

Attachment for WPQ 876 (2025)

Table for Answer to 876: Severe Housing Deprivation by region, Census 2023

Region	Number of individuals in severe housing deprivation, Census 2023 (living without shelter, in temporary accommodation, sharing another household's dwelling or in uninhabitable housing.)	Number of individuals in severe housing deprivation, excluding individuals living in uninhabitable housing, Census 2023 (living without shelter, in temporary accommodation or sharing another household's dwelling)
New Zealand	112,496	43,026
South Island Te Waipounamu	19,596	8,190
Canterbury Region	9,795	3,552
Christchurch City	6,753	2,310

The most robust estimates of homelessness come from Severe Housing Deprivation in the Census. Census 2023 data has been used as it is the most recent data available.

Severe housing deprivation refers to people who due to no other option are living in severely inadequate housing. Housing deprivation is dynamic and people may move between four different categories of severe housing deprivation (per the Stats NZ definition), living without shelter, in temporary accommodation, sharing another household's dwelling or in uninhabitable housing.

The total number of people experiencing SHD is reported differently in Stats NZ Data Explorer (111,993) than in the Stats NZ information release (112,496). As such, the NZ total differs slightly from what is reported elsewhere.