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ESTIMATED VOUCHER FUNDING SHORTFALLS IN 2005, 2006 AND 2010

Pennsylvania

This table displays estimates of cuts in housing voucher assistance under the actual 2005 voucher funding level, the Administration's 2006 budget request, and an estimate of the Administration's budget plan for 2010 based on the limited information available to the public.ⁱ (Please see the endnotes for the methods used to develop these estimates.) The table below can be read as follows:

"In 2005, [housing agency] will receive [2005 funding shortfall] less fundingⁱⁱ than it needs to support its vouchers, causing an estimated [2005 cut in families assisted] low-income families to go without housing assistance.ⁱⁱⁱ Under the Administration's budget for 2006, the funding gap confronting the agency will drop to [2006 funding shortfall], allowing it to restore temporarily [2006 number of cut vouchers restored] of the vouchers that were cut in 2005. But estimates based on available information on the Administration's budget plans through 2010 show the shortfall widening to approximately [2010 funding shortfall], eliminating all of the vouchers restored in 2006 and cutting the number of families assisted by a further [2010 cut in families assisted below 2005 level]."

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		Funding Shortfall	Cut in Families Assisted	Funding Shortfall	Number of Cut Vouchers Restored	Funding Shortfall	Cut in Families Assisted Below 2005 Level
Adams County HA	586	-\$90,984	-24	-\$46,042	12	-\$556,833	-103
Allegheny County HA	5,143	-\$964,948	-191	-\$529,939	89	-\$6,409,118	-920
Allentown HA	948	-\$210,314	-38	-\$106,040	19	-\$1,282,458	-166
Altoona HA	820	-\$108,908	-33	-\$55,123	17	-\$666,663	-144
Armstrong County HA	255	-\$42,550	-10	-\$21,228	5	-\$256,728	-45
Beaver County HA	639	-\$94,722	-25	-\$48,565	13	-\$587,353	-113
Bedford County HA	307	-\$35,745	-12	-\$18,290	6	-\$221,197	-54
Berks County HA	682	-\$84,545	-19	-\$62,656	5	-\$757,765	-129
Bethlehem HA	497	-\$114,094	-20	-\$58,151	10	-\$703,285	-87
Blair County HA	420	-\$55,643	-17	-\$27,760	9	-\$335,728	-74
Bradford	112	-\$16,733	-4	-\$8,630	2	-\$104,373	-20
Bradford County HA	264	-\$26,563	-10	-\$14,069	5	-\$170,146	-47
Bucks County	3,399	-\$813,430	-125	-\$450,910	57	-\$5,453,330	-609
Butler County HA	1,291	-\$225,031	-49	-\$120,690	23	-\$1,459,631	-230
Carbon County HA	447	-\$64,864	-18	-\$33,744	9	-\$408,101	-79

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Carbondale HA	171	-\$25,343	-7	-\$13,156	3	-\$159,111	-30
Centre County HA	624	-\$120,905	-25	-\$60,447	13	-\$731,052	-109
Chester County HA	1,521	-\$493,325	-59	-\$259,474	29	-\$3,138,096	-269
Chester HA	1,430	-\$478,890	-58	-\$242,013	29	-\$2,926,922	-251
Clarion County HA	443	-\$40,830	-14	-\$26,651	5	-\$322,318	-82
Clearfield County HA	122	-\$13,805	-5	-\$7,061	2	-\$85,391	-21
Columbia County HA	413	-\$52,165	-17	-\$26,473	8	-\$320,167	-73
Corry HA	159	-\$21,440	-6	-\$11,115	3	-\$134,429	-28
Cumberland County HA	1,331	-\$201,977	-51	-\$107,294	25	-\$1,297,622	-236
Dauphin County HA	1,031	-\$234,739	-41	-\$118,953	21	-\$1,438,621	-181
Delaware County HA	2,753	-\$850,529	-111	-\$429,670	56	-\$5,196,458	-483
Dubois HA	192	-\$28,815	-8	-\$14,376	4	-\$173,858	-34
Easton County HA	310	-\$67,927	-12	-\$35,371	6	-\$427,777	-55
Elk County HA	221	-\$21,990	-8	-\$12,328	4	-\$149,095	-40
Erie City HA	1,044	-\$149,863	-42	-\$76,529	21	-\$925,541	-184
Erie County HA	788	-\$97,961	-29	-\$54,240	13	-\$655,979	-141
Fayette County HA	938	-\$162,385	-37	-\$84,212	18	-\$1,018,469	-166
Franklin City HA	128	-\$16,109	-5	-\$8,884	2	-\$107,450	-23
Franklin County HA	294	-\$40,534	-12	-\$20,222	6	-\$244,563	-51
Fulton County HA	187	-\$26,676	-8	-\$13,500	4	-\$163,275	-33
Greene County HA	30	-\$4,049	-1	-\$2,202	1	-\$26,628	-5
Harrisburg HA	944	-\$175,093	-29	-\$115,978	10	-\$1,402,646	-175
Hazleton HA	347	-\$50,868	-13	-\$27,123	6	-\$328,023	-62
Huntingdon County HA	122	-\$16,286	-5	-\$8,260	2	-\$99,900	-21
Indiana County HA	520	-\$70,876	-21	-\$35,359	11	-\$427,633	-91
Jefferson County HA	263	-\$38,037	-10	-\$19,495	5	-\$235,772	-46
Johnstown HA	565	-\$81,710	-22	-\$42,444	11	-\$513,326	-100
Lackawanna County HA	720	-\$109,998	-29	-\$54,876	15	-\$663,679	-126
Lancaster City HA	888	-\$188,368	-35	-\$97,450	17	-\$1,178,565	-157
Lancaster County HA	861	-\$178,672	-35	-\$89,833	18	-\$1,086,441	-151
Larewnce County	367	-\$44,097	-15	-\$22,510	7	-\$272,243	-65
Lebanon County HA	625	-\$118,762	-25	-\$61,241	12	-\$740,649	-110
Lehigh County HA	1,652	-\$322,032	-67	-\$162,096	34	-\$1,960,399	-290
Luzerne County HA	1,115	-\$200,376	-45	-\$102,038	22	-\$1,234,053	-196
Lycoming County HA	280	-\$34,690	-11	-\$17,794	6	-\$215,199	-49
McKean County	356	-\$43,066	-13	-\$23,414	6	-\$283,166	-64
McKeesport HA	542	-\$96,321	-21	-\$49,756	11	-\$601,751	-96
Meadville HA	158	-\$18,683	-6	-\$9,763	3	-\$118,078	-28
Mercer County HA	332	-\$44,133	-14	-\$22,017	7	-\$266,281	-58

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Mifflin County	220	-\$29,641	-9	-\$14,946	5	-\$180,763	-39
Monroe County HA	475	-\$138,574	-19	-\$71,180	9	-\$860,858	-84
Montgomery County	2,772	-\$815,008	-108	-\$425,770	53	-\$5,149,285	-490
Montour County HA	156	-\$20,954	-6	-\$10,453	3	-\$126,424	-27
Nanticoke HA	51	-\$10,543	-2	-\$5,260	1	-\$63,610	-9
Northampton County HA	860	-\$122,970	-26	-\$82,522	9	-\$998,031	-160
Northumberland County HA	464	-\$48,562	-18	-\$25,490	9	-\$308,280	-82
Oil City HA	167	-\$19,934	-6	-\$11,989	2	-\$145,000	-30
Philadelphia HA	18,623	-\$5,368,212	-760	-\$2,678,116	391	-\$32,389,299	-3,260
Pittsburgh	6,674	-\$1,277,332	-254	-\$683,231	122	-\$8,263,043	-1,187
Pittston HA	147	-\$23,704	-6	-\$11,826	3	-\$143,019	-26
Potter County HA	295	-\$38,298	-12	-\$19,347	6	-\$233,980	-52
Pottsville HA	371	-\$54,990	-15	-\$28,013	7	-\$338,792	-65
Reading HA	604	-\$112,276	-23	-\$58,815	12	-\$711,307	-107
Schuykill County	631	-\$83,815	-25	-\$42,810	13	-\$517,742	-111
Scranton HA	941	-\$138,785	-37	-\$72,365	18	-\$875,185	-166
Shamokin HA	221	-\$29,246	-9	-\$14,591	5	-\$176,461	-39
Snyder County HA	193	-\$19,922	-7	-\$10,482	4	-\$126,767	-34
Somerset County HA	91	-\$12,039	-4	-\$6,235	2	-\$75,402	-16
Sullivan County HA	36	-\$3,619	-1	-\$1,865	1	-\$22,551	-6
Sunbury Housing	240	-\$30,385	-10	-\$15,264	5	-\$184,609	-42
Susquehanna County HA	253	-\$32,953	-10	-\$17,379	5	-\$210,177	-45
Tioga County HA	213	-\$22,701	-9	-\$11,579	4	-\$140,037	-37
Titusville HA	126	-\$13,963	-5	-\$7,194	2	-\$87,006	-22
Union County HA	487	-\$76,807	-19	-\$39,563	10	-\$478,478	-86
Venango County HA	394	-\$45,433	-16	-\$22,666	8	-\$274,123	-69
Warren County HA	65	-\$7,177	-3	-\$3,655	1	-\$44,208	-11
Washington County HA	936	-\$144,234	-34	-\$79,863	16	-\$965,867	-168
Wayne County HA	675	-\$154,655	-27	-\$77,971	14	-\$942,990	-118
Westmoreland County HA	1,748	-\$332,615	-70	-\$168,933	35	-\$2,043,090	-307
Wilkes-Barre HA	674	-\$94,753	-23	-\$57,064	9	-\$690,132	-123
Williamsport HA	395	-\$56,768	-16	-\$28,321	8	-\$342,515	-69
Wyoming County HA	397	-\$45,672	-15	-\$24,826	7	-\$300,242	-71
York	1,452	-\$257,115	-58	-\$130,293	30	-\$1,575,768	-255
Pennsylvania	82,644	-\$17,615,055	-3,230	-\$9,147,331	1,591	-\$110,628,379	-14,614

ⁱ The Administration has released its planned 2010 funding level for a “housing assistance” category that includes the voucher program, public housing and several other programs taken together, but has not released a funding level for the voucher program separately. We have estimated the 2010 voucher funding level by assuming that the Administration plans to cut all housing assistance

programs proportionately. It is possible that the Administration actually intends to impose larger cuts in voucher assistance than we estimate and smaller cuts in other programs, or vice versa. See Appendix, “The Basis for the Estimate that the Budget Would Support 370,000 Fewer Vouchers in 2010,” <http://www.cbpp.org/2-18-05hous-app.htm>.

ⁱⁱ We assume that the amount of funding needed to support an agency’s vouchers in 2005 is equal to the agency’s average voucher cost in May -July 2004 plus the applicable HUD inflation adjustment, multiplied by the sum of the number of the agency’s vouchers in use in May -July 2004 and the number of new vouchers requiring funding that were issued to families losing public housing or other types of federal housing assistance. In 2006 and 2010 we assumed the agencies would need funding for approximately the same number of vouchers as in 2005, but that the average cost of these vouchers would rise based on a national average CBO voucher cost inflation estimate.

ⁱⁱⁱ All figures in the table assume that agencies will respond to funding shortfalls by reducing the number of families assisted. Agencies also have some limited flexibility to reduce the level of assistance provided per family, for example by shifting rental burdens onto needy households or reducing the maximum amount of rent a voucher can cover (and therefore limiting the ability of voucher households to live outside high-poverty neighborhoods in areas that may be safer and with better schools and more job opportunities). If agencies took these measures, the reduction in the number of families assisted could be somewhat smaller.