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Housing Voucher Data for Minnesota

- Of Minnesota's 30,838 authorized vouchers, 97 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.
- This year, housing agencies in Minnesota have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 994 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.

Agency Name	Code	2004	2005	2006	2007		2008			
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Minnesota Total		97%	94%	95%	97%	29,780	30,838	29,746	1,028	100%
Aitkin Co.	MN037	94%	87%	97%	97%	30	31	31	0	100%
Albert Lea	MN077	95%	91%	86%	94%	146	155	144	11	100%
Austin	MN085	99%	100%	99%	101%	179	177	171	6	100%
Becker Co.	MN190	95%	81%	84%	78%	58	74	60	14	100%
Bemidji	MN009	100%	97%	84%	78%	143	183	150	33	100%
Big Stone Co.	MN176	94%	94%	94%	100%	34	34	34	0	100%
Bloomington	MN152	99%	98%	98%	102%	538	525	525	0	100%
Blue Earth Co.	MN167	97%	97%	96%	99%	71	72	72	0	100%
Brainerd	MN032	99%	99%	99%	100%	320	320	312	8	100%
Cambridge	MN067	100%	93%	88%	91%	53	58	52	6	100%
Cass Co.	MN188	95%	82%	74%	75%	103	137	99	22	88%

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Chippewa Co.	MN173	94%	94%	96%	86%	82	95	78	12	95%
Clay Co.	MN164	98%	93%	99%	99%	356	360	328	31	100%
Clearwater Co.	MN186	103%	91%	92%	95%	102	107	105	2	100%
Cloquet	MN073	95%	96%	97%	96%	101	105	102	3	100%
Crookston	MN021	97%	88%	94%	95%	179	188	177	11	100%
Dakota Co.	MN147	100%	99%	99%	100%	2,203	2,202	2,202	0	100%
Detroit Lakes	MN107	98%	89%	93%	94%	157	167	157	10	100%
Douglas Co.	MN192	94%	97%	95%	99%	243	245	245	0	100%
Duluth	MN003	102%	98%	104%	99%	1,429	1,466	1,466	0	100%
East Grand Forks	MN045	101%	98%	97%	98%	305	311	295	16	100%
Fairbault Co.	MN200	88%	85%	77%	85%	79	93	78	6	90%
Fergus Falls	MN008	98%	99%	98%	99%	183	185	173	12	100%
Grant Co.	MN169	96%	86%	86%	92%	47	51	42	7	96%
Itasca Co.	MN154	99%	86%	98%	95%	193	204	201	3	100%
Kandiyohi Co.	MN168	98%	98%	97%	98%	319	327	322	5	100%
Koochiching	MN153	96%	94%	94%	93%	119	128	126	2	100%
LeSueur Co.	MN171	87%	63%	76%	85%	100	118	104	14	100%
Mankato	MN063	96%	92%	97%	99%	419	425	425	0	100%
McLeod Co.	MN203	93%	86%	93%	98%	83	85	85	0	100%
Meeker Co.	MN178	93%	91%	75%	78%	54	69	56	9	94%
Metropolitan Council	MN163	100%	100%	100%	100%	5,894	5,885	5,885	0	100%
Minneapolis	MN002	89%	87%	87%	91%	4,390	4,843	4,385	458	100%
Moorhead	MN017	94%	67%	87%	97%	92	95	95	0	100%
Mora	MN101	99%	90%	99%	100%	81	81	81	0	100%
Morrison Co.	MN179	99%	100%	100%	100%	131	131	131	0	100%
Mower Co.	MN191	90%	80%	88%	93%	37	40	39	1	100%
New Ulm	MN128	98%	100%	98%	98%	122	124	114	10	100%
NW MN Multi-Co.	MN158	98%	94%	95%	98%	625	637	625	12	100%
Olmsted Co.	MN151	98%	97%	102%	99%	516	522	520	2	100%
Otter Tail Co.	MN177	98%	99%	101%	96%	134	140	139	1	100%
Owatonna	MN220	105%	91%	96%	99%	112	113	113	0	100%
Pipestone	MN049	96%	92%	91%	96%	51	53	47	6	100%
Plymouth	MN170	99%	95%	98%	105%	220	210	210	0	100%
Red Wing	MN090	94%	88%	91%	95%	160	169	164	5	100%
Renville Co.	MN161	99%	93%	90%	92%	77	84	79	5	100%
Rice Co.	MN193	95%	95%	94%	92%	302	329	300	29	100%
Richfield	MN216	100%	98%	97%	97%	225	231	222	9	100%
Scott Co.	MN184	98%	95%	97%	101%	244	241	241	0	100%
SE MN Multi-Co.	MN197	95%	96%	98%	95%	353	370	355	15	100%
So. Central Multi-Co.	MN219	88%	79%	91%	95%	634	667	659	8	100%
South St. Paul	MN010	100%	97%	98%	101%	305	302	296	6	100%
St. Cloud	MN038	95%	86%	93%	97%	802	830	830	0	100%
St. Louis Park	MN144	99%	101%	92%	98%	259	265	265	0	100%
St. Paul	MN001	98%	98%	98%	101%	3,959	3,938	3,894	44	100%
Stearns Co.	MN172	96%	86%	91%	92%	232	251	245	6	100%
Stevens Co.	MN182	96%	100%	97%	91%	117	128	126	2	100%
Swift Co.	MN166	95%	98%	99%	95%	79	83	83	0	100%
Todd Co.	MN180	94%	93%	93%	99%	136	137	124	2	92%

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Virginia	MN007	94%	89%	96%	95%	486	521	504	17	100%
Wadena	MN018	100%	100%	95%	88%	65	74	62	7	93%
Washington Co.	MN212	64%	97%	78%	66%	92	140	95	45	100%
Willimar	MN051	90%	90%	98%	86%	43	50	41	2	86%
Winona	MN006	99%	85%	99%	90%	138	165	135	30	100%
Worthington	MN034	94%	91%	84%	83%	174	227	160	63	98%
Yellow Medicine Co.	MN174	98%	97%	89%	100%	65	65	65	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.