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Housing Voucher Data for Virginia

- Of Virginia's 46,318 authorized vouchers, only 87 percent were used by families last year.
- 655 fewer families in Virginia received assistance in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Virginia have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 5,004 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 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)
Virginia Total		95%	89%	87%	87%	40,162	46,318	40,703	4,463	98%
Abemarle Co.	VA036	93%	88%	88%	89%	380	429	406	23	100%
Abingdon	VA032	96%	96%	97%	95%	115	121	119	2	100%
Accomack-North Han	VA040	97%	91%	89%	91%	491	538	496	42	100%
Alexandria	VA004	99%	90%	85%	84%	1,440	1,722	1,389	211	93%
Arlington Co.	VA028	99%	96%	96%	94%	1,375	1,461	1,354	107	100%
Big Stone Gap	VA038	90%	98%	96%	85%	105	124	104	13	94%
Briston	VA002	100%	97%	99%	100%	254	254	246	8	100%
Buckingham	VA044	92%	89%	85%	76%	55	72	59	12	99%
Charlottesville	VA016	96%	89%	83%	78%	282	371	285	61	93%
Chesapeake	VA012	84%	81%	76%	73%	1,236	1,693	1,229	180	83%
Covington	VA037	86%	84%	84%	64%	37	58	37	20	98%
Danville	VA010	99%	97%	98%	100%	722	722	722	0	100%
Fairfax Co.	VA019	100%	98%	90%	95%	3,047	3,204	3,159	45	100%
Franklin	VA018	94%	92%	84%	80%	252	315	250	65	100%

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Hampton	VA017	97%	93%	89%	88%	2,106	2,403	2,023	338	98%
Harrisonburg	VA014	86%	98%	96%	97%	539	553	553	0	100%
Hopewell	VA005	95%	91%	89%	86%	254	345	237	81	92%
James City Co.	VA041	101%	95%	97%	100%	154	154	154	0	100%
Lee Co.	VA034	97%	97%	96%	95%	506	532	514	18	100%
Loudoun Co.	VA035	98%	91%	84%	85%	586	688	605	83	100%
Lynchburg	VA013	85%	87%	83%	97%	801	824	795	29	100%
Marion	VA030	96%	101%	96%	89%	101	113	102	11	100%
Martinsville	VA045	95%	88%	87%	92%	443	484	441	43	100%
Newport News	VA003	96%	88%	86%	88%	2,004	2,301	2,044	257	100%
Norfolk	VA006	88%	69%	61%	60%	2,063	3,449	1,999	971	86%
Norton	VA015	96%	80%	85%	89%	98	110	103	7	100%
People, Inc.	VA042	107%	95%	98%	103%	94	91	91	0	100%
Petersburg	VA020	101%	100%	99%	79%	561	737	640	97	100%
Portsmouth	VA001	91%	76%	64%	64%	1,194	1,856	1,078	674	94%
Prince William Co.	VA046	97%	96%	96%	84%	1,608	1,908	1,888	20	100%
Richmond	VA007	92%	86%	84%	79%	2,482	3,147	2,826	321	100%
Roanoke	VA011	92%	90%	90%	98%	1,496	1,535	1,509	26	100%
Roanoke- TAAP	VA043	99%	92%	80%	75%	62	83	67	16	100%
Scott Co.	VA031	97%	87%	80%	87%	172	197	166	31	100%
Staunton	VA023	97%	93%	91%	91%	213	234	207	27	100%
Suffolk	VA025	97%	92%	76%	82%	667	809	670	139	100%
Virginia	VA901	98%	94%	95%	97%	9,032	9,373	9,169	204	100%
Virginia Beach	VA039	95%	80%	83%	93%	1,859	1,991	1,698	255	98%
Waynesboro	VA022	82%	97%	93%	93%	399	431	389	22	95%
Wise Co.	VA024	98%	97%	100%	100%	749	751	751	0	100%
Wytheville	VA021	N/A	N/A	N/A	95%	128	135	129	4	99%

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.