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## HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN GEORGIA 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 Georgia has fallen over the past few years, from 92 percent in 2004 to a projected 87 percent in 2006. In other words, **2,851 vouchers have already been cut** in Georgia 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 Georgia.

- 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 Georgia in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in Georgia would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **98 percent of Georgia’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 Georgia in 2006. Overall, **95 percent of Georgia’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 6 housing agencies in Georgia would be forced to cut assistance to 47 low-income families in 2007. **97 percent of Georgia’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	
Albany HA	ga023	61	61	61	61	61	0
Americus*	ga062	616	565	616	577	616	0
Atlanta Housing Authority*	ga006	14,415	11,118	14,415	14,415	14,066	0
Augusta	ga001	3,328	3,190	3,328	3,253	3,301	0
Brunswick	ga009	750	689	750	703	684	5
Carrollton HA	ga116	104	100	104	102	98	2
College Park	ga232	222	222	222	222	218	4
Columbus	ga004	1,981	1,981	1,981	1,981	1,981	0
Decatur	ga011	449	434	449	443	447	0
DeKalb Co.*	ga237	3,414	3,357	3,414	3,414	3,414	0
East Point HA	ga078	250	250	250	250	250	0
Fulton Co.	ga264	756	696	756	710	670	26
GA Dept. of Community Affairs	ga901	16,003	14,392	16,003	14,677	15,220	0
Jonesboro HA*	ga228	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	1,767	0
Lithonia	ga188	96	87	96	88	86	0
Macon*	ga007	2,713	2,322	2,713	2,368	2,569	0
Marietta	ga266	642	605	605	617	642	0
Marietta HA*	ga010	1,265	1,190	1,190	1,213	1,265	0
Newnan	ga095	68	66	68	68	68	0

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NW GA HA	ga285	275	256	275	261	246	9
Savannah	ga002	2,287	1,461	1,461	1,490	2,287	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>51,462</b>	<b>44,809</b>	<b>50,524</b>	<b>48,680</b>	<b>49,956</b>	<b>47</b>

\*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.