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Housing Voucher Data for South Carolina

- Of South Carolina's 24,624 authorized vouchers, only 94 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 South Carolina's vouchers were in use in 2007 than in 2004.
- This year, housing agencies in South Carolina have sufficient funds, including reserves, to assist 1,433 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)
South Carolina Total		97%	94%	92%	94%	23,044	24,624	22,883	1,594	99%
Aiken	SC007	95%	95%	93%	106%	866	815	815	0	100%
Anderson	SC037	97%	92%	90%	100%	498	499	496	3	100%
Beaufort	SC026	96%	94%	94%	97%	543	562	562	0	100%
Bennettsville	SC015	84%	89%	95%	77%	49	64	56	8	100%
Charleston	SC001	98%	96%	96%	97%	1,240	1,277	1,277	0	100%
Charleston Co.	SC056	95%	82%	85%	99%	1,071	1,079	1,079	0	100%
Cheraw	SC031	97%	94%	98%	96%	168	175	168	7	100%
Chester	SC020	98%	97%	93%	99%	265	269	260	9	100%
Columbia	SC002	100%	94%	92%	94%	2,866	3,047	2,747	300	100%
Conway	SC025	100%	95%	95%	91%	334	368	337	30	100%

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Darlington	SC005	96%	99%	99%	99%	92	93	89	4	100%
Florence	SC027	96%	93%	96%	97%	684	707	707	0	100%
Fort Mill	SC036	99%	98%	98%	99%	153	154	154	0	100%
Georgetown	SC028	94%	90%	91%	87%	142	163	147	16	100%
Greenville	SC004	99%	94%	90%	88%	2,147	2,426	2,026	384	99%
Greenwood	SC030	100%	99%	100%	99%	772	776	776	0	100%
Greer	SC016	100%	99%	96%	93%	259	280	258	22	100%
Hartsville	SC029	91%	87%	77%	76%	160	210	161	49	100%
Lake City	SC018	82%	81%	75%	74%	194	311	265	1	86%
Lancaster	SC032	97%	98%	89%	87%	215	247	214	31	99%
Marion	SC021	84%	76%	64%	66%	101	153	108	19	83%
Marlboro Co.	SC059	91%	92%	99%	96%	226	235	235	0	100%
Mullins	SC033	93%	95%	83%	75%	45	60	47	13	100%
Myrtle Beach	SC034	96%	97%	97%	101%	612	605	605	0	100%
Newberry	SC035	96%	94%	94%	98%	230	235	199	18	92%
North Charleston	SC057	92%	98%	93%	92%	1,852	2,025	1,837	149	98%
Rock Hill	SC022	86%	89%	92%	97%	485	500	500	0	100%
SC Regional #1	SC008	99%	96%	97%	99%	1,537	1,563	1,563	0	100%
SC Regional #3	SC024	99%	91%	96%	98%	520	530	508	22	100%
SC State HFA	SC911	99%	97%	88%	99%	2,020	2,017	1,919	98	100%
Spartanburg	SC003	97%	88%	93%	87%	1,464	1,747	1,515	232	100%
Sumter	SC023	92%	91%	84%	82%	760	925	770	155	100%
Union	SC019	95%	91%	92%	89%	244	274	250	24	100%
York	SC046	99%	96%	95%	99%	230	233	233	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.