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HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN ARKANSAS UNDER PENDING PROPOSALS

Due largely to the flaws in the formula for distributing “Section 8” housing voucher funding, the share of vouchers in use in Arkansas has fallen over the past few years, from 96 percent in 2004 to a projected 92 percent in 2006. In other words, **1,026 vouchers have already been cut** in Arkansas over the past two years.

For 2007, Congress will have to choose among three funding approaches that have been put forward. Each provides the same new funding for the program nationally in 2007, but uses a different method for distributing the money among the 2,400 state and local housing agencies. Here is the impact that each of the three formulas would have on Arkansas.

- Under the formula in the Section 8 Voucher Reform Act (or SEVRA), a bill passed by the House Financial Services Committee on June 14, 2006, ***all vouchers in use in Arkansas in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in Arkansas would receive enough funding to restore many of the vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **96 percent of Arkansas’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the SEVRA formula.
- The formula in the Senate appropriations bill would also renew funding for all vouchers in use in Arkansas in 2006. However, it would not provide agencies in Arkansas with enough funding to restore a substantial share of the vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **93 percent of Arkansas’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 37 housing agencies in Arkansas would be forced to cut assistance to 420 low-income families in 2007. **93 percent of Arkansas’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the House appropriations formula.

For a description of the pending proposals for distribution of renewal funding to state and local agencies and an analysis of their national impact, see "Fixing the Housing Voucher Formula: A No-Cost Way to Strengthen the Section 8 Program," <http://www.cbpp.org/11-1-06hous.htm>. The paper's Technical Appendix explains the sources and methods for the data in this table.

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Agency Estimates

Housing Agency	HUD Code	Authorized Vouchers as of Jan. 2006	Vouchers in Use in 2006 (Estimated)	Authorized Vouchers Funded in 2007			Vouchers in Use That Would Be Cut Under House Appropriations Bill
				SEVRA	Senate Appropriations Bill	House Appropriations Bill	
Arkadelphia Sec. 8 Voucher	ar012	194	120	194	122	114	6
Ashley Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar214	215	208	208	212	215	0
Benton sec. 8 voucher	ar175	566	544	566	555	520	24
Black River Area Sec. 8	ar247	120	120	120	120	120	0
Blytheville	ar005	150	76	76	77	110	0
Brinkley City HA	ar059	154	81	81	83	0	81
Cabot sec. 8 voucher	ar219	299	299	299	299	299	0
Calhoun Co.	ar246	28	24	24	24	28	0
Camden Sec. 8 Voucher	ar016	72	67	72	68	64	2
Clarendon HA	ar052	25	22	25	22	21	1
Clay Co. Housing dept.	ar176	170	157	170	160	154	2
Conway County Housing	ar161	229	200	200	204	224	0
Conway Sec. 8 Voucher	ar006	298	298	298	298	284	14
Crawford Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar194	432	352	352	359	387	0
Dallas Co.	ar249	38	27	38	28	28	0
Desha Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar266	148	140	148	143	136	4
DeValls Bluff sec. 8 voucher	ar135	54	52	54	53	50	1

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Dewitt sec. 8 voucher	ar048	140	116	140	119	122	0
Drew Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar210	267	266	267	267	248	18
Earle sec. 8 voucher	ar264	57	56	56	57	57	0
Fayetteville sec. 8 voucher	ar181	437	437	437	437	425	12
Fort Smith HA	ar003	1,077	1,077	1,077	1,077	1,077	0
Franklin Co. sec. 8	ar241	100	97	100	99	93	4
Greene Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar267	51	45	51	46	47	0
Harrison sec. 8 voucher	ar200	507	462	507	472	468	0
Hope sec. 8 voucher	ar068	180	180	180	180	180	0
Hot Springs	ar031	658	623	623	636	658	0
Howard Co.	ar226	75	69	75	70	71	0
Hoxie sec. 8 voucher	ar202	103	100	103	102	98	2
Jacksonville sec. 8 voucher	ar170	362	331	362	338	319	12
Johnson Co. sec. 8	ar215	150	135	150	138	131	5
Jonesboro Urban Renewal & HA	ar131	1,308	1,302	1,308	1,308	1,252	50
Lake Village sec. 8 voucher	ar152	230	128	230	130	123	5
Lawrence Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar177	115	98	115	100	94	4
Layfayette Co.	ar250	44	41	44	42	42	0
Lee Co. sec. 8	ar225	291	276	276	282	291	0

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Little River sec. 8 voucher	ar020	50	43	50	43	41	2
Little Rock Logan County sec. 8 voucher	ar004	2,025	1,813	2,025	1,849	1,847	0
	ar033	123	104	123	106	99	5
Lonoke Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar041	243	180	180	184	206	0
Magnolia	ar228	83	83	83	83	82	1
Malvern sec. 8 voucher	ar094	124	110	110	112	124	0
McGeeh sec. 8 voucher	ar257	193	185	193	188	192	0
Mississippi Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar213	450	398	398	406	450	0
North Little Rock	ar002	1,192	1,186	1,192	1,192	1,140	46
NW Regional HA	ar010	676	629	676	641	636	0
Paragould sec. 8 voucher	ar121	416	336	416	342	345	0
Phillips Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar223	403	364	403	371	368	0
Pike Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar045	62	59	62	61	57	2
Pine Bluff Sec. 8 Voucher	ar017	789	632	632	645	747	0
Polk Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar117	125	89	89	91	119	0
Pope Co. Public Facilities Board	ar211	202	177	202	180	170	7
Prescott sec. 8 voucher	ar037	78	60	60	61	69	0
Pulaski Co. sec. 8	ar252	301	254	254	259	301	0

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Russellville sec. 8 voucher	ar066	150	118	118	121	131	0
Scott Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar240	107	87	107	88	79	7
Searcy HA	ar035	130	112	130	115	107	5
Sevier Co.	ar238	70	70	70	70	70	0
Siloam Springs	ar163	493	409	409	417	488	0
Springdale sec. 8 voucher	ar104	141	131	141	133	126	5
St. Francis Co. sec. 8 voucher	ar224	588	545	588	556	517	28
Star City sec. 8 voucher	ar042	55	37	37	38	44	0
Stuttgart sec. 8 voucher	ar166	316	310	316	316	290	20
Texarkana HA	ar015	311	300	311	306	301	0
Trumann City Vouchers	ar034	144	144	144	144	140	4
Trumann Poinsett Co. Vouchers	ar232	111	110	111	111	110	0
Union Co.	ar222	393	353	393	360	361	0
Walnut Ridge sec. 8 voucher	ar201	157	156	157	157	150	6
Warren HA	ar082	67	60	67	61	58	2
West Memphis sec. 8 voucher	ar024	523	495	523	504	476	19
White River	ar197	1,651	1,651	1,651	1,651	1,651	0

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Regional HA							
Wilson sec. 8 voucher	ar054	40	39	40	40	38	2
Wynne HA	ar039	232	217	232	221	209	8
Yell Co. Public Facilities Board	ar265	87	79	87	81	75	4
Total		22,645	20,752	21,806	21,032	20,961	420

*Agency received new "tenant protection" vouchers from HUD in 2005 to replace demolished public housing units or privately-owned units that no longer receive project-based federal housing assistance. Incomplete information was available to estimate the additional funding due these agencies in 2007 to renew these vouchers under each of the approaches. As a result, estimates for these agencies may be too low, and under the House approach may be too low or too high.

**Agency took over administration of additional vouchers from another agency in 2005 or early 2006. Our estimates may not fully account for the effect of the consolidation on the agency's likely funding in 2007.