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WHAT ARE THE FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS?

555 households currently under lease (only have 549 vouchers)
1142 individuals in those households
199 are elderly heads of household (205 elderly total)
277 are disabled (**98** over the age of 62 years old, **179** under the age of 62)
384 of all members are elderly or disabled

HOW LONG HAVE FAMILIES STAYED ON THE PROGRAM?

78 families have been on the program for 10 or more years
 31 – age 62 and over
 21 - less than 62 but disabled
163 families have been on the program 5-10 years
313 families have been on the program less than 5 years

HOW DO FAMILIES PAY FOR THEIR PORTION OF THE RENT?

According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition/LHIS, the Housing Wage (the amount needed for a person working 40 hours a week in order to afford a two-bedroom unit in Carroll County at the 2008 Fair Market rent of \$1013 (gross rent, including utilities) is \$19.48 an hour or \$40,520 a year.

171 families have an earned income (**employment**)
4 families have a gross income over \$40,000 annually
22 families have a gross income between \$30,000 and \$39,999 annually
63 families have a gross income between \$20,000 and \$29,000 annually
255 families have a gross income between \$10,000 and \$19,000 annually
158 families have a gross income between \$5,000 and \$9,999 annually
53 families have a gross income below \$5,000

Gross income can include:

- Employment
- Social Security
- Child Support
- Unemployment Benefits
- Contributions from family and friends

AVERAGE RENTS BY BEDROOM SIZE:

	Assisted	Unassisted
1 – bedroom	599	758
2- bedroom	778	917
3- bedroom	1054	1243
4- bedroom	1061	1475