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HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN NEW JERSEY 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 New Jersey has fallen over the past few years, from 96 percent in 2004 to a projected 91 percent in 2006. In other words, **3,197 vouchers have already been cut** in New Jersey 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 New Jersey.

- 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 New Jersey in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in New Jersey would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **99 percent of New Jersey’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 New Jersey in 2006. However, it would not provide agencies in New Jersey with enough funding to restore a substantial share of the vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **93 percent of New Jersey’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 40 housing agencies in New Jersey would be forced to cut assistance to 1,545 low-income families in 2007. **Only 90 percent of New Jersey’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.

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	
Asbury Park HA	NJ007	278	253	278	258	258	0
Atlantic City HA	NJ014	905	780	780	796	838	0
Bayonne HA	NJ012	251	212	251	216	223	0
Bergen County	NJ067	3,586	3,243	3,586	3,307	3,121	122
Berkeley HA	NJ056	25	20	25	21	21	0
Bloomfield HA	NJ099	270	242	270	247	249	0
Boonton	NJ052	159	152	159	155	149	3
Brick HA	NJ065	142	117	142	119	113	4
Bridgeton	NJ049	203	157	203	160	151	5
Burlington Co. PHA	NJ215	567	546	567	556	565	0
Camden*	NJ010	1,255	1,158	1,158	1,181	1,255	0
Carteret HA	NJ047	464	396	464	404	381	15
Cherry Hill Township	NJ115	131	114	131	117	110	5
Clementon Borough	NJ073	69	64	64	65	69	0
Cliffside Park	NJ070	347	339	347	346	334	5
Clifton HA	NJ089	253	253	253	253	253	0
Dover, Town	NJ068	248	224	248	228	216	8
East Orange	NJ050	910	864	910	881	876	0
Edgewater	NJ075	154	152	154	154	153	0

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Edison HA	NJ043	375	375	375	375	375	0
Elizabeth	NJ003	1,103	1,068	1,103	1,089	1,066	2
Englewood	NJ055	501	482	482	492	501	0
Fort Lee HA	NJ071	490	490	490	490	490	0
Franklin HA	NJ042	134	134	134	134	0	134
Glassboro HA	NJ051	112	108	112	110	104	4
Gloucester Co.	NJ204	1,822	1,680	1,822	1,713	1,721	0
Guttenberg HA	NJ036	198	182	198	186	182	0
Hamilton Township	NJ212	222	178	222	181	173	5
Highland Park	NJ044	145	134	145	137	134	0
Hoboken HA	NJ015	326	256	326	261	260	0
Hunterdon Co.	NJ084	377	351	377	357	354	0
Irvington HA	NJ037	238	238	238	238	228	10
Jersey City HA*	NJ009	3,079	2,829	3,079	2,886	3,079	0
Keansburg HA	NJ060	127	124	127	126	119	5
Lakewood HA	NJ054	763	763	763	763	763	0
Lakewood Township	NJ214	1,058	1,056	1,058	1,058	1,035	21
Residential Assistance Program							
Linden	NJ104	357	322	357	329	322	0
Lodi HA	NJ011	477	473	477	477	455	18
Long Branch	NJ008	561	554	561	561	557	0

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Madison	NJ105	190	181	190	185	184	0
Manville HA	NJ112	90	78	90	80	78	0
Middlesex Co. HA	NJ114	400	400	400	400	398	2
Middletown HA	NJ081	188	186	188	188	188	0
Millville HA	NJ061	191	173	191	177	167	6
Monmouth Co. HA	NJ095	1,889	1,783	1,889	1,818	1,692	91
Montclair HA	NJ086	290	273	290	279	263	10
Morris Co. Housing	NJ092	634	634	634	634	634	0
Morristown	NJ023	184	149	149	152	158	0
Neptune HA	NJ048	318	253	318	258	253	0
New Brunswick Housing	NJ022	810	732	732	747	799	0
Newark HA	NJ002	5,368	3,551	5,368	3,622	3,335	216
NJ DCA**	NJ912	18,386	17,604	18,386	17,953	16,966	637
NJ HMFA	NJ902	1,373	1,330	1,373	1,357	1,272	58
North Bergen	NJ004	457	423	457	432	430	0
Old Bridge HA	NJ110	204	187	204	190	189	0
Orange	NJ025	601	514	601	525	495	19
Passaic Co. PHA	NJ090	835	835	835	835	835	0
Passaic HA	NJ013	1,792	1,414	1,792	1,443	1,367	48
Paterson	NJ021	808	769	808	784	797	0

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Paterson DCD	NJ091	1,071	1,016	1,016	1,036	1,071	0
Penns Grove	NJ074	35	30	35	30	29	1
Pennsauken HA	NJ118	76	74	76	75	71	3
Perth Amboy HA*	NJ006	820	658	820	671	694	0
Phillipsburg	NJ088	210	210	210	210	207	3
Plainfield HA	NJ039	603	600	603	603	586	13
Rahway	NJ032	188	182	188	186	178	4
Red Bank	NJ046	260	224	260	228	216	8
Salem HA	NJ058	30	30	30	30	30	0
Sayreville HA	NJ106	174	168	174	171	162	5
Secaucus	NJ083	250	218	218	222	237	0
Somerville, Borough	NJ097	170	161	170	165	156	5
South Amboy	NJ035	111	110	111	111	106	4
Union City HA	NJ026	646	606	646	618	583	23
Union Co.	NJ113	371	371	371	371	371	0
Union Township HA	NJ109	163	141	163	144	143	0
Vineland	NJ063	347	302	347	308	311	0
Warren Co. Housing Program	NJ102	666	602	666	614	629	0
Weehawken	NJ077	350	318	350	324	331	0
West New York	NJ030	462	428	462	436	411	16

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West Orange PHA	NJ108	120	116	120	118	111	5
Woodbridge HA	NJ033	405	402	405	405	405	0
Total		65,218	59,522	64,772	60,562	58,793	1,545

*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.