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WHAT ARE THE FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS?

562 households currently under lease (only have 549 vouchers)
1149 individuals in those households
207 are elderly heads of household (213 elderly total)
282 are disabled (**100** over the age of 62 years old, **182** under the age of 62)
395 of all members are elderly or disabled

HOW LONG HAVE FAMILIES STAYED ON THE PROGRAM?

81 families have been on the program for 10 or more years
 37 – age 62 and over
 19 - less than 62 but disabled
155 families have been on the program 5-10 years
329 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 \$1037 (gross rent, including utilities) is \$19.94 an hour or \$41,850 a year.

150 families have an earned income (**employment**)
3 families have a gross income over \$40,000 annually
17 families have a gross income between \$30,000 and \$39,999 annually
75 families have a gross income between \$20,000 and \$29,999 annually
267 families have a gross income between \$10,000 and \$19,999 annually
149 families have a gross income between \$5,000 and \$9,999 annually
52 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	612	825
2- bedroom	815	920
3- bedroom	1080	1250
4- bedroom	1061	1483