



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING &
 LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

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December 2, 2024

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues
 Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
 Massachusetts State House
 Room 212
 Boston, Massachusetts 02133

The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz
 Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means
 Massachusetts State House
 Room 243
 Boston, Massachusetts 02133

The Honorable Lydia Edwards
 Chair, Joint Committee on Housing
 Massachusetts State House
 Room 413-C
 Boston, Massachusetts 02133

The Honorable James Arciero
 Chair, Joint Committee on Housing
 Massachusetts State House
 Room 146
 Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Senator Rodrigues, Representative Michlewitz, Senator Edwards, and Representative Arciero:

In accordance with FY2025 Final Budget Line Item 7004-9024 Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP), below is a table outlining utilization for FY2022-2024 for both the MRVP and Line Item 7004-9030, the Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP). Utilization provided is the average number of leased vouchers over the fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	MRVP Utilization	AHVP Utilization
2022	9,185	631
2023	9,484	702
2024	9,487	741

The budget language requires information on the number of vouchers and costs of vouchers by municipality and county. We have attached the information we currently have, but the data is somewhat limited. We currently have data for roughly 94% and 89% of MRVP and AHVP vouchers, respectively. We are actively working to add data from the remaining housing agencies by coordinating

with their software vendors to set up data transmissions to the State Oversight of Housing Assistance (SOHA) data warehouse.

For information regarding waiting lists, voucher issuance timing, and extensions, EOHLC utilizes reports from the Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Programs (CHAMP). EOHLC's Division of Public Housing launched CHAMP to the public in April 2019 and has been successful in making the application process more accessible for state-aided public housing, as well as providing EOHLC with important data on applicants and the tenant selection process. EOHLC added AHVP into CHAMP in October 2020 and added MRVP in September 2023.

In FY2024, 204 mobile MRVP vouchers were issued through CHAMP. Mobile MRVP voucher holders took an average of 73 days from voucher issuance to lease start date. 49 mobile MRVP voucher holders did not find a unit before the voucher expiration date. Twenty of these voucher holders received an extension. The extensions lasted an average of 45 days. Currently, 88 mobile MRVP vouchers are distributed, with voucher holders searching for or waiting approval on a unit.

In FY2024, 72 mobile AHVP vouchers were issued through CHAMP. Mobile AHVP voucher holders took an average of 113 days from voucher issuance to lease start date. Four mobile AHVP voucher holders did not find a unit before the voucher expiration date. Two of these voucher holders received an extension. The extensions lasted an average of 100 days. Currently, 29 mobile AHVP vouchers are distributed, with holders searching for or waiting approval on a unit.

It is important to note that additional MRVP and AHVP mobile vouchers were issued outside of CHAMP in FY2024 via direct referrals.

EOHLC can report on the number of unique applicant households in CHAMP. As of November 13, 2024, there are 154,315 unique households in CHAMP that have applied for an MRVP voucher, and there are 68,040 unique households in CHAMP that have applied for an AHVP voucher. These applicant totals both include the 2,234 applicants who applied to both MRVP and AHVP. While the budget language requests that EOHLC reports on families, CHAMP counts households, which may be families or single individuals. CHAMP is also not the only place one can apply for an MRVP voucher. Many waiting lists for project-based MRVP vouchers, which are vouchers assigned to a specific unit, are maintained by the property owner. EOHLC has no access to or insight into these waiting lists.

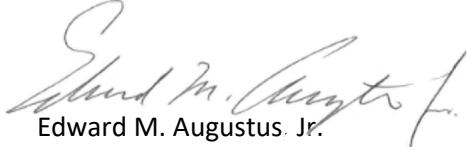
EOHLC has taken two important actions to reduce the wait time for households to lease up their voucher. First, for both AHVP and MRVP, EOHLC has raised mobile voucher subsidy limits to better reflect the housing market and aligned rents with 110% of Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMR) effective March 1, 2024. SAFMR sets rents at the ZIP code level, instead of at an area-wide level. This means that rents will better reflect market rents in a specific neighborhood, allowing voucher participants greater choice when deciding where to live. Second, effective with leases beginning September 1, 2023, MRVP can cover security deposits, and AHVP can cover security deposits, first month's rent, and last month's rent. EOHLC has found that these start-up costs can be a burden to households. With EOHLC paying these costs with the voucher, households can more easily move into a unit.

Lastly, the budget language requests information on the average number of days that it takes for project-based MRVP vouchers awarded by EOHLC to be utilized after the award is made. EOHLC does not track this data. Project-based MRVP vouchers are awarded to properties in development by the

Division of Housing Development. After award, these properties must close on variety of capital funds and then either be constructed or renovated. This process takes between 18 to 48 months (578 to 1,460 days) and can be much longer if the project experiences construction delays. Only after the properties have completed construction are the MRVP project-based vouchers utilized.

Should you have any questions regarding this data, please do not hesitate to contact Ben Stone, Undersecretary, Division of Public Housing & Rental Assistance at 617-573-1176 or ben.stone@mass.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward M. Augustus, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

Edward M. Augustus, Jr.
Secretary, Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities

MRVP

County	City	Count	Contract Rent
BARNSTABLE	BARNSTABLE	32	1,798.28
	BOURNE	20	1,631.55
	BREWSTER	5	1,945.00
	CHATHAM	2	2,084.00
	DENNIS	38	1,548.82
	EASTHAM	4	1,811.25
	FALMOUTH	29	1,643.24
	HARWICH	3	1,709.00
	MASHPEE	60	2,014.77
	ORLEANS	1	1,540.00
	PROVINCETOWN	2	1,634.00
	SANDWICH	7	2,183.57
	YARMOUTH	14	1,854.57
BERKSHIRE	ADAMS	5	1,080.00
	GREAT BARRINGTON	13	1,702.00
	NORTH ADAMS	12	1,170.67
	PITTSFIELD	17	1,295.76
BRISTOL	ACUSHNET	1	1,000.00
	ATTLEBORO	37	1,283.95
	DARTMOUTH	12	1,296.50
	EASTON	4	2,934.75
	FAIRHAVEN	9	1,260.78
	FALL RIVER	47	1,408.23
	MANSFIELD	31	1,808.26
	NEW BEDFORD	82	1,209.00
	NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	3	2,090.33
	NORTON	3	1,949.33
	OAK BLUFFS	1	1,200.00
	RAYNHAM	2	2,822.00
	TAUNTON	85	1,740.65
	WESTPORT	1	921.00
DUKES	LANCASTER	2	1,586.00
	TISBURY	4	1,603.75
	WEST TISBURY	1	1,818.00
ESSEX	AMESBURY	22	2,036.82
	ANDOVER	2	2,171.50
	BEVERLY	117	1,793.38
	DANVERS	11	2,890.09
	GLOUCESTER	29	1,949.86
	HAVERHILL	148	1,604.14
	IPSWICH	2	2,000.00
	LAWRENCE	93	1,640.65
	LYNN	313	2,439.73
	LYNNFIELD	3	2,308.67
	MARBLEHEAD	1	2,606.00

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County	City	Count	Contract Rent
	METHUEN	11	1,851.82
	NEWBURYPORT	3	1,904.67
	NORTH ANDOVER	2	2,810.00
	PEABODY	34	2,400.76
	SALEM	113	2,290.51
	SALISBURY	13	2,497.46
	SAUGUS	18	2,676.50
	SWAMPSCOTT	12	2,572.42
	TOPSFIELD	1	2,300.00
FRANKLIN	ASHFIELD	3	1,284.67
	ERVING	1	1,050.00
	GREENFIELD	87	947.33
	MONTAGUE	6	1,113.17
	NORTHFIELD	1	1,300.00
	ORANGE	16	1,066.56
	SHELBURNE	1	1,200.00
	SUNDERLAND	8	1,269.38
HAMPDEN	AGAWAM	4	1,474.50
	CHESTER	11	1,068.45
	CHICOPEE	101	1,074.43
	HOLYOKE	88	1,388.33
	LUDLOW	2	1,095.50
	MONSON	10	1,289.20
	PALMER	2	1,799.50
	SPRINGFIELD	508	1,341.03
	WEST SPRINGFIELD	27	948.56
	WESTFIELD	86	1,191.55
HAMPSHIRE	AMHERST	14	1,170.64
	BELCHERTOWN	2	1,045.00
	EASTHAMPTON	7	1,550.57
	HUNTINGTON	1	1,400.00
	NORTHAMPTON	23	1,154.52
	PELHAM	1	1,300.00
	SOUTH HADLEY	3	1,308.00
	WARE	27	1,378.04
MIDDLESEX	ACTON	6	2,148.50
	ARLINGTON	9	2,041.00
	ASHLAND	11	2,394.45
	AYER	1	1,835.00
	BEDFORD	30	1,794.00
	BELMONT	5	2,165.60
	BILLERICA	3	2,170.67
	BOXBOROUGH	3	1,864.33
	BURLINGTON	8	2,999.00
	CAMBRIDGE	83	2,283.28

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County	City	Count	Contract Rent
	CHELMSFORD	27	2,053.56
	CONCORD	1	1,750.00
	DRACUT	4	2,159.50
	EVERETT	51	2,648.86
	FRAMINGHAM	47	2,519.53
	HOLLISTON	4	1,477.00
	HOPKINTON	6	1,763.17
	HUDSON	20	1,723.50
	LEXINGTON	11	3,266.73
	LINCOLN	34	2,356.65
	LITTLETON	5	2,481.40
	LOWELL	194	1,971.26
	MALDEN	74	2,519.18
	MARLBOROUGH	32	2,423.16
	MAYNARD	5	2,173.20
	MEDFORD	18	2,785.72
	MELROSE	6	2,603.83
	NATICK	3	2,330.67
	NEWTON	13	2,059.54
	NORTH READING	1	2,300.00
	READING	2	1,325.00
	SHIRLEY	7	2,142.86
	SOMERVILLE	15	2,067.00
	STONEHAM	5	3,037.20
	STOW	1	1,950.00
	SUDBURY	1	2,020.00
	TEWKSBURY	4	3,112.25
	TOWNSEND	1	3,400.00
	TYNGSBOROUGH	2	1,788.50
	WAKEFIELD	2	2,750.00
	WALTHAM	6	2,419.00
	WATERTOWN	4	2,122.00
	WAYLAND	1	2,085.00
	WESTFORD	5	2,454.40
	WILMINGTON	4	3,604.00
	WINCHESTER	2	4,049.00
	WOBURN	23	2,641.17
NANTUCKET	NANTUCKET	11	2,097.00
NORFOLK	AVON	3	2,359.33
	BELLINGHAM	38	1,978.34
	BRAINTREE	40	2,814.03
	BROOKLINE	38	2,125.03
	CANTON	36	2,779.08
	DEDHAM	17	3,040.71
	DOVER	3	4,450.00

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County	City	Count	Contract Rent
	FOXBOROUGH	9	2,493.11
	FRANKLIN	16	2,437.38
	HOLBROOK	9	2,472.33
	MEDWAY	15	2,495.07
	MILLIS	4	2,356.50
	MILTON	12	3,001.75
	NEEDHAM	3	2,836.67
	NORWOOD	61	2,790.85
	PLAINVILLE	11	2,396.00
	QUINCY	128	2,150.05
	RANDOLPH	84	2,538.05
	SHARON	5	3,601.80
	STOUGHTON	77	2,183.56
	WALPOLE	5	2,785.20
	WELLESLEY	7	2,599.57
	WESTWOOD	4	2,576.00
	WEYMOUTH	140	2,058.94
	WRENTHAM	12	2,331.75
PLYMOUTH	ABINGTON	2	2,438.00
	BRIDGEWATER	9	2,276.78
	BROCKTON	327	1,817.79
	CARVER	3	3,100.00
	DUXBURY	21	2,632.81
	EAST BRIDGEWATER	3	1,466.67
	HANOVER	4	1,798.75
	HANSON	3	2,721.67
	HINGHAM	3	2,251.67
	HULL	10	2,404.80
	KINGSTON	7	2,459.29
	LAKEVILLE	2	1,555.00
	MARION	1	2,400.00
	MARSHFIELD	26	2,205.88
	MIDDLEBOROUGH	11	1,908.18
	PEMBROKE	4	2,025.75
	PLYMOUTH	53	2,535.26
	ROCKLAND	13	2,426.08
	SCITUATE	3	2,021.00
	WAREHAM	38	2,547.50
	WEST BRIDGEWATER	1	2,300.00
	WHITMAN	2	1,811.00
SUFFOLK	BOSTON	1583	2,602.79
	CHELSEA	108	2,336.95
	REVERE	61	2,530.67
	WINTHROP	4	2,932.50
WORCESTER	ATHOL	5	1,114.40

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County	City	Count	Contract Rent
	AUBURN	2	1,277.00
	BARRE	1	1,287.00
	BLACKSTONE	1	1,350.00
	BROOKFIELD	1	1,200.00
	CHARLTON	1	1,265.00
	CLINTON	2	1,800.00
	DOUGLAS	3	1,784.33
	DUDLEY	4	1,331.25
	EAST BROOKFIELD	1	1,000.00
	FITCHBURG	14	1,589.00
	GARDNER	20	1,231.90
	GRAFTON	1	1,600.00
	HARVARD	5	1,654.80
	HOLDEN	1	2,400.00
	LEICESTER	2	1,542.50
	LEOMINSTER	18	1,546.06
	MILFORD	14	1,638.93
	MILLVILLE	1	1,950.00
	NORTHBOROUGH	1	2,008.00
	NORTHBRIDGE	6	1,815.00
	OXFORD	10	638.00
	SHREWSBURY	1	1,445.00
	SOUTHBRIDGE	85	1,490.26
	SPENCER	13	1,285.38
	SUTTON	1	1,500.00
	UPTON	1	1,263.00
	WARREN	1	1,800.00
	WEBSTER	12	1,649.17
	WESTBOROUGH	2	2,024.00
	WINCHENDON	5	880.00
	WORCESTER	317	1,341.18

AHVP

County	City	Count	Contract Rent	
BARNSTABLE	EASTHAM	1	1,700.00	
	LYNNFIELD	3	2,447.67	
	MALDEN	6	2,312.33	
	NEWBURYPORT	6	2,057.00	
	ORANGE	1	1,087.00	
	REVERE	56	2,091.50	
	SALEM	5	1,921.40	
	WILMINGTON	2	2,719.00	
	YARMOUTH	1	1,370.00	
	BERKSHIRE	BELLINGHAM	7	2,025.86
BRISTOL	BURLINGTON	1	2,326.00	
	FRAMINGHAM	3	2,214.00	
	NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	2	2,186.00	
	PLYMOUTH	9	2,152.89	
	WALPOLE	4	2,130.00	
	WEBSTER	2	1,599.00	
	WOBURN	3	2,237.33	
	WORCESTER	18	1,258.33	
	ESSEX	ANDOVER	5	2,038.00
		ARLINGTON	1	2,090.00
ASHBY		1	1,500.00	
BARNSTABLE		4	1,987.50	
BRAINTREE		1	2,530.00	
BROCKTON		34	1,386.47	
CONCORD		1	1,725.00	
DENNIS		2	1,321.00	
GLOUCESTER		4	1,911.50	
LAWRENCE		2	1,659.00	
MELROSE		3	1,961.67	
MILFORD		2	1,606.00	
NEWBURY		1	1,800.00	
SPRINGFIELD		1	1,430.00	
TAUNTON		1	1,190.00	
TEWKSBURY		1	2,338.00	
WARE		1	1,386.00	
WATERTOWN		4	1,572.50	
WAYLAND		1	2,222.00	
WESTFIELD		24	1,007.96	
FRANKLIN	MILLIS	2	2,725.00	
	PEMBROKE	3	2,298.67	
	SOUTHAMPTON	1	1,188.00	
	SUNDERLAND	5	1,235.60	

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County	City	Count	Contract Rent
HAMPDEN	BELMONT	1	2,000.00
	HAVERHILL	1	1,433.00
	HOLYOKE	2	1,162.50
	MANSFIELD	1	2,390.00
	SALISBURY	4	1,861.00
HAMPSHIRE	LYNN	19	2,013.95
	MARION	1	1,625.00
	MARSHFIELD	1	2,233.00
	MEDWAY	2	2,088.00
	PLAINVILLE	7	2,271.43
	READING	1	1,800.00
MIDDLESEX	BEVERLY	8	2,261.50
	BOXBOROUGH	1	2,147.00
	CHELMSFORD	1	2,105.00
	CHICOPEE	2	1,037.50
	DANVERS	1	2,418.00
	EASTHAMPTON	2	904.00
	EASTON	4	1,864.25
	EVERETT	4	2,153.50
	FALMOUTH	2	1,447.50
	FITCHBURG	1	1,100.00
	FOXBOROUGH	7	1,944.14
	HOPKINTON	1	2,610.00
	HULL	2	2,037.50
	KINGSTON	2	2,384.00
	LAKEVILLE	1	1,350.00
	MARLBOROUGH	3	1,804.67
	MASHPEE	2	1,708.00
	MILTON	1	2,300.00
	NEW BEDFORD	15	1,086.07
	NORTHAMPTON	5	1,174.80
	QUINCY	16	2,181.81
	RAYNHAM	1	1,789.00
	SHARON	3	2,321.67
	SHIRLEY	2	2,586.50
	SOMERVILLE	2	1,739.00
	SPENCER	3	1,164.00
	WESTFORD	1	2,173.00
WINTHROP	1	1,275.00	
WRENTHAM	1	2,251.00	
NORFOLK	BOSTON	27	2,164.22
	BRIDGEWATER	1	1,807.00

AHVP

County	City	Count	Contract Rent
	BROOKLINE	3	2,892.67
	CANTON	6	2,299.67
	CARVER	2	1,362.50
	DEERFIELD	1	972.00
	DOUGLAS	1	2,050.00
	FALL RIVER	5	1,123.50
	MAYNARD	1	1,450.00
	NEWTON	1	2,805.00
	NORTH READING	1	2,385.00
	PEABODY	2	2,245.00
	PROVINCETOWN	2	1,450.00
	SOUTH HADLEY	3	1,066.33
	STOUGHTON	17	2,222.82
	WEST BRIDGEWATER	1	1,440.00
	WEYMOUTH	15	2,199.80
PLYMOUTH	AGAWAM	1	900.00
	AMESBURY	8	2,040.71
	AMHERST	6	1,177.83
	CAMBRIDGE	20	1,750.65
	HUDSON	1	1,975.00
	LEE	1	1,006.00
	MIDDLEBOROUGH	1	2,151.00
	MILLBURY	1	1,275.00
	PALMER	1	980.00
	RANDOLPH	4	1,968.25
	SOUTHBRIDGE	2	1,466.50
	WALTHAM	1	2,525.00
	WEST SPRINGFIELD	4	979.25
	WESTWOOD	1	2,375.00
SUFFOLK	FRANKLIN	7	2,136.50
	HARWICH	1	1,350.00
	LOWELL	4	1,597.00
	WESTBOROUGH	1	1,626.00
WORCESTER	BLACKSTONE	2	1,538.50
	CHELSEA	13	2,032.92
	NORWOOD	2	2,301.50
	ROCKLAND	2	1,975.00
	ROCKPORT	1	2,418.00
	SAUGUS	3	2,019.00
	WAREHAM	3	1,680.00