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Housing Voucher Data for West Virginia

- Of West Virginia's 14,750 authorized vouchers, only 91 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, 573 fewer families in West Virginia received assistance in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in West Virginia have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 1,050 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)
West Virginia Total		95%	91%	89%	91%	13,396	14,750	13,880	566	98%
Beckley	WV015	95%	98%	97%	96%	350	364	363	1	100%
Benwood	WV014	100%	96%	96%	86%	49	57	52	5	100%
Bluefield	WV018	92%	83%	79%	89%	322	361	308	53	100%
Boone Co.	WV042	100%	94%	97%	94%	467	497	487	10	100%
Buckhannon	WV013	94%	90%	89%	89%	73	82	74	8	100%
Charleston	WV001	97%	97%	95%	92%	2,632	2,867	2,867	0	100%
Clarksburg	WV027	99%	99%	91%	95%	550	581	581	0	100%
Fairmont	WV009	94%	98%	89%	89%	737	825	742	83	100%
Grant Co.	WV034	93%	89%	83%	80%	37	46	36	6	91%

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Greenbrier Co.	WV046	97%	97%	95%	88%	303	345	325	20	100%
Huntington	WV004	93%	85%	83%	96%	1,275	1,331	1,291	40	100%
Jackson Co.	WV035	70%	67%	57%	59%	542	915	539	109	71%
Keyser	WV010	98%	95%	97%	99%	199	202	202	0	100%
Martinsburg	WV006	97%	99%	85%	79%	226	285	246	39	100%
Mingo Co.	WV037	95%	85%	86%	93%	1,330	1,443	1,443	0	100%
Morgantown	WV002	100%	101%	99%	87%	199	249	197	27	90%
Parkersburg	WV005	99%	91%	97%	103%	1,357	1,317	1,317	0	100%
Point Pleasant	WV017	92%	78%	88%	81%	101	125	107	18	100%
Raleigh Co.	WV039	103%	96%	98%	95%	1,236	1,300	1,300	0	100%
Randolph Co.	WV045	98%	94%	98%	93%	557	598	565	33	100%
Weirton	WV016	94%	92%	78%	84%	448	535	429	98	99%
Wheeling	WV003	97%	94%	91%	96%	406	425	409	16	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.