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Housing Voucher Data for Massachusetts

- Of Massachusetts' 72,583 authorized vouchers, only 96 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, a lower percentage of Massachusetts' vouchers were in use in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Massachusetts have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 3,100 additional families, thereby using up to 100 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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Massachusetts Total		98%	96%	95%	96%	69,431	72,583	69,631	2,900	100%
Abington	MA079	99%	94%	93%	98%	84	86	86	0	100%
Acton	MA057	97%	96%	96%	99%	153	155	155	0	100%
Adams	MA051	97%	93%	88%	85%	81	95	81	11	97%
Amesbury	MA116	99%	95%	89%	104%	87	84	84	0	100%
Amherst	MA085	98%	100%	99%	99%	410	413	413	0	100%
Andover	MA084	99%	98%	98%	99%	126	127	127	0	100%
Arlington	MA048	99%	96%	96%	100%	422	422	422	0	100%
Athol	MA100	97%	98%	97%	100%	58	58	58	0	100%
Attleboro	MA018	100%	93%	81%	90%	82	91	77	9	95%
Barnstable	MA046	121%	94%	90%	92%	250	272	252	20	100%

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Bellingham	MA090	100%	97%	93%	103%	31	30	30	0	100%
Belmont	MA042	96%	94%	98%	100%	47	47	47	0	100%
Beverly	MA044	98%	99%	98%	99%	317	320	320	0	100%
Billerica	MA077	98%	92%	92%	92%	60	65	60	5	100%
Boston	MA002	102%	95%	89%	90%	10,826	12,107	10,514	1,593	100%
Bourne	MA110	100%	96%	95%	96%	73	76	71	5	100%
Braintree	MA053	95%	96%	78%	97%	383	395	394	1	100%
Bridgewater	MA126	86%	87%	88%	88%	61	69	62	6	99%
Brockton	MA024	95%	97%	95%	99%	918	931	931	0	100%
Brookline	MA033	100%	98%	100%	100%	618	619	614	5	100%
Burlington	MA112	98%	96%	100%	96%	89	93	89	4	100%
Cambridge *	MA003	N/A	97%	92%	92%	1,972	2,150	2,150	0	100%
Chelmsford	MA108	105%	95%	94%	100%	357	358	358	0	100%
Chelsea	MA016	98%	98%	95%	99%	456	465	459	6	100%
Chicopee	MA008	97%	95%	95%	96%	376	393	352	19	94%
Concord	MA098	100%	98%	99%	100%	85	85	85	0	100%
Danvers	MA118	97%	98%	99%	99%	143	145	141	4	100%
Dartmouth	MA172	97%	63%	46%	89%	176	197	161	36	100%
Dedham	MA040	99%	96%	97%	99%	455	461	461	0	100%
Dennis	MA138	99%	98%	98%	101%	99	98	95	3	100%
DHCD	MA901	105%	99%	100%	100%	18,802	18,823	18,823	0	100%
Dracut	MA043	97%	97%	97%	97%	66	68	68	0	100%
Duxbury	MA071	92%	92%	85%	100%	13	13	12	1	100%
Easton	MA122	88%	84%	77%	79%	80	101	83	18	100%
Everett	MA027	99%	98%	98%	98%	358	365	365	0	100%
Fall River	MA006	94%	88%	84%	87%	2,107	2,431	2,142	289	100%
Falmouth	MA047	101%	98%	100%	100%	318	319	319	0	100%
Fitchburg	MA037	94%	88%	91%	99%	175	177	177	0	100%
Framingham	MA028	98%	98%	99%	100%	791	792	792	0	100%
Franklin Co.	MA094	101%	100%	100%	100%	577	579	579	0	100%
Gardner	MA127	97%	98%	99%	100%	102	102	102	0	100%
Gloucester	MA025	98%	98%	97%	95%	546	573	569	4	100%
Greenfield	MA096	100%	98%	98%	103%	464	450	450	0	100%
Halifax	MA121	100%	100%	100%	100%	14	14	14	0	100%
Hanson	MA155	88%	80%	88%	88%	22	25	24	1	100%
Haverhill	MA087	100%	95%	99%	98%	343	349	343	6	100%
Hingham	MA119	100%	100%	100%	100%	25	25	25	0	100%
Holbrook	MA072	95%	95%	99%	98%	80	82	82	0	100%
Holden	MA082	107%	98%	98%	100%	59	59	58	1	100%
Holliston	MA165	102%	98%	98%	98%	48	49	49	0	100%
Holyoke	MA005	98%	96%	93%	87%	1,027	1,180	1,073	107	100%
Hudson	MA091	99%	97%	101%	101%	70	69	69	0	100%
Ipswich	MA056	87%	87%	80%	91%	50	55	49	0	89%
Lawrence	MA010	100%	98%	98%	101%	1,011	998	960	38	100%
Leominster	MA086	99%	99%	95%	101%	276	273	273	0	100%
Lexington	MA067	97%	100%	101%	100%	68	68	68	0	100%

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Lowell	MA001	98%	95%	94%	89%	1,043	1,171	1,079	92	100%
Lynn	MA023	95%	96%	100%	99%	1,232	1,242	1,242	0	100%
Malden	MA022	94%	94%	93%	95%	636	670	606	64	100%
Mansfield	MA134	100%	98%	98%	100%	64	64	64	0	100%
Marlborough	MA070	96%	94%	96%	99%	133	135	135	0	100%
Medford	MA015	89%	85%	82%	90%	887	987	872	115	100%
Melrose	MA063	98%	94%	92%	97%	232	240	240	0	100%
Methuen	MA081	99%	99%	100%	100%	558	558	558	0	100%
Middleborough	MA060	97%	94%	94%	91%	140	154	144	10	100%
Milford	MA069	96%	95%	90%	99%	548	556	556	0	100%
Millis	MA154	100%	95%	100%	100%	21	21	20	1	100%
Milton	MA147	99%	97%	92%	95%	137	144	144	0	100%
Natick	MA092	100%	98%	97%	98%	100	102	102	0	100%
Needham	MA065	99%	98%	98%	100%	120	120	120	0	100%
New Bedford	MA007	97%	98%	100%	100%	1,663	1,655	1,598	57	100%
Newburyport	MA032	90%	85%	86%	90%	92	102	91	11	100%
Newton	MA036	99%	99%	99%	99%	435	441	441	0	100%
North Adams	MA034	88%	89%	96%	98%	308	313	313	0	100%
North Andover	MA107	98%	94%	95%	97%	129	133	131	2	100%
North Attleboro	MA170	97%	92%	88%	89%	93	104	94	8	98%
North Reading	MA089	91%	86%	86%	82%	18	22	20	2	100%
Northampton	MA026	98%	86%	91%	95%	483	510	510	0	100%
Norwood	MA109	99%	96%	98%	102%	347	341	341	0	100%
Oxford	MA106	99%	98%	98%	101%	88	87	87	0	100%
Peabody	MA054	102%	98%	97%	96%	251	262	262	0	100%
Pembroke	MA111	100%	95%	90%	98%	81	83	83	0	100%
Pittsfield	MA029	95%	84%	90%	96%	555	580	552	28	100%
Plymouth	MA059	94%	89%	91%	98%	354	363	363	0	100%
Quincy	MA020	99%	99%	98%	97%	816	845	845	0	100%
Reading	MA075	97%	94%	91%	96%	120	125	125	0	100%
Revere	MA014	96%	93%	92%	96%	449	470	430	40	100%
Rockland	MA133	100%	97%	98%	101%	156	154	154	0	100%
Rockport	MA073	98%	95%	96%	98%	150	153	153	0	100%
Salem	MA055	97%	92%	82%	80%	873	1,088	949	139	100%
Salisbury	MA174	97%	97%	93%	86%	50	58	48	10	100%
Sandwich	MA181	93%	89%	86%	96%	27	28	25	3	100%
Saugus	MA099	92%	85%	87%	99%	148	150	150	0	100%
Shrewsbury	MA041	98%	100%	101%	100%	173	173	173	0	100%
Somerville	MA031	99%	99%	98%	101%	1,064	1,047	1,047	0	100%
Southbridge	MA076	98%	100%	98%	100%	125	125	125	0	100%
Springfield	MA035	99%	99%	93%	93%	2,342	2,527	2,509	18	100%
Stockbridge	MA080	98%	98%	100%	98%	40	41	38	3	100%
Stoughton	MA117	92%	79%	88%	96%	46	48	48	0	100%
Taunton	MA017	98%	95%	92%	101%	739	734	734	0	100%
Tewksbury	MA139	96%	97%	96%	100%	110	110	110	0	100%
Wakefield	MA074	98%	99%	99%	99%	329	331	331	0	100%

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Walpole	MA140	97%	99%	99%	99%	94	95	95	0	100%
Waltham	MA013	99%	98%	95%	97%	435	450	450	0	100%
Ware	MA088	70%	58%	51%	65%	64	99	64	22	87%
Warren	MA105	95%	88%	92%	97%	64	66	65	1	100%
Watertown	MA093	98%	97%	98%	97%	152	156	155	1	100%
Wayland	MA101	88%	83%	85%	100%	78	78	78	0	100%
Webster	MA123	88%	81%	86%	86%	38	44	42	2	100%
Wellesley	MA135	100%	100%	100%	100%	11	11	11	0	100%
West Springfield	MA078	98%	97%	97%	95%	239	251	239	12	100%
Westfield	MA050	100%	99%	99%	100%	241	240	240	0	100%
Weymouth	MA045	96%	91%	90%	96%	153	159	146	13	100%
Williamstown	MA066	97%	97%	99%	91%	88	97	96	1	100%
Wilmington	MA061	100%	100%	100%	91%	10	11	10	1	100%
Winchendon	MA039	100%	94%	100%	97%	34	35	35	0	100%
Winchester	MA125	98%	96%	97%	100%	143	143	143	0	100%
Woburn	MA019	99%	97%	100%	98%	283	288	287	1	100%
Worcester	MA012	98%	100%	98%	98%	1,764	1,798	1,747	51	100%
Yarmouth	MA095	99%	93%	92%	100%	248	249	249	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. Agencies marked with an asterisk are funded according to their agreements with HUD under the Moving to Work demonstration. Such agencies are permitted to shift voucher funds to support public housing.