

# Home Ownership (Financial) Products Quarterly Report

Period Ending 31 March 2022

#### **First Home Grant**

On 1 October 2019 the KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant became the First Home Grant.

The KiwiSaver HomeStart Grant replaced the KiwiSaver deposit subsidy from 1 April 2015. Like the KiwiSaver Deposit subsidy, the First Home Grant provides each eligible first-home buyer with a grant of up to \$5,000 to put towards the purchase of an existing/older home.

In addition, the First Home Grant also provides each eligible first-home buyer with a grant of up \$10,000 to help with purchasing a brand new property.

First Home Grant Applications - Quarter by Quarter												
Quarter	Received	Approved	Pre- Approval	Declined, Withdrawn and Other	In process at quarter's end							
Apr – June 2021	10,094	2,966	6,589	2,648	413							
July – Sept 2021	9,169	3,255	6,149	2,541	214							
Oct - Dec 2021	6,832	2,104	4,686	1,730	162							
Jan – Mar 2022	3,930	1,149	2,511	978	99							

# First Home Grant Overview by Territorial Local Authority (TLA) January 2022 to March 2022

	Applicat	tions App	roved	Prope	rties Bou	ght	Gı	rants Paid			Grants Paid \$			
TLA	Existing House	New Build	Total	Existing House	New Build	Total	Existing House	New Build	Total	Existing House	New Build	\$ Total		
Far North District	18	-	18	14	1	15	18	2	20	82,000	20,000	102,000		
Whangārei District	5	-	5	3	-	3	3	-	3	15,000	-	15,000		
Kaipara District	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Auckland City	93	208	301	58	125	183	75	171	246	353,000	1,532,000	1,885,000		
Thames- Coromandel District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Hauraki District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Waikato District	2	-	2	2	-	2	2	-	2	10,000	-	10,000		
Matamata- Piako District	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	5,000	10,000	15,000		
Hamilton City	-	1	1	-	4	4	-	5	5	-	46,000	46,000		
Waipā District	13	2	15	9	1	10	11	1	12	51,000	8,000	59,000		
Otorohanga District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
South Waikato District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Waitomo District	6	-	6	5	-	5	6	-	6	29,000	-	29,000		
Taupō District	4	-	4	4	-	4	7	-	7	30,000	-	30,000		
Western Bay Of Plenty District	5	-	5	3	1	4	5	2	7	25,000	18,000	43,000		
Tauranga City	3	-	3	1	-	1	2	-	2	8,000	-	8,000		
Rotorua District	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	5,000	10,000	15,000		
Whakatāne District	6	9	15	8	8	16	9	10	19	41,000	98,000	139,000		

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Kawerau District	2	-	2	2	-	2	4	-	4	20,000	-	20,000
Ōpōtiki District	-	2	2	2	-	2	3	-	3	14,000	-	14,000
Gisborne District	7	-	7	4	-	4	5	-	5	23,000	-	23,000
Wairoa District	8	-	8	7	-	7	9	-	9	42,000	-	42,000
Hastings District	21	1	22	13	1	14	20	1	21	97,000	10,000	107,000
Napier City	11	-	11	6	-	6	7	-	7	35,000	-	35,000
Central Hawkes Bay District	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	10,000	10,000
New Plymouth District	14	1	15	9	1	10	13	1	14	59,000	10,000	69,000
Stratford District	1	-	1	2	-	2	2	-	2	9,000	-	9,000
South Taranaki District	5	-	5	7	-	7	9	-	9	43,000	-	43,000
Ruapehu District	5	-	5	3	-	3	3	-	3	15,000	-	15,000
Whanganui District	18	3	21	14	3	17	17	3	20	79,000	28,000	107,000
Rangitikei District	4	4	8	2	4	6	4	5	9	18,000	46,000	64,000
Manawatū District	1	-	1	2	-	2	2	-	2	10,000	-	10,000
Palmerston North District	6	3	9	3	3	6	4	4	8	19,000	40,000	59,000
Tararua District	16	2	18	8	-	8	14	-	14	66,000	-	66,000
Horowhenua District	2	1	3	3	-	3	5	-	5	23,000	-	23,000
Kāpiti Coast District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Porirua City	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	5,000	10,000	15,000
Upper Hutt City	3	-	3	2	-	2	3	-	3	12,000	-	12,000
Lower Hutt City	5	36	41	2	18	20	3	23	26	14,000	212,000	226,000
Wellington City	8	10	18	4	9	13	6	13	19	26,000	120,000	146,000
Masterton District	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	5,000	10,000	15,000
Carterton District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Wairarapa District	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	4	10,000	20,000	30,000
Tasman District	2	-	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	10,000	16,000	26,000
Nelson City	7	1	8	6	1	7	7	1	8	35,000	6,000	41,000
Marlborough District	2	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	1	5,000	-	5,000
Kaikōura District	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buller District	8	-	8	6	1	7	7	1	8	32,000	10,000	42,000
Grey District	21	-	21	15	1	16	17	2	19	85,000	20,000	105,000

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Westland District	11	3	14	6	2	8	8	2	10	38,000	20,000	58,000
Hurunui District	-	-	-	3	-	3	3	-	3	15,000	-	15,000
Waimakariri District	16	15	31	13	13	26	20	21	41	93,000	188,000	281,000
Christchurch City	186	47	233	120	35	155	170	47	217	766,000	434,000	1,200,000
Selwyn District	9	35	44	6	13	19	9	22	31	41,000	210,000	251,000
Ashburton District	19	1	20	13	2	15	16	3	19	77,000	28,000	105,000
Timaru District	36	-	36	23	-	23	29	-	29	133,000	-	133,000
MacKenzie District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waimate District	4	-	4	5	-	5	6	-	6	28,000	-	28,000
Chatham Island District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waitaki District	12	-	12	11	-	11	13	-	13	57,000	-	57,000
Central Otago District	3	-	3	4	-	4	4	-	4	20,000	-	20,000
Queenstown Lakes District	5	13	18	2	7	9	3	13	16	13,000	114,000	127,000
Dunedin City	13	-	13	12	-	12	15	-	15	68,000	-	68,000
Clutha District	14	-	14	12	-	12	16	-	16	70,000	-	70,000
Southland District	13	1	14	9	1	10	12	1	13	52,000	10,000	62,000
Gore District	11	-	11	8	-	8	8	-	8	39,000	-	39,000
Invercargill City	42	3	45	30	1	31	41	2	43	190,000	20,000	210,000
Grand Total	742	407	1,149	516	263	779	688	365	1,053	3,184,000	3,334,000	6,518,000

# First Home Grant Summary – April 2021 to March 2022

	Apr – June 2021	July – Sept 2021	Oct - Dec 2021	Jan - Mar 2022	Total for last 4 quarters	Total since 1 Apr 2015
Total First Home grants paid	\$17,499,000	\$13,421,000	\$11,087,000	\$6,518,000	\$48,525,000	\$491,047,000
Existing properties	\$8,071,000	\$6,583,000	\$5,405,000	\$3,184,000	\$23,243,000	\$337,617,000
New properties	\$9,428,000	\$6,838,000	\$5,682,000	\$3,334,000	\$25,282,000	\$153,430,000
Average individual grant for new build	\$9,057	\$8,997	\$9,135	\$9,134	\$9,081	\$8,813
Average individual grant for existing properties	\$4,573	\$4,540	\$4,553	\$4,628	\$4,574	\$4,436
Average amount paid out per new build	\$12,880	\$12,365	\$12,543	\$12,677	\$12,616	\$12,994
Average amount paid out per existing property	\$5,996	\$5,862	\$5,818	\$6,171	\$5,962	\$6,010

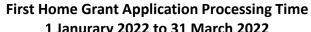
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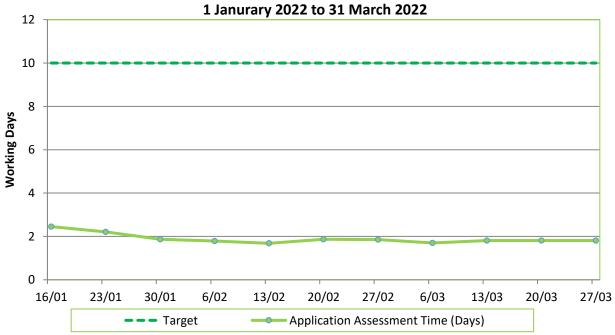
KiwiSaver deposit subsidy average amounts paid out from Jul 2014 to Mar 2015

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015
Average (\$)	4,158	4,037	4,110	4,195	4,148	4,168	4,262	4,223	4,281

#### First Home Grant average amounts paid out from Apr 2015 to March 2022

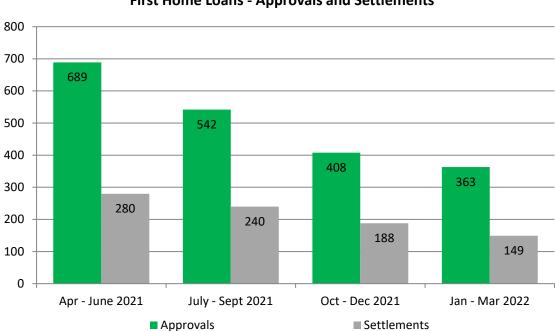
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016
Average (\$)	4,720	4,645	4,519	4,679	4,663	4,634	4,682	4,725	4,715	4,669	4,667	4,590
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017
Average (\$)	4,706	4,770	4,849	4,857	4,820	4,928	4,934	4,872	4,870	4,817	4,866	4,861
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018
Average (\$)	4,863	4,972	4,980	4,936	5,028	4,911	4,896	4,904	4,885	4,848	4,873	4,930
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019
Average (\$)	4,882	5,062	4,994	5,130	5,211	5,316	5,075	5,112	4,965	5,161	5,005	5,070
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020
Average (\$)	5,018	5,153	5,190	5,281	5,470	5,569	5,459	5,591	5,576	5,446	5,734	5,466
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021
Average (\$)	6,077	5,719	5,638	5,777	5,601	5,753	5,876	5,994	5,932	5,886	6,234	6,339
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022
Average (\$)	6,391	6,206	6,071	5,885	6,192	6,228	6,063	6,161	6,146	5,765	6,061	6,543





#### **First Home Loans**

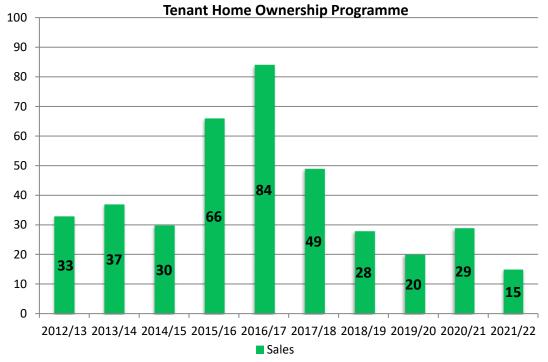
First Home Loans (known as Welcome Home Loans prior to 1 October 2019) are offered by lenders, supported by Kāinga Ora, and designed for first-home buyers who can afford to make regular repayments on a home loan, but have trouble saving for a large deposit. First Home Loans only need a 5 per cent deposit, not a ten or twenty per cent deposit as required by most lenders. Kāinga Ora does not issue the loan. This is done through lenders such as selected banks and credit unions. Kāinga Ora underwrites the loan for the lender. Individual applicants are required to meet the lender's specific lending criteria. Income and House Price Caps apply.



#### First Home Loans - Approvals and Settlements

### **Tenant Home Ownership**

Kāinga Ora may at times offer its tenants the opportunity to purchase the house they rent. Not all properties are for sale, particularly in high-demand areas. This programme began in September 2009.

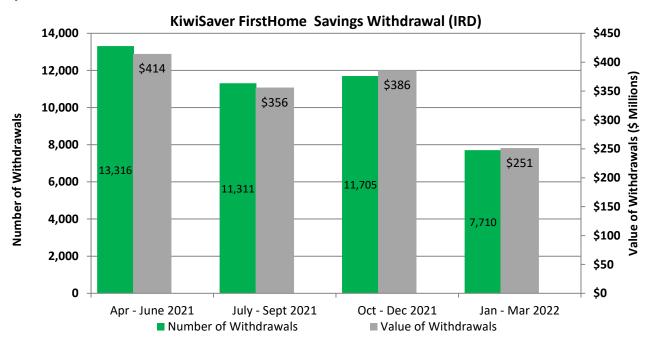


The Tenant Home Ownership grant is available to eligible tenants that are purchasing the Kāinga Ora home they are living in. The grant is a gift of 10% of the purchase price up to a maximum of \$20,000. The Tenant Home Ownership grant is not available in areas where there is high demand for state houses, for example Auckland, Wellington City, Christchurch, Hamilton and Tauranga.

As at 31 March 2022, eight Tenant Home Ownership grants had been paid out in the 2021/22 financial year.

## KiwiSaver First Home Savings Withdrawal

The KiwiSaver First Home Savings Withdrawal is administered by individual KiwiSaver scheme providers who report data on the withdrawals to Inland Revenue. Although Kāinga Ora does not administer this withdrawal, it forms part of the Government's programme of assistance for first home buyers.



# KiwiSaver Savings Withdrawal Determination for Previous Home Owners

First-home buyers are able to apply to withdraw all or part of their savings to assist with purchasing a first home. All funds, except for \$1,000, can be withdrawn.

Previous home owners may still be eligible for a KiwiSaver first-home withdrawal, providing they are deemed to be in the same financial position as someone who has never owned a property. This financial assessment is conducted by Kāinga Ora and if the client is eligible, Kāinga Ora provides them with a letter to assist with their application to withdraw their contributions. The number of applications approved increased beginning with the July – September 2019 quarter, following the removal of the income cap test on 1 July 2016.

