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Housing Voucher Data for Georgia

- Of Georgia's 55,320 authorized vouchers, only 84 percent were used by families last year.
- 827 fewer families in Georgia received assistance in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Georgia have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 9,483 additional families, thereby using up to 99 percent of their authorized vouchers. To encourage agencies to make efficient use of these resources, agencies must be reassured that voucher renewal funding policy will be both stable and take into account the additional vouchers used by these families. Congress should enact the Section 8 Voucher Reform Act (H.R. 1851 and S. 2684) to provide confidence that renewal funding needs will be met in future years, thereby encouraging agencies to put as many of their vouchers to use as possible.

Agency Name	Code	2004	2005	2006	2007		2008			
		% of Auth- orized Vouchers in Use	% of Auth- orized Vouchers in Use	% of Auth- orized Vouchers in Use	% of Auth- orized Vouchers in Use	Number of Vouchers in Use	Auth- orized Vouchers as of January 2008	Auth- orized Vouchers Funded under Renewal Formula	Additional Auth. Vouchers That Could be Funded Using Remaining Reserves	% of Auth- orized Vouchers Funded (Counting Reserves)
Georgia Total		97%	89%	84%	84%	45,364	55,320	51,523	3,324	99%
Albany	GA023	100%	97%	98%	100%	62	63	63	0	100%
Americus	GA062	93%	84%	92%	95%	586	616	616	0	100%
Atlanta *	GA006	95%	77%	74%	65%	10,143	16,816	16,596	0	100%
Augusta	GA001	99%	94%	94%	93%	3,108	3,328	3,140	188	100%
Brunswick	GA009	93%	96%	85%	89%	671	750	631	117	100%
Carrollton	GA116	98%	93%	94%	91%	99	113	99	14	100%
College Park	GA232	101%	100%	100%	95%	232	267	242	25	100%
Columbus	GA004	91%	97%	79%	93%	2,129	2,330	2,160	170	100%
Decatur	GA011	103%	98%	89%	84%	448	546	378	139	95%
DeKalb Co.	GA237	101%	98%	96%	95%	3,392	3,727	3,718	9	100%
East Point	GA078	104%	100%	99%	104%	264	255	255	0	100%
Fulton Co.	GA264	99%	97%	99%	98%	767	804	804	0	100%
Georgia DCA	GA901	98%	95%	88%	96%	15,333	16,070	14,774	1,296	100%
Jonesboro	GA228	100%	100%	100%	95%	1,728	1,860	1,860	0	100%

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Lithonia	GA188	92%	90%	89%	93%	89	96	94	2	100%
Macon	GA007	98%	88%	82%	94%	2,570	2,760	2,540	220	100%
Marietta	GA266	100%	95%	92%	91%	587	650	650	0	100%
Marietta	GA010	101%	95%	85%	92%	1,293	1,411	1,264	147	100%
Newnan	GA095	100%	99%	96%	93%	66	74	74	0	100%
NW GA	GA285	99%	96%	95%	95%	251	265	265	0	100%
Savannah	GA002	88%	67%	58%	62%	1,546	2,519	1,327	997	92%

Note: Authorized voucher figures for each agency are based on data from HUD's Resident Characteristics Report. The percentage of authorized vouchers in use in each year was determined by analysis of voucher leasing data reported by housing agencies to HUD's Voucher Management System (VMS). The number of vouchers funded in 2008 under the renewal formula was calculated using actual renewal funding awards and an estimate of the additional funds assumed to be available from excess reserves (the "offset" amount); these estimates do not take into account amounts received under the \$50 million in supplemental adjustment funds available under the law. The number of additional authorized vouchers that could be funded using remaining reserves is based on estimates of each agency's fund balance at the end of 2007, excluding the 2008 offset, and per-voucher costs for 2008. Agencies marked with an asterisk are funded according to their agreements with HUD under the Moving to Work demonstration. Such agencies are permitted to shift voucher funds to support public housing.