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Housing Voucher Data for Iowa

- Of Iowa's 22,050 authorized vouchers, only 95 percent were used by families last year.
- This was an improvement over 2005 and 2006, when the voucher program was underfunded and changes in funding policy undermined the effectiveness of the program. Nevertheless, a lower percentage of Iowa's vouchers were in use in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Iowa have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 864 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)
Iowa Total		98%	93%	92%	95%	20,907	22,050	21,019	752	99%
Albia	IA114	95%	75%	74%	74%	71	96	70	21	95%
Ames	IA089	92%	77%	86%	87%	194	222	203	19	100%
Area XV	IA124	96%	89%	87%	98%	368	374	374	0	100%
Betterndorf	IA123	100%	89%	80%	81%	81	100	84	16	100%
Burlington	IA015	98%	94%	95%	91%	253	277	274	3	100%
Cedar Falls	IA113	92%	80%	78%	79%	258	326	278	48	100%
Cedar Rapids	IA024	112%	98%	92%	99%	1,251	1,265	1,253	12	100%
Centerville	IA042	95%	98%	100%	98%	96	98	98	0	100%
Central IA	IA131	96%	90%	95%	98%	761	779	779	0	100%
Charles City	IA002	91%	92%	85%	85%	167	197	176	21	100%

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Clinton	IA098	98%	99%	100%	98%	417	424	417	7	100%
Davenport	IA045	81%	73%	65%	67%	452	683	447	33	70%
Decorah	IA054	94%	93%	94%	94%	81	86	81	5	100%
Des Moines	IA020	100%	93%	94%	95%	2,829	3,005	2,841	164	100%
Dubuque	IA087	96%	92%	97%	95%	1,014	1,063	987	76	100%
Eastern Iowa	IA126	94%	95%	92%	94%	832	883	819	27	96%
Emmetsburg	IA056	95%	99%	97%	100%	99	99	95	4	100%
Evansdale	IA038	97%	98%	97%	98%	123	126	122	4	100%
Fort Dodge	IA107	100%	98%	99%	99%	616	627	627	0	100%
Fort Madison	IA047	96%	91%	93%	96%	67	70	70	0	100%
Grinnell	IA084	98%	94%	98%	94%	156	166	158	8	100%
Iowa City	IA022	98%	98%	89%	102%	1,242	1,214	1,214	0	100%
Keokuk	IA030	91%	85%	77%	92%	158	171	157	14	100%
Knoxville	IA119	98%	90%	92%	89%	233	263	234	29	100%
Marshalltown	IA125	95%	94%	98%	97%	434	449	449	0	100%
Mason City	IA108	99%	99%	99%	98%	426	435	429	6	100%
Mid IA Regional	IA133	90%	93%	94%	99%	326	329	329	0	100%
Municipal	IA023	99%	100%	93%	100%	655	652	650	2	100%
Muscatine Municipal	IA049	91%	78%	73%	86%	325	376	309	58	98%
New Hampton	IA121	89%	71%	79%	91%	73	80	78	2	100%
North IA Regional	IA127	93%	80%	72%	84%	320	383	288	76	95%
Northland Regional	IA132	98%	98%	98%	98%	229	233	233	0	100%
NW IA Regional	IA129	100%	100%	100%	100%	521	522	522	0	100%
Oskaloosa Municipal	IA100	100%	97%	97%	99%	228	230	230	0	100%
Ottumwa	IA004	95%	92%	88%	95%	225	237	237	0	100%
Region XII	IA122	102%	99%	99%	99%	917	928	895	33	100%
SE IA Regional	IA128	98%	95%	91%	89%	224	252	224	22	98%
Sioux City	IA018	101%	96%	100%	99%	1,157	1,175	1,175	0	100%
Siouxland Regional	IA136	97%	93%	93%	97%	344	353	353	0	100%
Southern IA Regional	IA117	100%	95%	96%	100%	1,026	1,026	1,023	3	100%
Spirit Lake	IA057	98%	85%	94%	92%	131	142	134	8	100%
Upper Explorerland	IA130	98%	99%	93%	100%	407	407	395	12	100%
Warren Co.	IA120	94%	88%	95%	90%	154	171	153	18	100%
Waterloo	IA050	99%	96%	92%	92%	966	1,056	1,055	1	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.