



Rental Assistance Demonstration RADblast!



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HUD Announces the Release of State-by-State RAD Fact Sheets

In an ongoing effort to make information available on the impacts of RAD in communities around the country, HUD has published new state-by-state RAD fact sheets that provide summary information on the RAD activity in each state. The data is “live” and updates real-time as properties complete the conversion process. This fact sheet provides data on how many RAD projects and units have been closed in a particular state, an estimate of how many jobs have been created due to RAD, an estimate of how many people have been helped through the Demonstration, and more. The fact sheets are located at the link below and supplements already available data on each property that is participating in RAD.

RAD State Fact Sheets:

http://www.radresource.net/pha_data.cfm

RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION (RAD) IN NEW YORK

RAD was created in order to give public housing authorities (PHAs) a powerful tool to preserve and improve public housing properties and address the over \$35 billion-dollar nationwide backlog of deferred maintenance.

BY THE NUMBERS

New York Public Housing Authorities have converted 37 projects covering 7,451 housing units under the RAD program. That means approximately 18,780 people have had their assisted housing secured and preserved for the long-term on the Section 8 platform. Under RAD, the physical condition of these properties will be improved and capital needs for the next 20 years will be accounted for, ensuring that these homes remain affordable in perpetuity.

These transactions have secured \$627,515,456 in construction investment, equating to \$84,219 per unit built or rehabbed. That means that due to RAD, 11,932 direct and indirect jobs have been created in New York. To date, New York ranks 51 in the country for the percentage of former public housing units that have been preserved to date.

Based on closed transactions, the most active PHAs in New York participating in RAD are:

Housing Authority	Closed Transactions	Closed Units
New York City Housing Authority	3	2,332
The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers	4	1,324
Troy Housing Authority	8	1,046
Town of Islip Housing Authority	1	342
Watervliet Housing Authority	2	307

Example: New York RAD Fact Sheet

New Study Finds High Levels of Tenant Satisfaction and Improved Well-being In Central Valley RAD Conversions

Researchers at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health recently published a study examining the experience of families with children living in three sites in the Central Valley of California that had converted under RAD that underwent major renovations and involved the temporary relocation of residents. Their study – [*“The ‘Projects’ are Nice Now”: Residents Perspectives on the Rental Assistance Demonstration \(RAD\)*](#) – is based on in-depth interviews with 30 families and found notable and mostly positive results where residents experienced significant improvements including upgraded heating/cooling systems and appliances; improved unit layout and conditions; perceived safety and connectedness; and enhanced resident resources and pride of place.

New Webinars Now Available: Completion Certification and the RAD Inventory Assessment Tool

Completion Certification Webinar: HUD has posted a [webinar](#) training on the RAD Completion Certification, which is a RAD Resource Desk module where PHAs/owners of public housing conversions submit information on final sources and uses, confirmation of initial deposit to replacement reserve, resident right-to-return information, and Section 3 low-income hiring data, among other items after completing project rehabilitation or construction. The [webinar](#) describes submission requirements for the certification that is required for all RAD Transactions with a scope of work (though a simpler submission may soon be required for other transactions as well). It includes a walk-through of the RAD Resource Desk module from the PHA's perspective and outlines why this information is required.

RAD inventory Assessment Tool Webinar: HUD has posted a [webinar](#) that walks users through the functionality of the updated [RAD Inventory Assessment Tool](#), which helps public housing agencies (PHAs) to make a first-level assessment of properties in their inventory for potential conversion of assistance to long-term Section 8 contracts. The tool is designed for PHAs that are newly considering or re-considering RAD at RAD rents based on the FY 18 Appropriation levels. *(Please note that since the original publication of the tool, HUD has debugged some issues and posted a corrected version to the web. Please upload the [latest version](#).)*

Thanks!
-The RAD Team

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