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Housing Voucher Data for Montana

- Of Montana's 5,784 authorized vouchers, only 92 percent were used by families last year.
- 186 fewer families in Montana received assistance in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in Montana have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 489 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)
Montana Total		98%	95%	92%	92%	5,295	5,784	5,414	370	100%
Billings	MT001	98%	89%	91%	96%	532	559	559	0	100%
Butte	MT003	95%	86%	86%	90%	19	21	19	2	100%
Great Falls	MT002	92%	83%	78%	75%	150	200	163	37	100%
Helena	MT004	98%	83%	90%	95%	327	345	343	2	100%
MDOC	MT901	99%	96%	92%	90%	3,383	3,761	3,445	316	100%
Missoula	MT033	99%	100%	99%	101%	762	754	754	0	100%
Richland Co.	MT006	92%	90%	85%	78%	72	92	80	12	100%
Ronan	MT036	97%	97%	97%	94%	34	36	36	0	100%
Whitefish	MT015	93%	94%	94%	100%	16	16	15	1	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.