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Housing Voucher Data for North Dakota

- Of North Dakota's 7,548 authorized vouchers, only 95 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 North Dakota's vouchers were in use in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in North Dakota have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 321 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)
North Dakota Total		99%	95%	92%	95%	7,141	7,548	7,097	365	99%
Barnes Co.	ND022	99%	100%	99%	99%	153	155	147	8	100%
Benson Co.	ND030	106%	69%	69%	81%	13	16	16	0	100%
Burleigh Co.	ND021	99%	98%	98%	97%	1,007	1,041	1,009	32	100%
Cass Co.	ND001	100%	100%	100%	100%	379	379	379	0	100%
Cavalier Co.	ND024	98%	94%	98%	82%	41	50	45	5	100%
Cooperstown	ND040	91%	91%	71%	61%	35	60	37	8	75%
Dickey/Sargent	ND052	86%	73%	60%	62%	33	53	31	11	79%
Dunn Co.	ND037	100%	80%	49%	59%	24	41	27	2	71%
Eddy Co.	ND016	91%	87%	96%	100%	55	55	55	0	100%
Emmons Co.	ND054	75%	100%	100%	100%	4	4	4	0	100%
Fargo	ND014	100%	96%	96%	100%	1,159	1,156	1,156	0	100%

Agency Name	Code	2004	2005	2006	2007		2008			
		% of Authorized Vouchers in Use	% of Authorized Vouchers in Use	% of Authorized Vouchers in Use	% of Authorized Vouchers in Use	Number of Vouchers in Use	Authorized Vouchers as of January 2008	Authorized Vouchers Funded under Renewal Formula	Additional Auth. Vouchers That Could be Funded Using Remaining Reserves	% of Authorized Vouchers Funded (Counting Reserves)
Foster Co.	ND028	98%	97%	93%	98%	59	60	60	0	100%
Grand Forks	ND012	104%	92%	83%	97%	1,189	1,220	1,144	76	100%
LaMoure Co.	ND038	100%	81%	81%	68%	21	31	20	1	68%
McHenry/Pierce	ND055	100%	98%	95%	91%	39	43	36	7	100%
McIntosh Co.	ND039	100%	100%	100%	98%	40	41	36	3	95%
McKenzie Co.	ND036	94%	97%	76%	67%	22	33	23	10	100%
Mercer Co.	ND015	100%	100%	94%	100%	17	17	17	0	100%
Minot	ND017	99%	97%	96%	99%	775	792	792	0	100%
Morton Co.	ND010	100%	99%	98%	95%	584	619	569	50	100%
Mountrail Co.	ND026	91%	82%	82%	72%	53	74	56	15	96%
Northwest Regional	ND070	100%	100%	98%	98%	45	46	43	2	98%
Pembina Co.	ND044	102%	99%	99%	100%	178	178	178	0	100%
Ramsey Co.	ND013	90%	84%	86%	83%	151	183	150	28	97%
Ransom Co.	ND025	98%	93%	95%	89%	49	55	48	2	91%
Richland Co.	ND035	100%	100%	100%	98%	60	61	61	0	100%
Rollette Co.	ND003	98%	88%	88%	103%	66	64	61	1	97%
Stark Co.	ND031	98%	89%	69%	72%	228	316	216	85	95%
Stutsman Co.	ND011	100%	97%	96%	95%	469	494	489	5	100%
Towner Co.	ND009	100%	95%	100%	105%	21	20	19	1	100%
Trail Co.	ND019	97%	95%	85%	87%	34	39	33	1	87%
Walsh Co.	ND049	98%	95%	97%	96%	91	95	90	5	100%
Wells Co.	ND057	100%	100%	100%	96%	24	25	25	0	100%
Williston	ND002	97%	100%	84%	72%	23	32	25	7	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.