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### Stand up and be counted, and help your community at the same time

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EAST MOLINE, Illinois

Census forms have been showing up in mail boxes all across the Quad Cities this week, and local leaders say filling the forms out mean more than counting an accurate population

This year's Census is a key in revenue for cities from federal funding revenue. The Census generates approximately \$1,500 per person per year for ten years, adding up to millions or even sometimes over a billion dollars per county.

If people don't drop their forms in the mail box, revenue for counties will have to be raised in other ways.

"Dollars are appropriated, it's yours and in order to get that money, you gotta fill out that census. The alternative for those communities that have people you have the needs that aren't counted the other way to raise the money is thru property taxes, sales taxes things of that nature" says East Moline mayor John Thodos.

By law, census information may not be shared with any other government organization. For your convenience, all forms come with pre-approved postage to send back for mailing.

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