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**City of Cedar Rapids Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program:  
July 2016 Quarterly Participant Report**

**Background Information**

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered locally by the City of Cedar Rapids Housing Services Division. The purpose of the program is to provide monthly payments on behalf of the tenant, to the landlord to assist the household with their rent.

**Update:** On February 11, 2015 the waiting list opened to accept pre-applications to the Section 8 HCV program. Approximately six weeks later, 1,200 pre-applications were accepted, and the waiting list was closed. There are approximately 340 applicants currently on the Section 8 waiting list. See Figure 1 for additional information.

**Update:** On April 13, 2016 the Housing Services Division held its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program Landlord Orientation. The next orientation is scheduled for August 17, 2016 from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and is open to anyone with property in Linn or Benton Counties that would like more information on how to participate in this program as a landlord.

Below is demographic information gathered about program participants of the City of Cedar Rapids Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

**FIGURE 1:**

<b>New Waiting List Admissions:</b>	
<b>State Zip Code before Admission</b>	<b>% of the New Admissions</b>
Iowa	87%
Other States (11)	13%
Applicant families on waiting list	340

**FIGURE 2:**

<b>End of Participation: April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016</b>		
<b>Of 1,164 Total Tenants - 39 Ended Participation</b>		
<b>Number of Tenants</b>	<b>% Ended</b>	<b>Reason for Ending Participation</b>
30	77%	Left in Good Standing
9	23%	Terminated for Program Violations
<b>Of the 16 Program Violators</b>		
0		Terminated for Criminal Activity
9		Terminated for other Program Violations

### Active Participants Demographics

The demographics in this section of the report reflect information gathered in July 2016 on active participants in the Section 8 HCV program. Please note that demographics may vary based on participants leaving the program or moving to other jurisdictions when the aggregate numbers were pulled.

**Currently 14% of participant families are 62 years old or older and 47% have a disabled head of household. Currently 51% of participants are families with children.**

**FIGURE: 3**

Active Participants Average Rents		
Tenant Rent	HAP \$	Contract Rent
\$277	\$355	\$ 632

Figure 3 shows an average monthly share of rent paid by participants is \$277. The average monthly subsidy paid by our PHA (to the Landlord) is \$355 for April 2016. On average, the contract rent is \$632 per participant.

**FIGURE: 5**

### Household Income

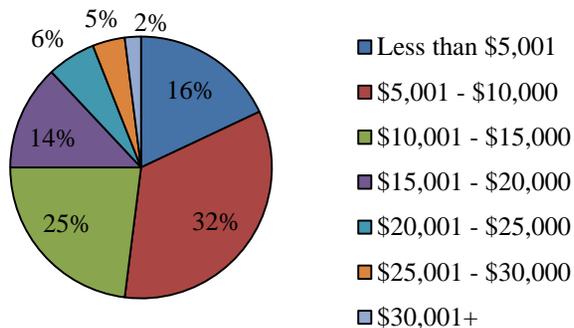


Figure 5 shows 73% of our active households as of July 2016 had an annual income of \$15,000 or less.

**FIGURE: 4**

July 2016 Household Members		
Household Member Size	# of Families	Percentage
1	503	43.2%
2	207	17.8%
3	189	16.2%
4	139	12.0%
5	73	6.3%
6	32	2.7%
7	15	1.3%
8	4	0.3%
9	2	0.2%
10	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1164</b>	

Figure 4 shows 89.2% of families participating in the program in July 2016 were households of 4 or less persons.

**For more information about program demographics, contact the City’s Housing Services Office at (319) 286-5872. To learn more about the program, visit the “Section 8 Rent Assistance” page of the City’s website, [www.CityofCR.com/Section8](http://www.CityofCR.com/Section8).**