



**City of Cedar Rapids Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program:
September 2015 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, once 1,200 pre-applications were accepted, the waiting list was closed. See Figure 1 for additional information.

Update: On August 12, the Housing Services Division held its second Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program Landlord Orientation of the year. The next orientation is scheduled for December 9, 2015 from 5 – 7 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:

New Waiting List Admissions:	
State Zip Code before Admission	% of the New Admissions
Iowa	87%
Other States (11)	13%

FIGURE 2:

End of Participations: June 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015		
Of 1,075 Total Tenants - 31 Ended Participation		
Number of Tenants	% Ended	Reason for Ending Participation
16	52%	Left in Good Standing
15	48%	Terminated for Program Violations
Of the 15 Program Violators		
4		Terminated for Criminal Activity
11		Terminated for other Program Violations

Active Participants Demographics

The demographics in this section of the report reflect information gathered in September 2015 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 13% of participant families are 62 years old or older and 46% have a disabled head of household.

FIGURE: 3

November Active Participants Average Rents		
Tenant Rent	HAP \$	Contract Rent
\$252	\$333	\$ 585

Figure 3 shows an average monthly share of rent paid by participants is \$252. The average monthly subsidy paid by our PHA (to the Landlord) is \$333 for September 2015. On average, the rent contract is \$585 per participant.

FIGURE: 5

Household Income

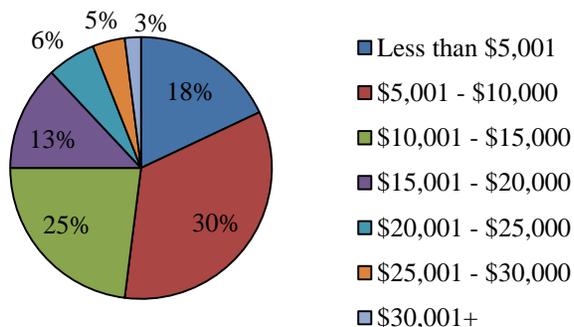


Figure 5 shows 73% of our active households as of September 2015 had an annual income of \$15,000 or less.

FIGURE: 4

September 2015 Household Members		
Household Member Size	# of Families	Percentage
1	475	44.2%
2	186	17.3%
3	173	16.1%
4	129	12.0%
5	70	6.5%
6	27	2.5%
7	11	1.0%
8	3	0.3%
9	1	0.1%
10	0	0%
Total	1075	

Figure 4 shows 89.6% of families participating in the program in September 2015 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.