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Housing Voucher Data for Massachusetts

- Of Massachusetts' 72,583 authorized vouchers, only 96 percent were used by families last year.
- This was an improvement over 2006, when the voucher program was underfunded and changes in funding policy undermined the effectiveness of the program. Nevertheless, a lower percentage of Massachusetts' vouchers were in use in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Massachusetts have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 3,100 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.

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| Massachusetts Total | | 98% | 96% | 95% | 96% | 69,431 | 72,583 | 69,631 | 2,900 | 100% |
| Abington | MA079 | 99% | 94% | 93% | 98% | 84 | 86 | 86 | 0 | 100% |
| Acton | MA057 | 97% | 96% | 96% | 99% | 153 | 155 | 155 | 0 | 100% |
| Adams | MA051 | 97% | 93% | 88% | 85% | 81 | 95 | 81 | 11 | 97% |
| Amesbury | MA116 | 99% | 95% | 89% | 104% | 87 | 84 | 84 | 0 | 100% |
| Amherst | MA085 | 98% | 100% | 99% | 99% | 410 | 413 | 413 | 0 | 100% |
| Andover | MA084 | 99% | 98% | 98% | 99% | 126 | 127 | 127 | 0 | 100% |
| Arlington | MA048 | 99% | 96% | 96% | 100% | 422 | 422 | 422 | 0 | 100% |
| Athol | MA100 | 97% | 98% | 97% | 100% | 58 | 58 | 58 | 0 | 100% |
| Attleboro | MA018 | 100% | 93% | 81% | 90% | 82 | 91 | 77 | 9 | 95% |
| Barnstable | MA046 | 121% | 94% | 90% | 92% | 250 | 272 | 252 | 20 | 100% |

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| Bellingham | MA090 | 100% | 97% | 93% | 103% | 31 | 30 | 30 | 0 | 100% |
| Belmont | MA042 | 96% | 94% | 98% | 100% | 47 | 47 | 47 | 0 | 100% |
| Beverly | MA044 | 98% | 99% | 98% | 99% | 317 | 320 | 320 | 0 | 100% |
| Billerica | MA077 | 98% | 92% | 92% | 92% | 60 | 65 | 60 | 5 | 100% |
| Boston | MA002 | 102% | 95% | 89% | 90% | 10,826 | 12,107 | 10,514 | 1,593 | 100% |
| Bourne | MA110 | 100% | 96% | 95% | 96% | 73 | 76 | 71 | 5 | 100% |
| Braintree | MA053 | 95% | 96% | 78% | 97% | 383 | 395 | 394 | 1 | 100% |
| Bridgewater | MA126 | 86% | 87% | 88% | 88% | 61 | 69 | 62 | 6 | 99% |
| Brockton | MA024 | 95% | 97% | 95% | 99% | 918 | 931 | 931 | 0 | 100% |
| Brookline | MA033 | 100% | 98% | 100% | 100% | 618 | 619 | 614 | 5 | 100% |
| Burlington | MA112 | 98% | 96% | 100% | 96% | 89 | 93 | 89 | 4 | 100% |
| Cambridge * | MA003 | N/A | 97% | 92% | 92% | 1,972 | 2,150 | 2,150 | 0 | 100% |
| Chelmsford | MA108 | 105% | 95% | 94% | 100% | 357 | 358 | 358 | 0 | 100% |
| Chelsea | MA016 | 98% | 98% | 95% | 99% | 456 | 465 | 459 | 6 | 100% |
| Chicopee | MA008 | 97% | 95% | 95% | 96% | 376 | 393 | 352 | 19 | 94% |
| Concord | MA098 | 100% | 98% | 99% | 100% | 85 | 85 | 85 | 0 | 100% |
| Danvers | MA118 | 97% | 98% | 99% | 99% | 143 | 145 | 141 | 4 | 100% |
| Dartmouth | MA172 | 97% | 63% | 46% | 89% | 176 | 197 | 161 | 36 | 100% |
| Dedham | MA040 | 99% | 96% | 97% | 99% | 455 | 461 | 461 | 0 | 100% |
| Dennis | MA138 | 99% | 98% | 98% | 101% | 99 | 98 | 95 | 3 | 100% |
| DHCD | MA901 | 105% | 99% | 100% | 100% | 18,802 | 18,823 | 18,823 | 0 | 100% |
| Dracut | MA043 | 97% | 97% | 97% | 97% | 66 | 68 | 68 | 0 | 100% |
| Duxbury | MA071 | 92% | 92% | 85% | 100% | 13 | 13 | 12 | 1 | 100% |
| Easton | MA122 | 88% | 84% | 77% | 79% | 80 | 101 | 83 | 18 | 100% |
| Everett | MA027 | 99% | 98% | 98% | 98% | 358 | 365 | 365 | 0 | 100% |
| Fall River | MA006 | 94% | 88% | 84% | 87% | 2,107 | 2,431 | 2,142 | 289 | 100% |
| Falmouth | MA047 | 101% | 98% | 100% | 100% | 318 | 319 | 319 | 0 | 100% |
| Fitchburg | MA037 | 94% | 88% | 91% | 99% | 175 | 177 | 177 | 0 | 100% |
| Framingham | MA028 | 98% | 98% | 99% | 100% | 791 | 792 | 792 | 0 | 100% |
| Franklin Co. | MA094 | 101% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 577 | 579 | 579 | 0 | 100% |
| Gardner | MA127 | 97% | 98% | 99% | 100% | 102 | 102 | 102 | 0 | 100% |
| Gloucester | MA025 | 98% | 98% | 97% | 95% | 546 | 573 | 569 | 4 | 100% |
| Greenfield | MA096 | 100% | 98% | 98% | 103% | 464 | 450 | 450 | 0 | 100% |
| Halifax | MA121 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 14 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 100% |
| Hanson | MA155 | 88% | 80% | 88% | 88% | 22 | 25 | 24 | 1 | 100% |
| Haverhill | MA087 | 100% | 95% | 99% | 98% | 343 | 349 | 343 | 6 | 100% |
| Hingham | MA119 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 25 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 100% |
| Holbrook | MA072 | 95% | 95% | 99% | 98% | 80 | 82 | 82 | 0 | 100% |
| Holden | MA082 | 107% | 98% | 98% | 100% | 59 | 59 | 58 | 1 | 100% |
| Holliston | MA165 | 102% | 98% | 98% | 98% | 48 | 49 | 49 | 0 | 100% |
| Holyoke | MA005 | 98% | 96% | 93% | 87% | 1,027 | 1,180 | 1,073 | 107 | 100% |
| Hudson | MA091 | 99% | 97% | 101% | 101% | 70 | 69 | 69 | 0 | 100% |
| Ipswich | MA056 | 87% | 87% | 80% | 91% | 50 | 55 | 49 | 0 | 89% |
| Lawrence | MA010 | 100% | 98% | 98% | 101% | 1,011 | 998 | 960 | 38 | 100% |
| Leominster | MA086 | 99% | 99% | 95% | 101% | 276 | 273 | 273 | 0 | 100% |
| Lexington | MA067 | 97% | 100% | 101% | 100% | 68 | 68 | 68 | 0 | 100% |

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| Lowell | MA001 | 98% | 95% | 94% | 89% | 1,043 | 1,171 | 1,079 | 92 | 100% |
| Lynn | MA023 | 95% | 96% | 100% | 99% | 1,232 | 1,242 | 1,242 | 0 | 100% |
| Malden | MA022 | 94% | 94% | 93% | 95% | 636 | 670 | 606 | 64 | 100% |
| Mansfield | MA134 | 100% | 98% | 98% | 100% | 64 | 64 | 64 | 0 | 100% |
| Marlborough | MA070 | 96% | 94% | 96% | 99% | 133 | 135 | 135 | 0 | 100% |
| Medford | MA015 | 89% | 85% | 82% | 90% | 887 | 987 | 872 | 115 | 100% |
| Melrose | MA063 | 98% | 94% | 92% | 97% | 232 | 240 | 240 | 0 | 100% |
| Methuen | MA081 | 99% | 99% | 100% | 100% | 558 | 558 | 558 | 0 | 100% |
| Middleborough | MA060 | 97% | 94% | 94% | 91% | 140 | 154 | 144 | 10 | 100% |
| Milford | MA069 | 96% | 95% | 90% | 99% | 548 | 556 | 556 | 0 | 100% |
| Millis | MA154 | 100% | 95% | 100% | 100% | 21 | 21 | 20 | 1 | 100% |
| Milton | MA147 | 99% | 97% | 92% | 95% | 137 | 144 | 144 | 0 | 100% |
| Natick | MA092 | 100% | 98% | 97% | 98% | 100 | 102 | 102 | 0 | 100% |
| Needham | MA065 | 99% | 98% | 98% | 100% | 120 | 120 | 120 | 0 | 100% |
| New Bedford | MA007 | 97% | 98% | 100% | 100% | 1,663 | 1,655 | 1,598 | 57 | 100% |
| Newburyport | MA032 | 90% | 85% | 86% | 90% | 92 | 102 | 91 | 11 | 100% |
| Newton | MA036 | 99% | 99% | 99% | 99% | 435 | 441 | 441 | 0 | 100% |
| North Adams | MA034 | 88% | 89% | 96% | 98% | 308 | 313 | 313 | 0 | 100% |
| North Andover | MA107 | 98% | 94% | 95% | 97% | 129 | 133 | 131 | 2 | 100% |
| North Attleboro | MA170 | 97% | 92% | 88% | 89% | 93 | 104 | 94 | 8 | 98% |
| North Reading | MA089 | 91% | 86% | 86% | 82% | 18 | 22 | 20 | 2 | 100% |
| Northampton | MA026 | 98% | 86% | 91% | 95% | 483 | 510 | 510 | 0 | 100% |
| Norwood | MA109 | 99% | 96% | 98% | 102% | 347 | 341 | 341 | 0 | 100% |
| Oxford | MA106 | 99% | 98% | 98% | 101% | 88 | 87 | 87 | 0 | 100% |
| Peabody | MA054 | 102% | 98% | 97% | 96% | 251 | 262 | 262 | 0 | 100% |
| Pembroke | MA111 | 100% | 95% | 90% | 98% | 81 | 83 | 83 | 0 | 100% |
| Pittsfield | MA029 | 95% | 84% | 90% | 96% | 555 | 580 | 552 | 28 | 100% |
| Plymouth | MA059 | 94% | 89% | 91% | 98% | 354 | 363 | 363 | 0 | 100% |
| Quincy | MA020 | 99% | 99% | 98% | 97% | 816 | 845 | 845 | 0 | 100% |
| Reading | MA075 | 97% | 94% | 91% | 96% | 120 | 125 | 125 | 0 | 100% |
| Revere | MA014 | 96% | 93% | 92% | 96% | 449 | 470 | 430 | 40 | 100% |
| Rockland | MA133 | 100% | 97% | 98% | 101% | 156 | 154 | 154 | 0 | 100% |
| Rockport | MA073 | 98% | 95% | 96% | 98% | 150 | 153 | 153 | 0 | 100% |
| Salem | MA055 | 97% | 92% | 82% | 80% | 873 | 1,088 | 949 | 139 | 100% |
| Salisbury | MA174 | 97% | 97% | 93% | 86% | 50 | 58 | 48 | 10 | 100% |
| Sandwich | MA181 | 93% | 89% | 86% | 96% | 27 | 28 | 25 | 3 | 100% |
| Saugus | MA099 | 92% | 85% | 87% | 99% | 148 | 150 | 150 | 0 | 100% |
| Shrewsbury | MA041 | 98% | 100% | 101% | 100% | 173 | 173 | 173 | 0 | 100% |
| Somerville | MA031 | 99% | 99% | 98% | 101% | 1,064 | 1,047 | 1,047 | 0 | 100% |
| Southbridge | MA076 | 98% | 100% | 98% | 100% | 125 | 125 | 125 | 0 | 100% |
| Springfield | MA035 | 99% | 99% | 93% | 93% | 2,342 | 2,527 | 2,509 | 18 | 100% |
| Stockbridge | MA080 | 98% | 98% | 100% | 98% | 40 | 41 | 38 | 3 | 100% |
| Stoughton | MA117 | 92% | 79% | 88% | 96% | 46 | 48 | 48 | 0 | 100% |
| Taunton | MA017 | 98% | 95% | 92% | 101% | 739 | 734 | 734 | 0 | 100% |
| Tewksbury | MA139 | 96% | 97% | 96% | 100% | 110 | 110 | 110 | 0 | 100% |
| Wakefield | MA074 | 98% | 99% | 99% | 99% | 329 | 331 | 331 | 0 | 100% |

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| Walpole | MA140 | 97% | 99% | 99% | 99% | 94 | 95 | 95 | 0 | 100% |
| Waltham | MA013 | 99% | 98% | 95% | 97% | 435 | 450 | 450 | 0 | 100% |
| Ware | MA088 | 70% | 58% | 51% | 65% | 64 | 99 | 64 | 22 | 87% |
| Warren | MA105 | 95% | 88% | 92% | 97% | 64 | 66 | 65 | 1 | 100% |
| Watertown | MA093 | 98% | 97% | 98% | 97% | 152 | 156 | 155 | 1 | 100% |
| Wayland | MA101 | 88% | 83% | 85% | 100% | 78 | 78 | 78 | 0 | 100% |
| Webster | MA123 | 88% | 81% | 86% | 86% | 38 | 44 | 42 | 2 | 100% |
| Wellesley | MA135 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 11 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 100% |
| West Springfield | MA078 | 98% | 97% | 97% | 95% | 239 | 251 | 239 | 12 | 100% |
| Westfield | MA050 | 100% | 99% | 99% | 100% | 241 | 240 | 240 | 0 | 100% |
| Weymouth | MA045 | 96% | 91% | 90% | 96% | 153 | 159 | 146 | 13 | 100% |
| Williamstown | MA066 | 97% | 97% | 99% | 91% | 88 | 97 | 96 | 1 | 100% |
| Wilmington | MA061 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 91% | 10 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 100% |
| Winchendon | MA039 | 100% | 94% | 100% | 97% | 34 | 35 | 35 | 0 | 100% |
| Winchester | MA125 | 98% | 96% | 97% | 100% | 143 | 143 | 143 | 0 | 100% |
| Woburn | MA019 | 99% | 97% | 100% | 98% | 283 | 288 | 287 | 1 | 100% |
| Worcester | MA012 | 98% | 100% | 98% | 98% | 1,764 | 1,798 | 1,747 | 51 | 100% |
| Yarmouth | MA095 | 99% | 93% | 92% | 100% | 248 | 249 | 249 | 0 | 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. 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.