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Indiana is tied for third place in returning 2010 Census forms.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports 71-percent of Hoosiers have turned in their forms as of April 12th. The questionnaire determines how much money the federal government gives each state. The population count also determines how many Congress members go to Washington to represent citizens.

The state with the best response for the 2010 Census is Wisconsin at 76-percent. Minnesota and Iowa are tied for second place at 74-percent. Michigan, Nebraska and South Dakota join the Hoosier State in the third spot at 71-percent a piece.

Locally, Batesville is at 80 percent, the mayor announced to city council last night at their regular monthly meeting. Oldenburg is at 83 percent. The mayor's goal is to top the 2000 return rate at 84 percent.

Mayor Rick Fledderman has received several calls from people who did not receive the form. He has them available at his office or you can call **866-872-6868**.

Individuals can visit www.census.indiana.edu to find a local "Be Counted" assistance center where census forms are available.

The last day to mail forms is April 20. On May 1, the U.S. Census will begin canvassing neighborhoods and visiting addresses that have not submitted their census form.

Hoosiers can track the daily progress of the census count by visiting www.census.indiana.edu.