THE MARKET / A PRICE SNAPSHOT

What Movers Cost in Christchurch

Hourly rates, call-outs, prices by home size and the insurance small print. Moving prices for Christchurch gathered on 12 November 2026, from quotes, listings, a price guide and 3,329 Google reviews.

3-BEDROOM LOCAL MOVE
$850 to $1,300

About 7 hours, 2 movers and a truck, weekday, GST included. Hourly rates and three Wise Move quotes. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

2 MOVERS AND A TRUCK
$114 to $160 an hour

Incl GST, usually plus a $45 + GST call-out and a 2-hour minimum. [1] [2] [3]

MOVERS' OWN WEBSITES
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The 12 most-reviewed Christchurch movers show no local rate or price on their own sites. [9]

What the data shows

Two movers and a truck for 7 hours come to **$848.70** (Christchurch Furniture Movers), **$980** (H and H Couriers), **$1,009.70** (TruckAbout) and **$1,118.95** (NZ Moving Services, rate from a 2024 review). Three 3-bedroom quotes on Wise Move were **$943 to $1,049**. Smartmove's fixed range is higher: **$1,150 to $2,100**, average $1,300 with 3 movers. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6]

Prices live on marketplaces, listings and guides, not on the movers' websites. Many movers carry goods at owner's risk. [5] [6] [7] [8] [9]

The standard move

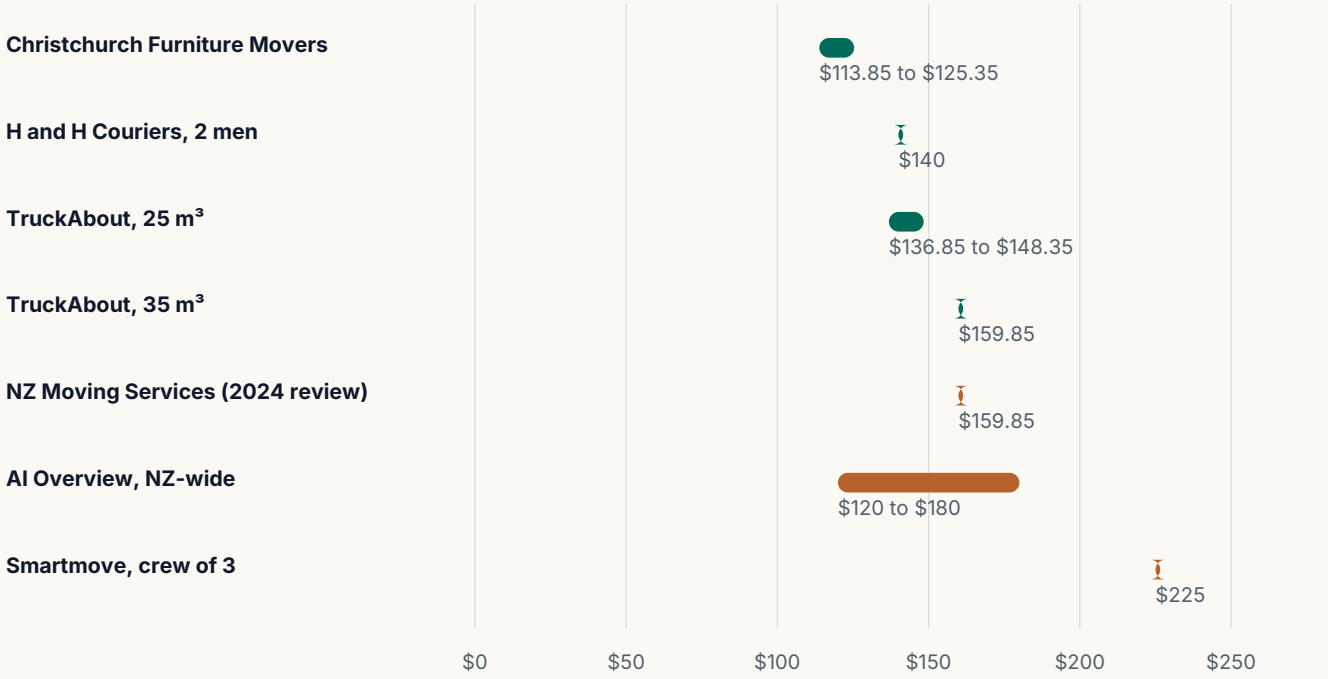
Move	In the price	Not in the price
3-bedroom house, local Christchurch move, weekday, easy access, about 7 hours.	Two movers, a truck, call-out where charged, GST.	Packing and boxes, a third mover, pianos and spa pools, weekend rates, storage, insurance.

Method. We checked the websites and Google profiles of the 12 most-reviewed Christchurch movers, read every Google review on those profiles (3,329), and collected rates from Wise Move quotes (via Google results), Trade Me listings, Smartmove's Christchurch guide and Google's AI Overview. Incl GST figures are our arithmetic at 15%. No mover was asked for a quote. [1] [2] [5] [6] [9]

01 / HOURLY RATES

What two movers and a truck cost

Hourly rates for Christchurch moves, converted to incl GST where quoted + GST. None of them is published on the mover's own website.

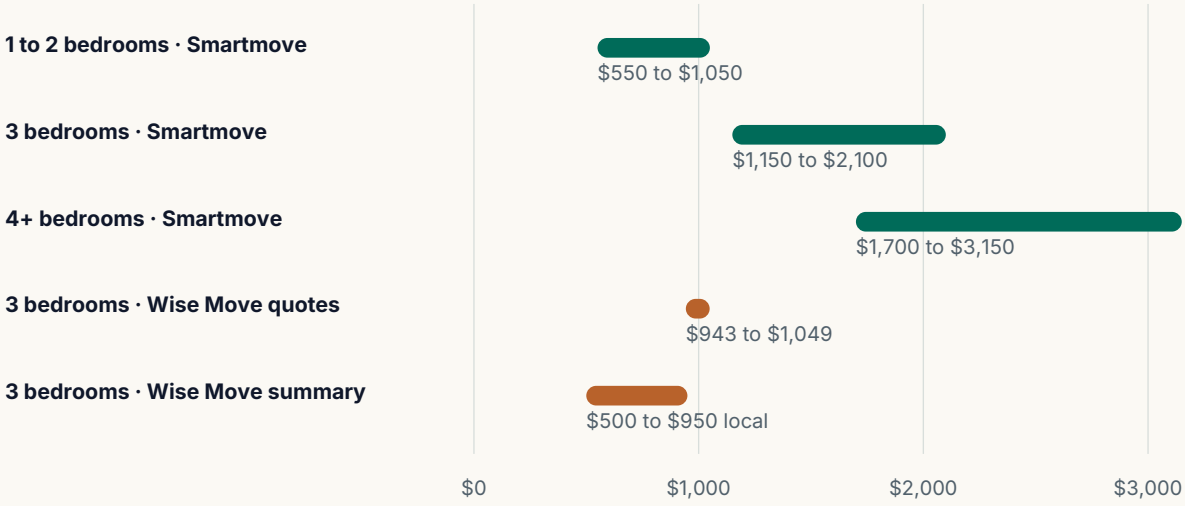


Charge	What we found	Source
Call-out	$45 + GST at Christchurch Furniture Movers; $45 to $60 + GST at TruckAbout. Megalodon lists no call-out or mileage in Christchurch.	[1] [2] [3]
Minimum	2 hours at both; then 30-minute slots at Christchurch Furniture Movers.	[1] [2]
Days	CFM $99 + GST Mon to Thu, $109 Fri to Sun. TruckAbout $129 Sunday, $159 public holidays.	[1] [2]
Extra mover	$30 to $35 + GST an hour (TruckAbout).	[2]
Piano or spa	$150 + GST with a house load; $290 to $350 + GST on its own (TruckAbout).	[2]
Packing	3 packers $120 + GST an hour plus materials (TruckAbout).	[2]

02 / BY HOME SIZE

Every bedroom adds hours

Smartmove's fixed-price ranges for local Christchurch moves, and the same hours at the hourly rates we found. Incl GST unless marked.



Home size, weekday	Typical hours	Christchurch Furniture Movers	TruckAbout, 2 movers
1 to 2 bedrooms	5	$621	$736
3 bedrooms	7	$848.70	$1,009.70
4+ bedrooms	9	$1,076.40	$1,283.40

Hours are Smartmove's Christchurch averages. Hourly totals = hours × rate + $45 call-out, + GST (SEO4 arithmetic). Smartmove does not state GST. [1] [2] [6]

Hourly or fixed? A fixed price carries the risk of the move running long, which is part of why fixed ranges sit higher. When one mover quotes hourly, ask for a cap.

03 / INSURANCE AND OWNER'S RISK

Read the terms before the truck arrives

Under the Contract and Commercial Law Act 2017 a mover can carry goods on one of four terms. Two matter most for house moves.

Contract type	What it means	Where we saw it
Owner's risk	The mover is liable only for intentional damage.	The Moving Company terms (cl. 8.1); We Move on its Wise Move profile
Limited carrier's risk	Liable up to $2,000 per unit unless the damage was intentional. The default with no written contract.	Consumer Protection guidance

The Moving Company terms	Detail
Insurance	Only on the customer's written instruction, through Vero.
Damage	Notify within 14 days.
Claims	Legal proceedings within 6 months.
Payment	Cleared funds in advance.

Damage in reviews

145 of 3,329 reviews mention damage (21 of them are low ratings). Grace Removals has 15 damage mentions and 20 low ratings in 146 reviews. Most busy movers have 9 to 22 damage mentions, often in five-star reviews describing a quick fix. [7] [8] [9]

Ring your contents insurer before moving day and ask whether goods are covered in transit and while loading. If not, ask the mover what its insurance costs.

04 / REVIEWS AND WHO TO CALL

Busy, well rated, no prices

Every Google review on 12 Christchurch mover profiles: 3,329. 649 mention price, cost, a quote, the rate or value; 393 use clearly positive price words. 24 of the 72 reviews of three stars or fewer mention money.

Three to call first

Rated 4.8 or higher with 100+ Google reviews, ranked by new reviews in the 12 months to 12 November 2026.

Mover	Phone	Rating, reviews	New, answered	Own prices online
1. The Moving Company	(03) 344 5200	4.9, 510	220, 213	No
2. Cheap and Unique Movers	027 733 0000	5.0, 225	175, 89	No (Facebook only)
3. AJ House Moving	021 137 5058	4.9, 239	125, 123	No website found

SEO4 Price Score

Eight checks, 0 to 2 points each: prices, GST, insurance terms, what a move includes, quote path, rating, new reviews, replies. It rates price information online, not the move.

Mover	Score	Mover	Score
The Moving Company	10/16	Rapid Movers	6/16
Affordable Moving Solutions	9/16	Cheap and Unique Movers	6/16
NZ Moving Services	9/16	AJ House Moving	6/16
Main Movers	9/16	We Move	6/16
Happy Helper Moving Company	8/16	Swift Moving	3/16
Grace Removals	7/16	New Zealand Movers	not scored

None of these businesses are SEO4 clients. A public snapshot from 12 November 2026, written in good faith. [9]

05 / HOW TO GET COMPARABLE QUOTES

Same list, same questions

Moving quotes only compare when every mover prices the same furniture, access and day.

Quote request template
Hi, we are moving from a [3-bedroom house in suburb] to [suburb] on [date]. Access: [stairs, driveway, parking]. Big items: [fridge, washing machine, piano, trampoline]. Could you give me a fixed price including GST, or your hourly rate with the call-out, minimum hours, crew size and truck size? Is the move at owner's risk or carrier's risk, and is there any charge for insurance?

Five questions: Fixed or hourly, and incl GST? How many movers, what size truck? When does the clock start and stop? What is extra? What happens if something is damaged?

Run your quotes through the free calculator in the full article: **seo4.co.nz/blog/movers-christchurch**. Movers who want a clear price page or a review plan can contact SEO4 at seo4.co.nz/pricing-contact.

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