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Housing Voucher Data for Nebraska

- Of Nebraska's 11,454 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 Nebraska's vouchers were in use in 2007 than 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Nebraska have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 553 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			
		% 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 Authorized Vouchers That Could be Funded Using Remaining Reserves	% of Authorized Vouchers Funded (Counting Reserves)
Nebraska Total		97%	93%	94%	95%	10,867	11,454	11,211	209	100%
Alliance	NE141	91%	93%	89%	82%	153	187	177	10	100%
Beatrice	NE114	77%	80%	83%	84%	172	204	170	12	89%
Bellevue	NE174	93%	95%	96%	99%	218	220	217	3	100%
Central NE	NE182	100%	95%	90%	88%	64	73	66	7	100%
Chadron	NE143	88%	88%	85%	90%	36	40	38	2	100%
Columbus	NE104	98%	99%	96%	96%	96	100	95	5	100%
Cozad	NE083	85%	69%	75%	68%	40	59	39	19	98%
Crete	NE041	88%	88%	76%	80%	20	25	20	5	100%
Douglas Co.	NE153	106%	93%	108%	96%	806	843	814	29	100%

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Fremont	NE100	99%	99%	99%	98%	130	133	132	1	100%
Goldenrod	NE181	100%	99%	98%	96%	132	137	132	5	100%
Gothenburg	NE120	96%	92%	68%	76%	19	25	20	3	92%
Hall Co.	NE003	85%	82%	79%	78%	324	413	374	39	100%
Hastings	NE150	91%	75%	64%	81%	384	477	462	15	100%
Kearney	NE004	93%	96%	100%	100%	103	103	103	0	100%
Lexington	NE010	101%	98%	93%	88%	107	122	119	3	100%
Lincoln	NE002	98%	96%	95%	101%	2,889	2,864	2,864	0	100%
McCook	NE123	84%	89%	90%	88%	64	73	65	8	100%
Norfolk	NE157	97%	100%	100%	99%	252	254	254	0	100%
North Platte	NE125	100%	92%	92%	92%	55	60	56	4	100%
Northeast Nebraska	NE180	103%	92%	86%	88%	64	73	65	1	90%
Omaha	NE001	97%	94%	96%	96%	3,863	4,070	4,070	0	100%
Scotts Bluff Co.	NE078	100%	99%	99%	96%	394	410	385	25	100%
South Sioux City	NE175	100%	98%	99%	100%	234	235	235	0	100%
West Central Nebraska	NE179	100%	100%	100%	100%	155	155	150	5	100%
York	NE094	88%	85%	79%	94%	93	99	89	8	98%

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.