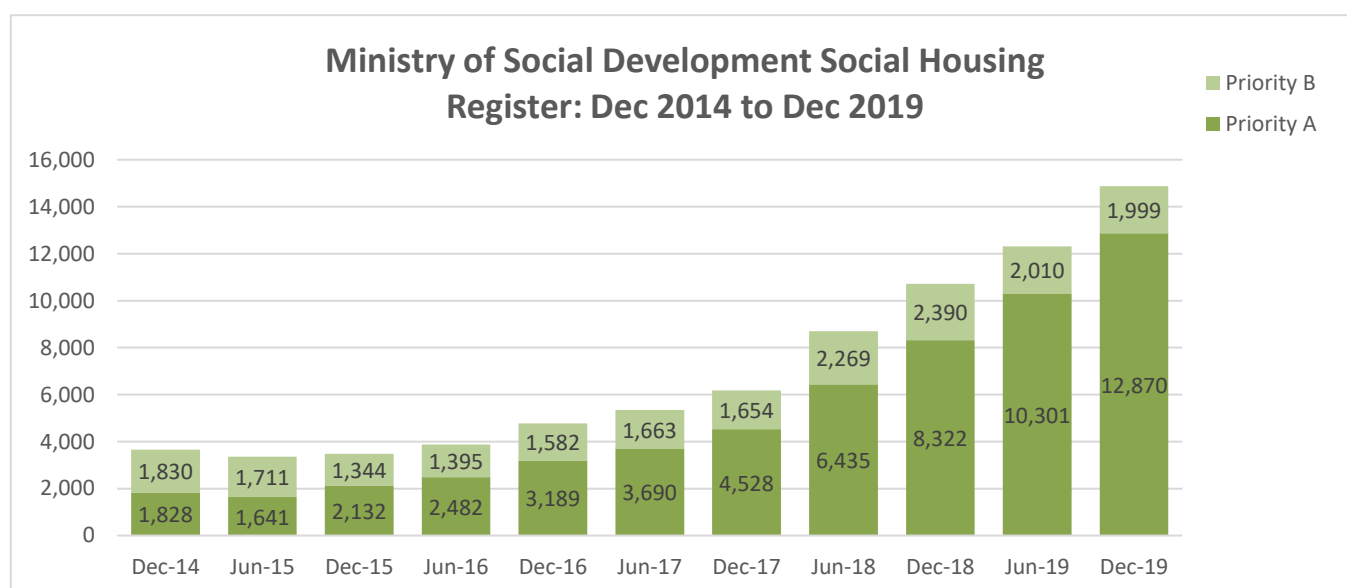


## MSD Social Housing Data

CPAG uses the housing register as a key indicator of housing need. Numbers requiring social housing have been rising inexorably, with the number of applicants on the Housing Register more than doubling in the period between December 2017 and December 2019.

Housing Register numbers do not map perfectly onto housing need. The Welfare Expert Advisory Group reported that an increase in applicants in 2017 may have reflected the fact that the newly elected Government encouraged people to contact MSD about their housing needs, and raised the profile of the public housing system. However, this data gives an indication of the ongoing and urgent need for quality, affordable housing among families.



*N.B. Priority A applicants are considered to be 'at risk' and include households that have a severe and persistent housing need that must be addressed immediately. Priority B applicants are those with a 'serious housing need' and include households with a significant and persistent need.*

### Number of applicants (Dec 2014 to Dec 2019)

	Dec-14	Jun-15	Dec-15	Jun-16	Dec-16	Jun-17	Dec-17	Jun-18	Dec-18	Jun-19	Dec-19
Priority A	1,828	1,641	2,132	2,482	3,189	3,690	4,528	6,435	8,322	10,301	12,870
Priority B	1,830	1,711	1,344	1,395	1,582	1,663	1,654	2,269	2,390	2,010	1,999
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,658</b>	<b>3,352</b>	<b>3,476</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>4,771</b>	<b>5,353</b>	<b>6,182</b>	<b>8,704</b>	<b>10,712</b>	<b>12,311</b>	<b>14,869</b>

Source: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/housing/index.html#LatestresultsndashDecember20191>