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## Housing Voucher Data for Arkansas

- Of Arkansas' 22,686 authorized vouchers, only 91 percent were used by families last year.
- This was an improvement over 2006, when the voucher program was underfunded and changes in funding policy undermined the effectiveness of the program. Nevertheless, 918 fewer families in Arkansas received assistance in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Arkansas have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 1,734 additional families, thereby using up to 99 percent of their authorized vouchers. To encourage agencies to make efficient use of these resources, agencies must be reassured that voucher renewal funding policy will be both stable and take into account the additional vouchers used by these families. Congress should enact the Section 8 Voucher Reform Act (H.R. 1851 and S. 2684) to provide confidence that renewal funding needs will be met in future years, thereby encouraging agencies to put as many of their vouchers to use as possible.

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<b>Arkansas Total</b>		<b>96%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>20,701</b>	<b>22,686</b>	<b>21,491</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>99%</b>
Arkadelphia	AR012	97%	93%	88%	93%	181	194	194	0	100%
Ashley Co.	AR214	98%	95%	96%	95%	204	215	215	0	100%
Benton	AR175	81%	93%	90%	86%	497	576	538	38	100%
Black River Area	AR247	100%	96%	98%	95%	114	120	120	0	100%
Blytheville	AR005	81%	68%	50%	47%	71	150	72	46	79%
Brinkley City	AR059	82%	71%	43%	36%	55	154	55	93	96%
Cabot	AR219	100%	98%	100%	92%	274	299	299	0	100%
Calhoun Co.	AR246	96%	82%	75%	93%	26	28	27	1	100%
Camden	AR016	97%	92%	96%	90%	65	72	65	7	100%
Clarendon	AR052	96%	100%	92%	96%	24	25	25	0	100%

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Clay Co.	AR176	99%	89%	92%	86%	146	170	164	6	100%
Conway	AR006	100%	99%	99%	98%	291	298	281	17	100%
Conway Co.	AR161	93%	90%	86%	90%	207	229	217	12	100%
Crawford Co.	AR194	94%	78%	81%	88%	380	432	413	19	100%
Dallas Co.	AR249	95%	76%	71%	84%	32	38	31	7	100%
Desha Co.	AR266	95%	92%	89%	79%	117	148	121	24	98%
Devalls Bluff	AR135	96%	91%	96%	93%	50	54	54	0	100%
Dewitt	AR048	98%	82%	81%	73%	102	140	115	25	100%
Drew Co.	AR210	101%	94%	99%	95%	254	267	266	1	100%
Earle	AR264	98%	91%	95%	96%	55	57	57	0	100%
Fayetteville	AR181	98%	99%	99%	97%	428	440	440	0	100%
Fort Smith	AR003	101%	97%	99%	99%	1,070	1,084	1,084	0	100%
Franklin Co.	AR241	98%	97%	95%	95%	95	100	100	0	100%
Greene Co.	AR267	96%	114%	90%	102%	52	51	51	0	100%
Harrison	AR200	100%	90%	92%	95%	482	507	507	0	100%
Hope	AR068	96%	96%	98%	98%	177	180	180	0	100%
Hot Springs	AR031	100%	92%	85%	95%	623	658	645	13	100%
Howard Co.	AR226	99%	97%	95%	97%	73	75	75	0	100%
Hoxie	AR202	97%	96%	97%	96%	99	103	103	0	100%
Jacksonville	AR170	98%	96%	90%	90%	325	362	323	33	98%
Johnson Co.	AR215	99%	98%	99%	95%	143	150	142	8	100%
Jonesboro	AR131	99%	99%	97%	99%	1,302	1,311	1,295	16	100%
Lake Village	AR152	73%	84%	57%	40%	91	230	72	36	47%
Lawrence Co.	AR177	98%	97%	87%	92%	106	115	106	9	100%
Layfayette Co.	AR250	100%	89%	93%	95%	42	44	42	2	100%
Lee Co.	AR225	100%	96%	97%	99%	288	291	291	0	100%
Little River	AR020	94%	90%	84%	86%	43	50	42	6	96%
Little Rock	AR004	94%	86%	86%	91%	1,839	2,038	2,017	21	100%
Logan Co.	AR033	91%	82%	77%	80%	98	123	99	10	89%
Lonoke Co.	AR041	97%	85%	73%	75%	183	243	186	17	84%
Magnolia	AR228	100%	96%	98%	96%	80	83	80	3	100%
Malvern	AR094	94%	93%	82%	82%	102	124	117	7	100%
McGeeh	AR257	95%	93%	92%	94%	182	193	193	0	100%
Mississippi Co.	AR213	96%	89%	89%	89%	402	450	431	19	100%
North Little Rock	AR002	98%	94%	96%	99%	1,178	1,192	1,192	0	100%
NW Regional	AR010	100%	95%	99%	101%	686	676	676	0	100%
Paragould	AR121	93%	89%	85%	93%	387	416	383	27	99%
Phillips Co.	AR223	98%	92%	88%	86%	348	403	396	7	100%
Pike Co.	AR045	98%	97%	95%	95%	59	62	60	2	100%
Pine Bluff	AR017	95%	87%	75%	82%	644	789	686	103	100%
Polk Co.	AR117	94%	75%	64%	62%	78	125	78	47	100%
Pope Co.	AR211	98%	93%	87%	87%	176	202	195	7	100%
Prescott	AR037	88%	74%	72%	73%	57	78	60	15	96%
Pulaski Co.	AR252	99%	88%	79%	77%	233	301	241	60	100%
Russellville	AR066	98%	83%	79%	90%	135	150	144	6	100%
Scott Co.	AR240	88%	79%	77%	70%	75	107	83	20	96%
Searcy	AR035	88%	88%	82%	82%	106	130	105	13	91%
Sevier Co.	AR238	96%	93%	94%	100%	70	70	70	0	100%

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Siloam Springs	AR163	104%	83%	89%	97%	478	493	493	0	100%
Springdale	AR104	100%	98%	100%	99%	139	141	141	0	100%
St. Francis Co.	AR224	95%	91%	90%	90%	529	588	558	30	100%
Star City	AR042	85%	80%	73%	80%	44	55	50	5	100%
Stuttgart	AR166	98%	95%	91%	83%	261	316	289	27	100%
Texarkana	AR015	83%	95%	95%	95%	297	316	309	7	100%
Trumann City	AR034	99%	99%	100%	99%	143	144	144	0	100%
Trumann Poinsett Co.	AR232	97%	97%	99%	99%	110	111	107	4	100%
Union Co.	AR222	97%	89%	87%	88%	346	393	356	37	100%
Walnut Ridge	AR201	99%	98%	99%	94%	147	157	157	0	100%
Warren	AR082	99%	100%	88%	84%	56	67	52	14	99%
West Memphis	AR024	99%	71%	95%	94%	493	523	523	0	100%
White River	AR197	99%	100%	100%	99%	1,634	1,651	1,642	9	100%
Wilson	AR054	98%	98%	100%	93%	37	40	37	3	100%
Wynne	AR039	98%	91%	87%	91%	211	232	231	1	100%
Yell Co.	AR265	95%	92%	90%	85%	74	87	83	4	100%

Note: Authorized voucher figures for each agency are based on data from HUD's Resident Characteristics Report. The percentage of authorized vouchers in use in each year was determined by analysis of voucher leasing data reported by housing agencies to HUD's Voucher Management System (VMS). The number of vouchers funded in 2008 under the renewal formula was calculated using actual renewal funding awards and an estimate of the additional funds assumed to be available from excess reserves (the "offset" amount); these estimates do not take into account amounts received under the \$50 million in supplemental adjustment funds available under the law. The number of additional authorized vouchers that could be funded using remaining reserves is based on estimates of each agency's fund balance at the end of 2007, excluding the 2008 offset, and per-voucher costs for 2008.