



## New Zealand State Housing Dataset 1993-2009

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### 2. Other contacts for this data:

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### 3. Data keywords:

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### 4. Dataset abstract:

Housing New Zealand Corporation (HNZC) generously provided us with a dataset on 80,983 state houses covering the period 31 January 1936 to 16 February 2010. This derived dataset includes a tidied version of this raw dataset, with data spanning the period 1993 – 2010. The dataset includes information on acquisition dates, whether a property has been sold or destroyed, sales dates, sales prices, single and double bedroom numbers, and the location of houses – with each property coded at the meshblock level. Property type information is also recorded and describes the type of building – for example whether a house is a single unit, or part of a multi unit or multi storey building. For sold houses, we have information on sale type: whether the sale was made to a state housing tenant under the Home Buy scheme, sold privately as a vacant sale, or sold to a community group as a Community Partner sale. The dataset also includes information on the construction date of the house, and the most recent change to each house's property status.

### 5. Motu Working Papers using this data set.

Olssen, Alex; Hugh McDonald; Arthur Grimes and Steven Stillman. 2010. "A State Housing Database: 1993-2009," *Motu Working Paper* 10-13.

Bergstrom, Katy, Arthur Grimes and Steve Stillman. "Does Selling State Silver Generate Private Gold? Determinants and Impacts of State House Sales and Acquisitions in New Zealand," *Motu Working Paper* 11-03.

### 6. Variables:

See file entitled 'describe' in dataset folder.

## 7. Additional notes.

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