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Housing Voucher Data for Idaho

- Of Idaho's 6,527 authorized vouchers, 97 percent were used by families last year.
- This was an improvement over 2005 and 2006, when the voucher program was underfunded and changes in funding policy undermined the effectiveness of the program. Nevertheless, a lower percentage of Idaho's vouchers were in use in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Idaho have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 270 additional families, thereby using up to 100 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 Authorized Vouchers in Use	% of Authorized Vouchers in Use	% of Authorized Vouchers in Use	% of Authorized Vouchers in Use	Number of Vouchers in Use	Authorized Vouchers as of January 2008	Authorized Vouchers Funded under Renewal Formula	Additional Authorized Vouchers That Could be Funded Using Remaining Reserves	% of Authorized Vouchers Funded (Counting Reserves)
Idaho Total		99%	96%	92%	97%	6,257	6,527	6,500	27	100%
Ada Co.	ID021	98%	93%	100%	103%	786	762	762	0	100%
Boise City	ID013	101%	94%	98%	103%	1,175	1,142	1,142	0	100%
IHFA	ID901	99%	96%	87%	92%	2,903	3,196	3,196	0	100%
Pocatello	ID005	96%	98%	95%	98%	546	560	546	14	100%
SICHA	ID016	99%	98%	96%	98%	847	867	854	13	100%

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.