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Housing Voucher Data for Arizona

- Of Arizona's 20,441 authorized vouchers, only 92 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, 676 fewer families in Arizona received assistance in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Arizona have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 1,455 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.

Agency Name	Code	2004	2005	2006	2007		2008			
		% of Auth- orized Vouchers in Use	% of Auth- orized Vouchers in Use	% of Auth- orized Vouchers in Use	% of Auth- orized Vouchers in Use	Number of Vouchers in Use	Auth- orized Vouchers as of January 2008	Auth- orized Vouchers Funded under Renewal Formula	Additional Auth. Vouchers That Could be Funded Using Remaining Reserves	% of Auth- orized Vouchers Funded (Counting Reserves)
Arizona Total		97%	94%	91%	92%	18,787	20,441	19,140	1,102	99%
Arizona State	AZ901	86%	83%	64%	64%	57	89	55	34	100%
Chandler	AZ028	99%	99%	99%	101%	485	480	475	5	100%
Cochise Co.	AZ034	93%	89%	71%	75%	372	493	374	67	89%
Douglas	AZ037	99%	92%	83%	87%	167	193	176	11	97%
Eloy	AZ021	93%	90%	86%	84%	133	159	143	16	100%
Flagstaff	AZ006	97%	93%	96%	99%	331	333	333	0	100%
Gila Co.	AZ045	100%	96%	89%	89%	47	53	50	3	100%
Glendale	AZ003	97%	95%	93%	92%	973	1,054	1,027	27	100%
Maricopa Co.	AZ009	96%	87%	95%	90%	1,331	1,478	1,361	117	100%
Mesa	AZ005	95%	97%	97%	95%	1,358	1,422	1,422	0	100%

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Mohave Co.	AZ043	96%	95%	96%	100%	234	234	234	0	100%
Nogales	AZ023	95%	91%	96%	97%	187	192	190	2	100%
Peoria	AZ038	87%	83%	77%	85%	70	82	74	8	100%
Phoenix	AZ001	100%	99%	88%	85%	4,545	5,388	4,519	737	98%
Pima Co.	AZ033	97%	87%	91%	95%	717	752	752	0	100%
Pinal Co.	AZ010	89%	86%	77%	91%	529	584	557	27	100%
Scottsdale	AZ032	98%	93%	91%	93%	660	707	678	29	100%
South Tucson	AZ025	66%	52%	72%	78%	103	132	117	15	100%
Tempe	AZ031	96%	94%	94%	101%	1,092	1,082	1,082	0	100%
Tucson Comm. Serv.	AZ004	97%	94%	93%	99%	3,780	3,836	3,836	0	100%
Williams	AZ041	94%	85%	72%	83%	39	47	36	2	81%
Winslow	AZ008	98%	88%	93%	98%	125	128	128	0	100%
Yuma City	AZ035	100%	97%	102%	94%	1,060	1,122	1,120	2	100%
Yuma Co.	AZ013	101%	99%	99%	98%	392	401	401	0	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.