

## Aged residential care occupancy for 30 June 2020 quarter

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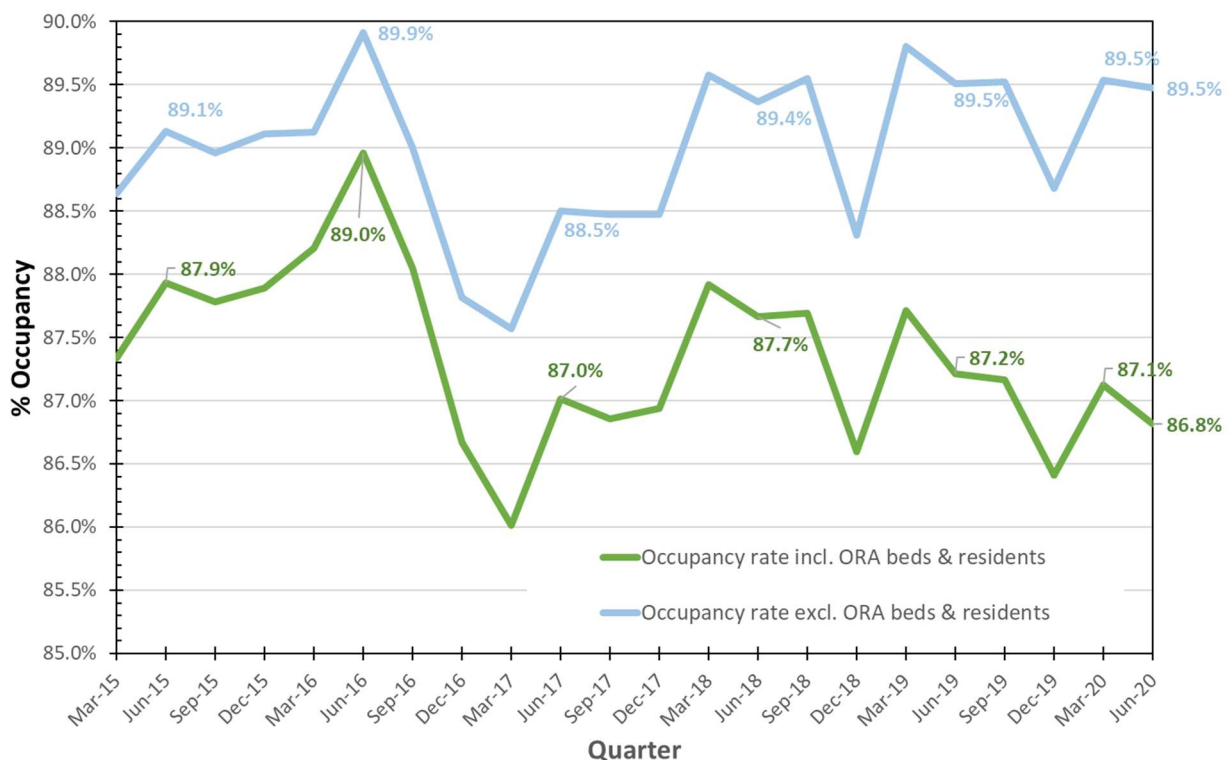
The national occupancy rate, as measured by data in the TAS Aged Residential Care Quarterly Reporting Survey, at 30 June 2020 is 86.8%. This is down from 87.1% at 31 March 2020.

Residents decreased by 52 (-0.15%) to 34,594 over the quarter to 30 June 2020. Over the same period, the bed supply increased slightly, by 81 (0.2%) to 39,848. Over the year to 30 June 2020 there was an increase of 319 residents (up 1.0%) but this was outstripped by an increased 549 beds (up 1.4%). Consequently occupancy at 30 June 2020 is, at 86.8%, slightly lower than at 30 June 2019 (87.2%).

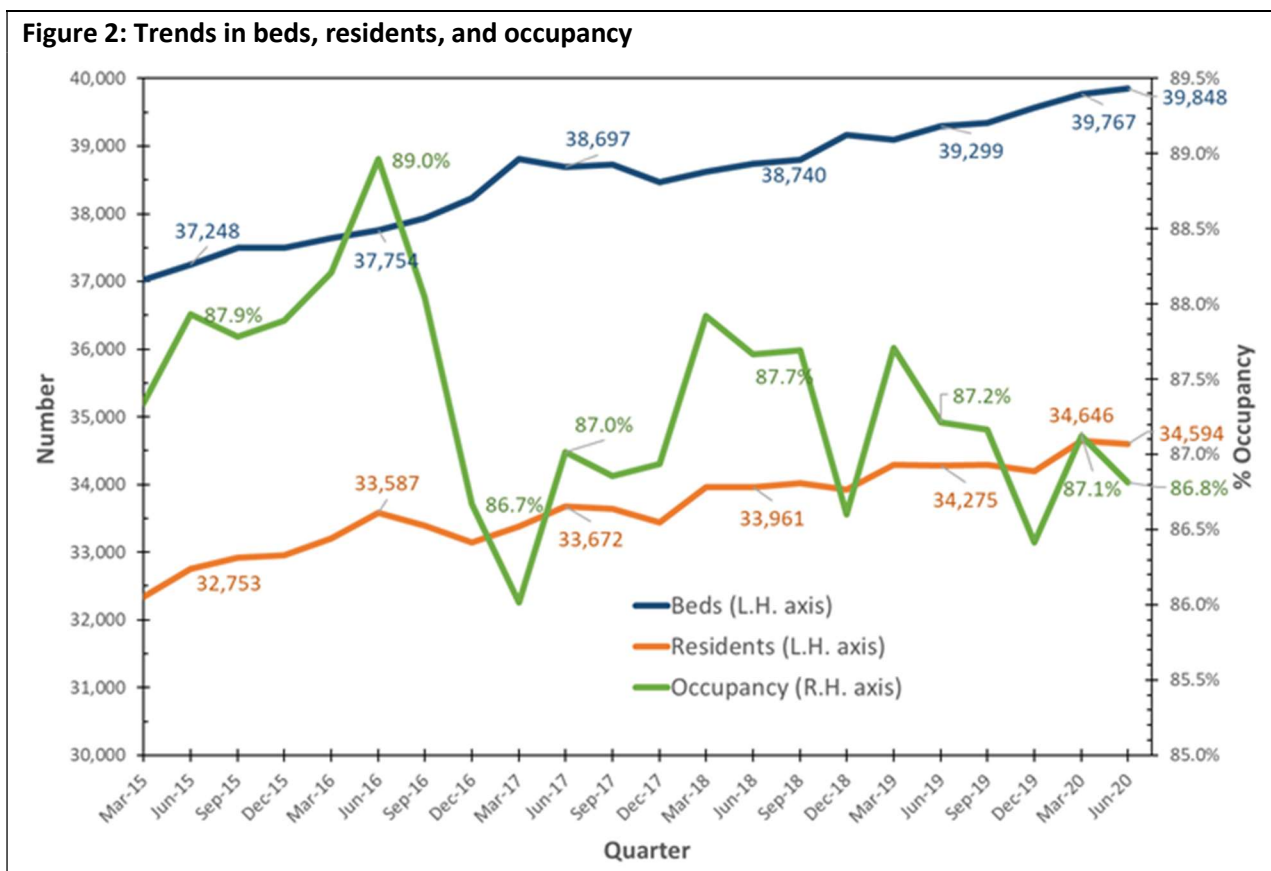
Figure 1 also shows the occupancy rate with ORA ARRC-certified beds and their residents excluded (blue line). This, at 89.5% on 30 June 2020, is essentially unchanged from 31 March 2020.

These occupancy results indicate measures taken to manage the risk of new residents introducing COVID-19 to aged residential cares have not had been accompanied by a major reduction (to 30 June) in residents and occupancy at the national level. Data on admissions and discharges of long-term ARC residents provided to the NZACA by TAS helps explain this. Long-term ARC admissions did decrease in the June quarter 2020, compared to both the March quarter 2020 (11% down) and June quarter 2019 (16% down). But this was partly offset by discharges (for death and other reasons) remaining the same in June quarter 2020 as in March quarter 2020. In contrast, from March to June last year (2019) there was an 11% increase in discharges. This supports anecdotal evidence that the precautions ARC facilities have taken against COVID-19 also protect residents from seasonal illnesses.

**Figure 1: Overall occupancy rate with and without ORA ARRC-certified beds and residents by quarter**



The growth in bed and resident numbers over the last five years is shown in Figure 2, together with the occupancy rate. Figure 2 shows that ARC beds have grown steadily over most of the period and are closing in on 40,000. The June 2020 occupancy rate of 86.8%, remains below the 87.4% average quarterly occupancy figure since March 2015.



The DHB with the highest occupancy at 30 June 2020 is Hawke’s Bay, at 93% (Table 1). Northland (92.2%), West Coast (91.4%) and Southern (90.5%) also have relatively high occupancy. At the other end of regional occupancy, Lakes is yet again the DHB region with lowest occupancy, at 79.5%, followed by South Canterbury at 80.8%. and Nelson Marlborough is also low, at 81.7%.

**Table 1: Overall occupancy by DHB region, in descending order of March 2020 occupancy**

DHB	Mar-20	Jun-20	Difference
Hawke's Bay	90.4%	93.0%	2.6%
Northland	85.5%	92.2%	6.7%
West Coast	91.0%	91.4%	0.4%
Southern	90.6%	90.5%	-0.1%
Hutt Valley	91.9%	90.4%	-1.5%
Waikato	89.1%	89.4%	0.3%
Whanganui	90.2%	89.1%	-1.1%
Bay of Plenty	88.4%	87.8%	-0.6%
Counties Manukau	88.0%	87.2%	-0.8%
Capital and Coast	88.1%	87.1%	-1.0%
National	87.1%	86.8%	-0.3%
MidCentral	87.5%	86.7%	-0.8%
Taranaki	85.1%	85.7%	0.6%
Waitemata	87.0%	85.4%	-1.6%
Canterbury	86.1%	85.2%	-0.9%
Auckland	84.9%	84.9%	0.0%
Tairāwhiti	82.3%	81.8%	-0.5%
Wairarapa	80.3%	81.8%	1.5%
Nelson Marlborough	84.2%	81.7%	-2.5%
South Canterbury	86.5%	80.8%	-5.7%
Lakes	77.9%	79.5%	1.6%

Figure 3 ranks the DHBs in descending order of shift in occupancy between 31 March 2020 and 30 June 2020. The largest increase occurred in Northland (up 6.7% to 92.2%), caused by a 7.5% increase in residents and a static bed supply. There was a 2.6% increase in occupancy in Hawkes Bay (to 93.0%).

In South Canterbury occupancy fell by 5.7% to 80.8%. This change arose from an increase in the bed supply in DHB (by 37) rather than a fall in residents.

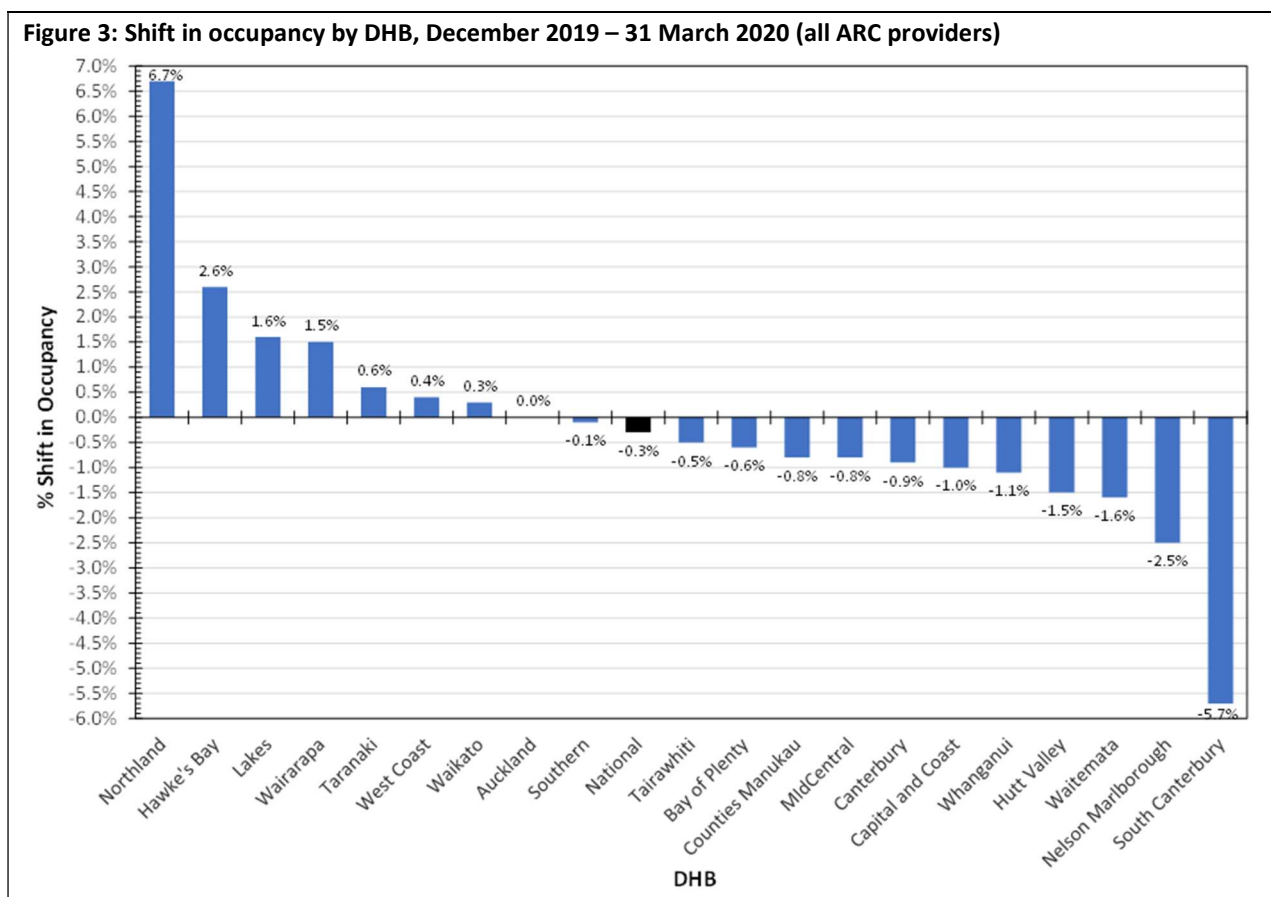


Table 2 shows the national occupancy difference by (non-ORA) bed type in March 2020 and June 2020. Occupancy of non-ORA dual service beds reduced slightly, by 0.3% to 88.7%. Occupancy of dedicated rest home beds was unchanged at 89.5%, and occupancy of dedicated hospital beds was also static at 90.9%.

**Table 2: National occupancy per bed type at 31 December 2019 and 30 March 2020 (excludes ORA beds).**

DHB	Service (excluding ORAs)							Overall Occupancy excl. ORAs
	Dedicated rest home beds	Dedicated hospital beds	Dual service beds	Dementia beds	Psycho geriatric beds	Dedicated YPD beds	Other beds	
National Mar 2020	89.5%	90.8%	89.0%	89.5%	92.3%	86.3%	54.2%	89.53%
National June 2020	89.5%	90.9%	88.7%	89.8%	93.2%	92.4%	60.7%	89.47%
Difference	0.0%	0.1%	-0.3%	0.3%	0.9%	6.1%	6.5%	-0.06%

Table 3 shows occupancy across all DHB regions by (non-ORA) bed-service type at 30 June 2020.

<b>Table 3: Occupancy by DHB regions and bed-service type at 31 March 2019 (excludes ORA beds)</b>								
DHB	Service (excluding ORAs)							Overall Occupancy excl. ORAs
	Dedicated rest home beds	Dedicated hospital beds	Dual service beds	Dementia beds	Psycho geriatric beds	Dedicated YPD beds	Other beds	
Northland	90.9%	94.4%	90.0%	94.1%	80.0%	100.0%	80.0%	92.0%
Waitemata	83.2%	92.5%	87.7%	86.7%	89.3%		0.0%	87.8%
Auckland	90.8%	88.3%	86.3%	86.5%	97.9%	96.4%	50.0%	88.0%
Counties Manukau	88.8%	94.6%	89.6%	92.2%	100.0%	100.0%	60.0%	91.1%
Waikato	94.1%	90.0%	92.6%	87.3%	91.0%	66.7%	71.4%	91.4%
Lakes	92.6%	87.6%	70.4%	91.8%	93.3%	100.0%		82.0%
Bay of Plenty	89.8%	89.3%	88.1%	85.0%	83.3%			88.2%
Tairāwhiti	85.5%		79.6%	80.0%		100.0%	50.0%	80.4%
Taranaki	87.6%	87.8%	91.6%	87.1%	100.0%		75.0%	89.6%
Hawke's Bay	95.2%	96.8%	94.0%	98.0%	97.8%			95.5%
MldCentral	82.7%	96.5%	89.7%	89.1%	77.8%	100.0%	0.0%	87.9%
Whanganui	89.6%	83.5%	90.5%	98.9%	90.0%		80.0%	90.4%
Capital and Coast	87.4%	84.6%	89.8%	93.7%	94.0%		66.7%	88.3%
Hutt Valley	94.1%	94.9%	90.8%	96.9%	95.1%	60.0%	85.7%	92.9%
Wairarapa	83.6%	91.9%	86.5%	75.3%				84.2%
Nelson Marlborough	88.2%	93.4%	84.9%	93.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	88.1%
West Coast	80.0%	93.3%	91.4%	100.0%	100.0%			91.4%
Canterbury	90.1%	86.3%	91.5%	90.0%	95.9%		20.0%	90.3%
South Canterbury	84.5%	92.2%	76.7%	90.7%	80.0%		33.3%	83.3%
Southern	91.7%	94.3%	90.4%	90.8%	94.8%		0.0%	91.6%
<b>National</b>	<b>89.5%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>88.7%</b>	<b>89.8%</b>	<b>93.2%</b>	<b>92.4%</b>	<b>60.7%</b>	<b>89.5%</b>

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