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Housing Voucher Data for Maryland

- Of Maryland's 45,736 authorized vouchers, only 80 percent were used by families last year.
- 1,315 fewer families in Maryland received assistance in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Maryland have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 4,685 additional families, thereby using up to 90 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)
Maryland Total		89%	85%	81%	80%	36,576	45,736	39,500	1,761	90%
Annapolis	MD001	81%	73%	64%	76%	152	200	168	32	100%
Anne Arundel Co.	MD018	98%	91%	90%	86%	1,507	1,756	1,567	189	100%
Baltimore City *	MD002	74%	74%	64%	59%	9,581	16,229	11,959	0	81%
Baltimore Co.	MD033	101%	92%	93%	97%	5,600	5,795	5,714	81	100%
Calvert Co.	MD022	94%	90%	95%	96%	303	314	314	0	100%
Carroll Co.	MD032	98%	99%	100%	100%	550	549	549	0	100%
Cecil Co.	MD029	93%	93%	95%	94%	505	539	525	14	100%
Charles Co.	MD024	95%	86%	82%	77%	702	908	681	227	100%
Crisfield	MD009	91%	91%	96%	100%	23	23	21	1	96%
Easton	MD019	96%	95%	99%	100%	139	139	137	2	100%
Elktown	MD016	100%	100%	100%	100%	40	40	40	0	100%
Frederick	MD003	96%	81%	83%	93%	628	678	630	48	100%
Hagerstown	MD006	93%	89%	81%	92%	811	884	796	3	90%
Hartford Co.	MD025	100%	94%	93%	100%	1,001	1,019	1,008	11	100%

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Housing & Comm. Dev	MD901	96%	94%	92%	98%	2,135	2,187	2,086	61	98%
Howard Co.	MD023	94%	92%	89%	83%	727	890	776	100	98%
Montgomery Co.	MD004	94%	92%	93%	95%	5,417	5,680	5,507	173	100%
Prince George's Co.	MD015	98%	91%	90%	86%	4,154	4,958	4,346	612	100%
Queen Anne's Co.	MD034	96%	93%	90%	96%	130	136	129	7	100%
Rockville	MD007	97%	86%	81%	88%	316	359	357	2	100%
St. Mary's Co.	MD021	96%	93%	97%	84%	1,058	1,263	1,101	129	97%
St. Michael's	MD013	90%	85%	65%	95%	19	20	17	0	85%
Washington Co.	MD028	98%	98%	99%	100%	497	498	498	0	100%
Westminster	MD027	99%	94%	95%	97%	281	289	280	9	100%
Wicomico Co.	MD014	83%	64%	71%	79%	300	383	294	60	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.