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Housing Voucher Data for Oklahoma

- Of Oklahoma's 24,277 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 Oklahoma's vouchers were in use in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Oklahoma have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 1,387 additional families, thereby using up to 98 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)
Oklahoma Total		98%	94%	93%	95%	22,466	24,277	22,825	1,028	98%
Ada	OK024	97%	97%	97%	94%	103	110	110	0	100%
Bristow	OK033	95%	89%	82%	80%	70	87	75	12	100%
Broken Bow	OK006	102%	94%	97%	97%	210	217	217	0	100%
Coalgate	OK020	70%	59%	48%	39%	18	46	19	7	57%
Del City	OK150	94%	89%	76%	82%	51	62	57	5	100%
Fort Gibson	OK118	89%	84%	80%	75%	33	44	29	3	73%
Henryetta	OK142	95%	85%	84%	82%	78	95	86	9	100%
Hugo	OK044	87%	80%	75%	76%	135	178	142	36	100%
Lawton	OK005	93%	91%	93%	75%	57	77	66	11	100%
McAlester	OK062	93%	84%	79%	84%	61	73	69	4	100%

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Miami	OK027	96%	91%	89%	83%	201	243	193	11	84%
Muskogee	OK099	93%	96%	98%	101%	772	783	783	0	100%
Norman	OK139	97%	93%	100%	100%	1,180	1,185	1,185	0	100%
Oklahoma City	OK002	98%	96%	93%	99%	4,008	4,033	4,033	0	100%
Oklahoma HFA	OK901	97%	93%	93%	95%	9,497	10,323	9,917	406	100%
Ponca City	OK111	99%	99%	100%	99%	133	134	134	0	100%
Seminole	OK032	88%	82%	77%	71%	134	189	154	35	100%
Shawnee	OK095	100%	92%	97%	99%	490	497	497	0	100%
Stillwater	OK146	100%	99%	100%	96%	631	656	656	0	100%
Stilwell	OK067	86%	76%	97%	83%	24	29	22	5	93%
Tecumseh	OK148	90%	94%	81%	97%	30	31	27	3	97%
Tulsa	OK073	102%	97%	95%	92%	4,181	4,681	4,200	481	100%
Wewoka	OK096	93%	91%	91%	94%	144	154	154	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.