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HOUSING VOUCHERS FUNDED IN PENNSYLVANIA 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 Pennsylvania has fallen over the past few years, from 91 percent in 2004 to a projected 90 percent in 2006. In other words, **739 vouchers have already been cut** in Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania.

- 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 Pennsylvania in 2006 would be funded***. Moreover, agencies in Pennsylvania would receive enough funding to restore vouchers that have been cut in recent years. Overall, **97 percent of Pennsylvania’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 Pennsylvania in 2006. Overall, **93 percent of Pennsylvania’s currently authorized vouchers would be funded** under the Senate appropriations formula.
- Under the formula in the House appropriations bill, 45 housing agencies in Pennsylvania would be forced to cut assistance to 1,729 low-income families in 2007. **93 percent of Pennsylvania’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/11-1-06hou.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	
Adams County HA	PA091	586	518	586	528	533	0
Allegheny County HA*	PA006	5,278	4,955	5,278	5,054	5,053	0
Allentown HA	PA004	1,289	983	983	1,003	1,151	0
Altoona HA	PA031	820	720	820	734	693	27
Armstrong County HA	PA039	232	232	232	232	232	0
Beaver County HA	PA014	639	622	639	634	594	28
Bedford County HA	PA085	307	261	307	266	251	9
Berks County HA	PA071	682	427	427	436	542	0
Bethlehem HA	PA011	497	476	497	486	458	18
Blair County HA	PA069	420	393	420	401	378	15
Bradford	PA049	112	111	112	112	110	1
Bradford County HA	PA064	264	240	264	245	246	0
Bucks County	PA051	3,399	3,011	3,399	3,070	2,918	93
Butler County HA	PA010	1,291	1,142	1,291	1,164	1,106	36
Carbon County HA	PA067	432	418	432	427	398	21
Carbondale HA	PA030	171	164	171	167	160	4
Centre County	PA088	624	624	624	624	610	14

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HA							
Chester County HA	PA046	1,521	1,414	1,521	1,442	1,360	54
Chester HA*	PA007	1,564	1,381	1,564	1,408	1,550	0
Clarion County HA	PA086	343	301	301	307	326	0
Clearfield County HA	PA065	122	117	122	119	113	4
Columbia County HA	PA083	413	413	413	413	397	16
Corry HA	PA066	159	134	134	137	159	0
Cumberland County HA	PA075	1,331	1,180	1,331	1,203	1,131	49
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Dauphin County HA*	PA035	1,040	1,029	1,040	1,040	982	47
Delaware County HA	PA023	2,753	2,576	2,753	2,627	2,716	0
Dubois HA	PA063	192	192	192	192	192	0
Easton County HA	PA024	310	297	310	303	302	0
Elk County HA	PA054	221	162	162	166	187	0
Erie City HA	PA013	1,044	875	1,044	892	842	33
Erie County HA	PA087	788	628	788	640	662	0
Fayette County HA*	PA015	1,082	971	1,082	990	1,082	0
Franklin City HA	PA056	128	109	128	111	111	0
Franklin County HA	PA034	294	287	294	292	276	11

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Fulton County HA	PA072	187	187	187	187	168	19
Greene County HA	PA045	30	27	30	27	26	1
Harrisburg HA	PA008	944	677	944	690	694	0
Hazleton HA	PA044	347	294	347	300	283	11
Huntingdon County HA	PA027	120	120	120	120	120	0
Indiana County HA	PA048	520	492	520	501	473	19
Jefferson County HA	PA061	263	263	263	263	258	5
Johnstown HA	PA019	565	482	482	492	541	0
Lackawanna County HA*	PA038	795	769	795	785	795	0
Lancaster City HA	PA036	888	866	888	883	834	32
Lancaster County HA	PA090	861	797	861	813	790	7
Lawrence County	PA026	367	295	295	300	321	0
Lebanon County HA	PA052	625	520	520	530	581	0
Lehigh County HA	PA081	1,652	1,579	1,652	1,610	1,608	0
Luzerne County HA	PA057	1,115	1,006	1,006	1,026	1,076	0
Lycoming County HA	PA021	280	235	280	240	239	0
McKean County	PA080	356	313	356	320	314	0

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McKeesport HA	PA005	542	488	488	497	525	0
Meadville HA	PA033	155	146	155	149	138	8
Mercer County HA	PA020	332	317	332	324	298	20
Mifflin County	PA041	220	220	220	220	211	9
Monroe County HA	PA028	475	465	475	474	451	14
Montgomery County	PA012	2,772	2,561	2,772	2,612	2,693	0
Montour County HA	PA032	156	134	134	137	156	0
Nanticoke HA	PA043	51	32	51	33	31	1
Northampton County HA	PA076	853	625	853	638	602	23
Northumberland County HA	PA060	464	399	464	407	384	15
Oil City HA	PA059	167	134	167	136	137	0
Philadelphia HA	pa002	17,979	16,213	17,979	17,979	17,979	0
Pittsburgh HA*	pa001	6,799	6,186	5,854	5,854	5,329	857
Pittston HA	PA042	147	144	147	147	138	6
Potter County HA	PA077	295	294	295	295	284	10
Pottsville HA	PA037	371	354	354	361	371	0
Reading HA	PA009	604	598	604	604	573	26
Schuykill County	PA016	631	631	631	631	609	22
Scranton HA	PA003	941	856	941	873	856	0

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Shamokin HA	PA055	221	205	221	209	201	5
Snyder County HA	PA092	193	159	159	162	193	0
Somerset County HA	PA029	91	91	91	91	91	0
Sullivan County HA	PA068	36	34	36	34	33	1
Sunbury Housing	PA053	265	224	265	228	228	0
Susquehanna County HA	PA074	253	250	253	253	241	9
Tioga County HA	PA050	213	213	213	213	213	0
Titusville HA	PA058	126	117	126	119	117	0
Union County HA*	PA082	499	492	499	499	484	8
Venango County HA	PA089	394	270	270	276	372	0
Warren County HA	PA079	65	50	50	51	65	0
Washington County HA	PA017	936	826	936	842	794	31
Wayne County HA	PA078	675	600	675	612	577	23
Westmoreland County HA*	PA018	1,754	1,749	1,754	1,754	1,681	68
Wilkes-Barre HA	PA047	674	545	674	556	556	0
Williamsport HA	PA062	395	380	395	387	395	0
Wyoming County	PA073	397	311	311	317	359	0

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York	PA022	1,452	1,365	1,452	1,393	1,441	0
Total		82,856	74,963	80,503	77,321	76,745	1,729

*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.