Public Notice

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Division of Housing and Community Resources (DHCR) will be accepting Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-applications online at: <u>www.WaitlistCheck.com/NJ559</u> for a statewide waiting list. Open enrollment for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-applications will be from **Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 9:00 AM (EST) until Friday, February 3, 2023, at 5:00 PM (EST).** Applicants must be eighteen (18) years of age or older to apply or be an emancipated minor.

An email address is necessary to apply. Web browsers like Google Chrome, Fire Fox, or Internet Explorer 10 or higher are recommended.

A total of 20,000 households will be selected through a computer-randomized lottery at the end of the application period and will be placed on the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list; all applicants have the same opportunity for being selected during the lottery based on eligibility for preferences. DCA has adopted the following preferences for admission to the waiting list: Veterans, Homeless, Disabled, Domestic Violence, and Local Residents (below are the detailed definitions). Applicants who qualify for one or more preferences will have priority for selection for placement on the waiting list. United States Armed Forces Veterans, and their surviving spouses in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 5:40-2.5., have the highest priority. Individuals who claim to have a preference, must meet all eligibility criteria for a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program at the time of selection from the waiting list.

Veteran Preference: A Veterans Preference is defined as United States Armed Forces Veterans discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions are eligible for the veterans' preference. This means you must have been discharged under an honorable or general discharge. The surviving spouse of a United States Armed Forces Veteran who died outside of service is entitled to the same preference as the United States Armed Forces Veteran, up until they remarry.

Homeless Preference: A Homeless Preference is defined as individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness; at risk of experiencing homelessness; fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability. For a complete definition of homeless see our Frequently Asked Questions and SEC. 103. [42 USC 11302].

Disabled Preference: A Disabled Preference is defined by (1) Documentation from the Social Security Administration that a member of the household is a disabled person who is receiving Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income benefits; or (2) Certification from a physician, on a Certification of Disability Form that a member of the household is a person with disabilities.

Domestic Violence Preference: A Domestic Violence preference is defined as (1) Is currently living in a housing unit in which a member of the household engages in such violence. The actual or threatened violence must be of a continuing nature and have occurred within the past 120 days; or (2) The applicant has been displaced because of domestic violence and is not currently residing

in standard, permanent replacement housing, to avoid the threat of continued abuse; (3) The applicant is a victim of dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking.

Local and Residency Preference: Local and Residency preference is defined as a preference for admission of families that reside anywhere in a specified area, including families with a member who works or has been hired to work in the area ("residency preference area") and to include the DCA's determination that for the purposes of selection, residency will be decided on a county-by-county basis. For DCA, the specified area is New Jersey.

If you are disabled and need assistance with submitting your Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-application, please contact DCA-DHCR at 609-292-4080 and select option 9 from the menu and request a reasonable accommodation during the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, seven days a week, or email us at: <u>customer.service@dca.nj.gov</u> during the opening period.

To qualify for a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-application, you must meet the below Income Limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For more information on this upcoming opportunity go to <u>https://www.nj.gov/dca/</u>. If you have any questions, you can call 609-292-4080, option 9 during regular office hours from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, seven days a week, or email us at: <u>customer.service@dca.nj.gov</u>.

Individuals selected by the lottery will be notified via email which may take several weeks. You can also check your status on-line at <u>www.waitlistcheck.com</u> after February 24, 2023.



2022 INCOME LIMITS FOR ALL NEW JERSEY COUNTIES

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	PERSON							
ATLANTIC	\$29,500	\$33,700	\$37,900	\$42,100	\$45,500	\$48,850	\$52,250	\$55,600
BERGEN	\$42,850	\$49,000	\$55,100	\$61,200	\$66,100	\$71,000	\$75,900	\$80,800
BURLINGTON	\$36,900	\$42,200	\$47,450	\$52,700	\$56,950	\$61,150	\$65,350	\$69,600
CAMDEN	\$36,900	\$42,200	\$47,450	\$52,700	\$56,950	\$61,150	\$65,350	\$69,600
CAPE MAY	\$33,250	\$38,000	\$42,750	\$47,450	\$51,250	\$55,050	\$58,850	\$62,650
CUMBERLAND	\$28,150	\$32,150	\$36,150	\$40,150	\$43,400	\$46,600	\$49,800	\$53,000
ESSEX	\$40,250	\$46,000	\$51,750	\$57,500	\$62,100	\$66,700	\$71,300	\$75,900
GLOUCESTER	\$36,900	\$42,200	\$47,450	\$52,700	\$56,950	\$61,150	\$65,350	\$69,600
HUDSON	\$40,250	\$46,000	\$51,750	\$57,450	\$62,050	\$66,650	\$71,250	\$75,850
HUNTERDON	\$47,500	\$54,250	\$61,050	\$67,800	\$73,250	\$78,650	\$84,100	\$89,500
MERCER	\$41,750	\$47,700	\$53,650	\$59,600	\$64,400	\$69,150	\$73,950	\$78,700
MIDDLESEX	\$47,500	\$54,250	\$61,050	\$67,800	\$73,250	\$78,650	\$84,100	\$89,500
MONMOUTH	\$42,650	\$48,750	\$54,850	\$60,900	\$65,800	\$70,650	\$75,550	\$80,400
MORRIS	\$40,250	\$46,000	\$51,750	\$57,500	\$62,100	\$66,700	\$71,300	\$75,900

OCEAN	\$42,650	\$48,750	\$54,850	\$60,900	\$65,800	\$70,650	\$75,550	\$80,400
PASSAIC	\$42,850	\$49,000	\$55,100	\$61,200	\$66,100	\$71,000	\$75,900	\$80,800
SALEM	\$36,900	\$42,200	\$47,450	\$52,700	\$56,950	\$61,150	\$65,350	\$69,600
SOMERSET	\$47,500	\$54,250	\$61,050	\$67,800	\$73,250	\$78,650	\$84,100	\$89,500
SUSSEX	\$40,250	\$46,000	\$51,750	\$57,500	\$62,100	\$66,700	\$71,300	\$75,900
UNION	\$40,250	\$46,000	\$51,750	\$57,500	\$62,100	\$66,700	\$71,300	\$75,900
WARREN	\$40,400	\$46,200	\$51,950	\$57,700	\$62,350	\$66,950	\$71,550	\$76,200