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## Housing Voucher Data for Tennessee

- Of Tennessee's 32,585 authorized vouchers, only 92 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 Tennessee's vouchers were in use in 2007 than 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Tennessee have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 2,445 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 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)
<b>Tennessee Total</b>		<b>98%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>29,749</b>	<b>32,585</b>	<b>30,877</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>99%</b>
Athens	TN015	94%	83%	77%	75%	39	52	38	5	83%
Briston	TN066	95%	92%	95%	104%	207	200	200	0	100%
Brownsfille	TN013	99%	99%	99%	99%	168	169	164	5	100%
Chattanooga	TN004	99%	82%	78%	89%	2,805	3,140	3,113	27	100%
Cleveland	TN054	100%	97%	98%	90%	187	208	201	7	100%
Crossville	TN042	103%	101%	99%	100%	327	333	333	0	100%
Dayton	TN062	101%	92%	87%	101%	357	354	340	12	99%
Dickson	TN079	100%	96%	99%	97%	624	644	644	0	100%
Elizabethton	TN076	98%	92%	94%	90%	189	215	213	2	100%

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Ethra	TN113	96%	85%	87%	98%	711	726	726	0	100%
Etowah	TN026	98%	89%	94%	93%	114	122	115	7	100%
Jackson	TN007	89%	82%	91%	88%	1,189	1,393	1,258	135	100%
Johnson City	TN002	101%	100%	97%	97%	471	492	492	0	100%
KCDC	TN003	98%	90%	80%	88%	2,440	2,825	2,586	198	99%
Kingsport	TN006	96%	95%	89%	88%	1,055	1,242	1,122	120	100%
Knox County	TN111	99%	92%	89%	93%	522	562	554	8	100%
LaFollette	TN012	99%	89%	85%	84%	275	328	262	22	87%
Maryville	TN065	95%	86%	93%	91%	277	304	274	30	100%
MDHA-Nashville	TN005	97%	94%	89%	98%	5,590	5,733	5,605	128	100%
Memphis	TN001	98%	94%	90%	88%	5,144	5,853	5,469	384	100%
Morristown	TN038	100%	89%	90%	91%	375	419	394	25	100%
Murfreesboro	TN020	100%	99%	99%	99%	570	576	576	0	100%
Oak Ridge	TN088	95%	85%	84%	83%	217	260	221	28	96%
Pulaski	TN011	100%	96%	90%	93%	95	102	96	6	100%
SETHRA	TN117	91%	85%	96%	99%	224	227	227	0	100%
Sweetwater	TN016	97%	91%	95%	97%	56	58	53	5	100%
Tennessee	TN903	98%	94%	92%	92%	5,419	5,932	5,501	150	95%
Tullahoma	TN024	94%	91%	88%	88%	102	116	100	13	97%

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.