

National Housing Choice Voucher Data

- 2,146,660 families in the United States used Housing Choice Vouchers in 2012. About 8 percent of the total number of authorized vouchers went unused, largely because of the lack of funding. Vouchers help families to afford decent, stable housing and to live in neighborhoods that are safer, have better schools, and are close to work. Vouchers also reduce homelessness and help families meet other basic needs.
- Sequestration threatens to reverse Congress' efforts to restore vouchers to use following cuts in assistance in 2005 and 2006. If Congress does not restore voucher funding to adequate levels, between 125,000 and 185,000 fewer families in the United States are likely to be using vouchers by the end of 2014.
- Private owners in the United States received \$16.6 billion in voucher assistance payments in 2012. In addition to helping low-income families to afford housing, these payments help owners maintain their properties in good condition and prevent blight, and pay property taxes.

For information on other federal rental assistance resources and unmet housing needs in the United States, see <http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=3586>.

	Percent of Authorized Vouchers in Use									2012	
	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	Vouchers In Use	Auth. Vouchers
NATIONAL	96%	93%	89%	91%	92%	94%	92%	92%	92%	2,146,660	2,328,233
Alabama	94%	88%	83%	82%	84%	87%	84%	87%	86%	29,325	34,024
Alaska	97%	92%	86%	100%	100%	99%	101%	93%	96%	4,249	4,446
Arizona	96%	94%	92%	93%	96%	96%	92%	96%	95%	20,972	22,002
Arkansas	97%	92%	91%	92%	93%	92%	91%	91%	90%	20,972	23,291
California	100%	97%	94%	96%	96%	98%	96%	96%	98%	306,879	314,251
Colorado	98%	96%	96%	98%	99%	97%	97%	96%	96%	29,670	30,999
Connecticut	92%	91%	89%	87%	89%	90%	89%	89%	87%	33,821	39,048
Delaware	96%	93%	94%	97%	95%	93%	94%	93%	91%	4,383	4,844
District of Columbia	103%	103%	100%	85%	80%	84%	81%	76%	74%	10,192	13,713
Florida	97%	93%	88%	90%	91%	92%	89%	91%	92%	93,368	101,900
Georgia	97%	89%	84%	88%	87%	91%	88%	87%	86%	51,988	60,666
Hawaii	87%	82%	75%	77%	75%	78%	75%	75%	74%	9,124	12,417
Idaho	98%	96%	91%	98%	96%	100%	96%	97%	97%	6,706	6,924
Illinois	86%	82%	80%	81%	81%	81%	80%	81%	81%	79,540	98,118
Indiana	94%	89%	86%	86%	88%	90%	91%	89%	91%	35,623	39,138
Iowa	99%	93%	92%	95%	94%	95%	93%	92%	93%	21,021	22,730

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Kansas	95%	88%	87%	92%	91%	93%	88%	91%	88%	11,284	12,828
Kentucky	102%	95%	91%	91%	93%	94%	94%	93%	91%	31,308	34,305
Louisiana	91%	82%	57%	61%	71%	80%	83%	87%	85%	45,689	53,909
Maine	94%	95%	94%	96%	96%	97%	95%	96%	95%	12,056	12,741
Maryland	89%	85%	82%	81%	84%	86%	86%	85%	85%	42,312	49,916
Massachusetts	97%	96%	95%	96%	98%	98%	97%	97%	97%	75,539	77,935
Michigan	92%	89%	91%	91%	92%	96%	95%	97%	94%	51,514	54,941
Minnesota	96%	94%	95%	97%	97%	97%	96%	95%	96%	30,883	32,246
Mississippi	97%	88%	63%	77%	82%	94%	90%	93%	92%	21,773	23,775
Missouri	96%	91%	91%	93%	93%	93%	92%	90%	91%	38,980	43,029
Montana	98%	95%	92%	92%	93%	95%	89%	91%	90%	5,510	6,146
Nebraska	96%	93%	94%	95%	97%	95%	93%	93%	94%	11,499	12,228
Nevada	97%	97%	92%	94%	97%	96%	98%	98%	99%	13,847	14,025
New Hampshire	99%	98%	98%	97%	98%	98%	96%	95%	95%	9,269	9,746
New Jersey	98%	95%	91%	92%	93%	91%	89%	90%	91%	64,046	70,230
New Mexico	98%	94%	89%	88%	89%	88%	84%	83%	83%	12,128	14,614
New York	99%	94%	88%	88%	92%	97%	96%	95%	94%	224,122	237,832
North Carolina	97%	95%	95%	94%	95%	95%	93%	94%	94%	54,903	58,357
North Dakota	99%	95%	92%	95%	95%	93%	91%	87%	84%	6,652	7,957
Ohio	96%	94%	93%	95%	97%	98%	98%	97%	97%	91,551	94,107
Oklahoma	98%	95%	94%	98%	95%	97%	96%	96%	94%	23,089	24,447
Oregon	97%	95%	95%	98%	98%	100%	99%	98%	97%	32,175	33,289
Pennsylvania	92%	91%	90%	88%	87%	87%	86%	87%	87%	74,786	86,341
Rhode Island	89%	85%	79%	81%	84%	86%	85%	88%	90%	9,051	10,101
South Carolina	96%	94%	92%	94%	96%	93%	94%	94%	93%	24,001	25,695
South Dakota	97%	92%	92%	87%	91%	93%	91%	89%	88%	5,593	6,343
Tennessee	98%	92%	90%	93%	96%	98%	95%	99%	97%	33,387	34,564
Texas	97%	94%	91%	92%	93%	93%	91%	93%	93%	147,923	158,500
Utah	96%	96%	98%	98%	96%	98%	96%	96%	94%	10,363	10,984
Vermont	94%	98%	98%	99%	100%	97%	97%	95%	93%	6,036	6,480
Virginia	95%	89%	87%	88%	89%	92%	90%	90%	90%	43,988	48,675
Washington	96%	94%	95%	98%	97%	99%	98%	98%	97%	48,548	50,075
West Virginia	95%	91%	89%	91%	92%	93%	88%	91%	88%	13,356	15,109
Wisconsin	97%	92%	89%	90%	92%	92%	90%	91%	90%	26,541	29,555
Wyoming	93%	90%	92%	95%	95%	99%	94%	98%	94%	2,317	2,474
U. S. Territories	93%	92%	88%	85%	88%	91%	90%	90%	91%	32,808	36,223

Note: For information on how to interpret and use these data, see <http://www.cbpp.org/files/using-hvc-data.pdf>. For an explanation of the data sources and methods, see <http://www.cbpp.org/files/voucher-policy-methodology.pdf>.