

POINTS OF INTEREST:

1. Numbers in emergency housing remain static, with a small decrease in amount granted.
2. Local beneficiary numbers were up by 2.6%.
3. Horowhenua student attendance is below the baseline data and current Term 1, 2024 data. Mandatory daily reporting starting Term 1, 2025.
4. Local immunisation levels remain relatively high at 79.5% in 12 months old children. While levels are low at 58.7% in 6 month old children.
5. Horowhenua's population has increased by 10.3% since the 2018 census making it the 10th fastest-growing district in New Zealand
6. There were 2,323 all crimes for the selected period. All crimes went up by 46 compared to the previous period.

HOUSING

Horowhenua Housing Register as at June 2024

June 2024	Change since March 2024	Change since June 2023
174	↑ 6	↓ 12

Source: MSD

Horowhenua Emergency Housing Special Needs Grant as at September 2024

	Sept 2024	June 2024	Sept 2023
Number of Grants	57	57	63
Number of Applicants	24	24	21
Total Amount Granted	\$95,851	\$105,415	\$132,749
Average Amount Granted	\$1,653	\$1,917	\$2,042

Source: MSD

Numbers remain the same as June 2024, but the total granted is down by \$9,564. Compared to September 2023, numbers are down by six grants, with a \$36,898 decrease in total grants.

Horowhenua Affordability Indicators (March 2024)

	Value	Annual % Change	\$ Change
Average House Value	\$565,359	1.2% ↑	\$6,468
Average Weekly Rent	\$496	5.3% ↑	\$25

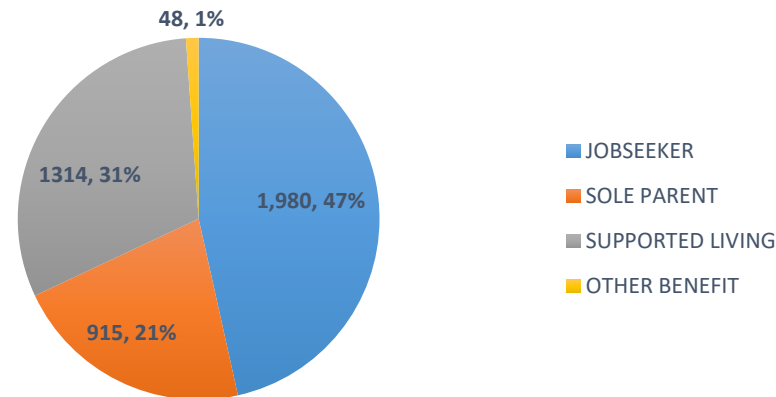
Source: THC

The average house value in Horowhenua District was \$565,359, below the New Zealand median of \$933,612. The average weekly rent was \$496, compared to the national average of \$560.

INCOME, SOCIAL WELFARE AND BENEFICIARY SUPPORT

LOCAL BENEFICIARY NUMBERS

AS AT SEPTEMBER 2024



Source: MSD

National: As of September 2024, 391,224 people were receiving a main benefit, an increase of 29,130 (8%) from September 2023 and up by 10,335 from June 2024.

Local: At the end of September 2024, 4,257 people were receiving a main benefit, which is up by 243 from September 2023 and 111 from June 2024.

Horowhenua Household Income (March 2024)

	Value	Annual % Change	\$ Change
Average Household Income	\$100,869	5.9% ↑	\$5,662
Per Capita Income	\$42,994	8.4% ↑	\$3,316

Source: THC

The average household income in Horowhenua District was \$100,869 in 2024, which was lower than the New Zealand average of \$132,538.

EDUCATION / YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Government Target: 80% of students to be present for > 90% of the term.

Target	Baseline Data (Term 1, 2023)	Current (Term 1, 2024)
80%	59.5%	61.7%

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 2	5,007	42.9	27.1	13.9	16.2
2024 Term 1	5,010	52.7	24.6	10.3	12.5
2023 Term 1	4,831	49.6	26.3	11.5	12.5

Source: Education Counts

Youth Employment – Latest Stats in Horowhenua

NEET Rate 18.5%	NEET 721	Leavers with level 3 or university entrance 27.7%
Job Seeker Support Rate 15.7%	Job Seeker Support Recipients 420	Leavers not enrolled in tertiary 56.9%

Source: MTFJ Youth Employment Dashboard

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

National and local immunisation coverage – 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024

Milestone Age	Eligible Nationally	Fully Immunised Nationally #	Fully Immunised Nationally %	Eligible Mid Central	Fully Immunised Mid Central #	Fully Immunised Mid Central %
6 months	14,639	9,428	64.4%	521	306	58.7%
8 months	14,746	11,406	77.3%	550	391	71.1%
12 months	14,485	11,847	81.1%	518	421	79.5%
18 months	14,983	9,063	60.5%	590	347	58.8%
24 months	15,076	11,551	76.6%	550	410	74.5%
4.5 years	16,533	10,054	60.8%	649	397	61.2%
5 years	16,257	11,818	72.7%	564	401	71.1%

Source: Te Whatu Ora

GROWTH AND POPULATION

The 2023 Census data, released in early October, shows Horowhenua district's population at 36,693, making it the 10th fastest-growing district in New Zealand. This reflects a 10.3% increase since 2018 and a 21.9% rise since 2013.

The ethnic composition is diverse:

Category	2023 (%)	2018 (%)
European	79.3 ↓	81.0
Māori	27.7 ↑	24.5
Pacific peoples	7.3 ↑	5.7
Asian	4.9 ↑	4.1
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	0.6 ↑	0.4
Other ethnicity	1.2	1.2

Source: Statistics NZ

Resettlement Programme

Since June 2022, Horowhenua has welcomed 129 Colombian and Venezuelan refugees, with a further 80 to be welcomed in 2024/2025.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Crime Snapshot

Crime Type	September 2024	September 2023	% Change
Assault	253	244	3.7% ↑
Sexual Assault	18	17	5.88% ↑
Abduction	4	2	100% ↑
Robbery	16	32	50% ↓
Burglary	563	660	14.70% ↓
Theft	1,469	1,322	11.12% ↑
Total	2,323	2,277	2.02% ↑

Source: NZ Police

The above does not record everything. For example disorderly behaviour, family harm and crashes are more common issues in Horowhenua but not represented in these statistics. The prevention/community workgroup has been investing its energy into making the CBD safer and feel safe. As a result of this, more people have been encouraged to report matters, so stats have increased, but the area is safer.