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant as end 31 December 2024

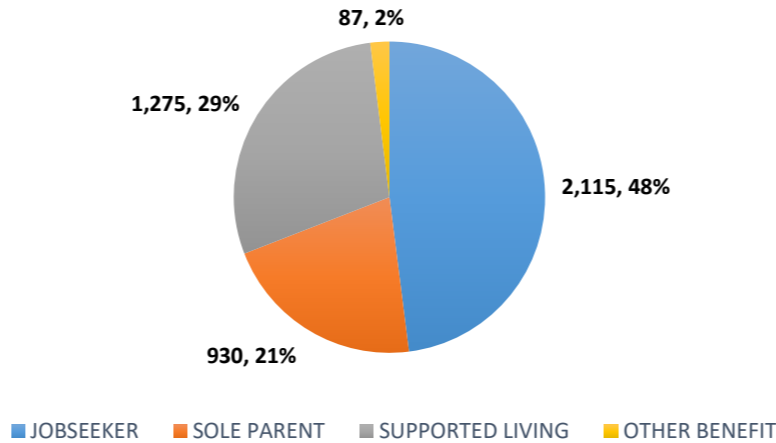
	December 2024	September 2024	Change
Number of Grants	15	57	↓ 42
Number of Applicants	6	24	↓ 18
Total Amount Granted	\$19,475	\$95,851	↓ \$76,376
Average Amount Granted	\$1,298	\$1,653	↓ \$355

Source: MSD

Nationwide, the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) has been reviewing and updating the EH SNG policy, including changes to eligibility criteria and application processes. These updates have led to a significant reduction in the number of grants and the amounts awarded.

INCOME, SOCIAL WELFARE AND BENEFICIARY SUPPORT

LOCAL BENEFICIARY NUMBERS AS AT DECEMBER 2024



Source: MSD

Local: At the end of December 2024, 4,407 people were receiving a main benefit, which is up by 150 from the last report in September 2024. **This equates to an increase of 3.5%.**

National: At the end of December 2024, 409,665 people were receiving a main benefit, which is up by 18,441 from the last report in September 2024. **This equates to an increase of 4.7%.**

EDUCATION / YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Government Target Delivery Performance – quarter ending September 2024

Target	Baseline Data (Term 2, 2023)	Current (Term 2, 2024)
80%	47.1%	53.2%

Source: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Horowhenua Student Attendance

	Total Students (n)	Students Attending Regularly (%)	Students Attending 80-90% (%)	Students Attending 70-80% (%)	Students Attending 70% or less (%)
2024 Term 3	5,128	43.4	27.4	14.5	14.7
2024 Term 2	5,007	42.9	27.1	13.9	16.2
2024 Term 1	5,010	52.7	24.6	10.3	12.5

Source: Education Counts

Youth Unemployment NEET Rate – Percent of 15-24 year-olds not in employment, education or training as at December 2024

NEET Rate	Number of NEETs	NEET Rate Rank
21.1%	863	61 / 67
↑ 2.2%	↑ 14.3%	↓ -2
Trending up / worsening	Trending up / worsening	Trending down / improving

Source: MTFJ Youth Employment Dashboard

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Horowhenua ED Presentations by Admission Status: Year 2024

	Yes	No	Total	% Admitted
January	259	417	676	38%
February	214	386	600	36%
March	240	440	680	35%
April	265	450	715	37%
May	310	458	768	40%
June	274	476	750	37%
July	271	511	782	35%
August	290	434	724	40%
September	272	436	708	38%
October	286	472	758	38%
November	257	427	684	38%
December	275	474	749	37%
Total 2024	3,214	5,381	8,594	37%
January 2025	260	438	689	37%

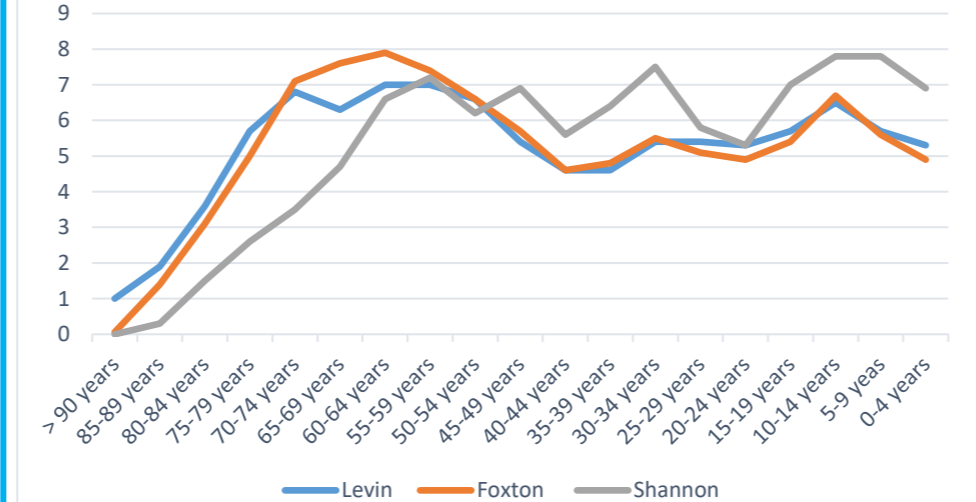
2024 Horowhenua ED Presentations by Admission Status: by Age Group

0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	>84	Total
251	147	173	125	228	415	580	828	467	3,214

Source: Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora

GROWTH AND POPULATION

POPULATION BY AGE DISTRIBUTION



Source: Social Wellbeing Agency Community Insights Explorer

- Levin has the highest population in the 55-64 age group.
- Foxton has the highest population in the 60-69 age group.
- Shannon has the highest population among tamariki aged 5-14 years.
- When looking at Horowhenua as a whole the 55-59 age group makes up 21.6% of the population.

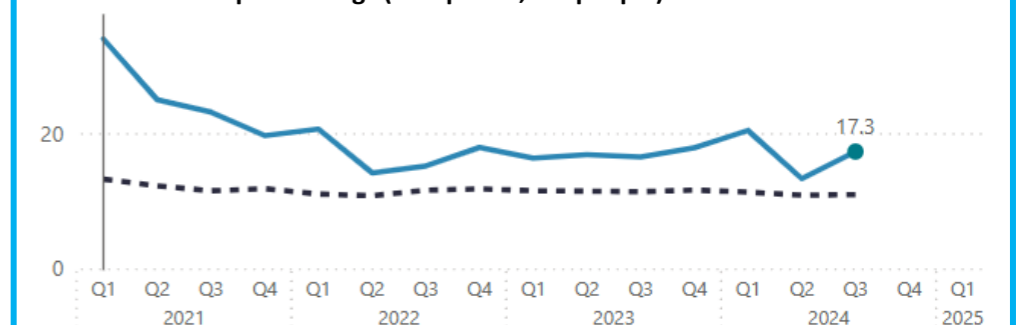
COMMUNITY SAFETY

Horowhenua Crime Snapshot as at January 2025

Crime Type	January 2025	October 2024 (previous period)	Change
Assault	69	91	↓
Sexual Assault	1	16	↓
Abduction	1	1	→
Robbery	12	7	↑
Burglary	172	172	→
Theft	385	507	↓
Total	640	794	↓

Source: NZ Police

Number of Police proceedings (rate per 10,000 people): Violent Crime



Source: Social Wellbeing Agency Regional Data Explorer