

Census 1990

Davenport wants to be counted

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DAVENPORT — Don't forget to count us, says Davenport.

More than 70 percent of the postal customers in this north coast community failed to get census forms by Tuesday, according to Postmistress Maria Olivias. She said the Census Bureau had informed postal officials that Tuesday was the last day to distribute forms.

Of the 404 boxes at the Davenport Post Office, 92 census forms were delivered, Olivias said. Of 101 boxes on a delivery route up Swanton Road, only 51 forms arrived, she said.

Olivias said she notified census officials beginning last Friday. "They don't know why" the forms did not arrive, she said. "Someone was supposed to get back to me." As of Tuesday afternoon no one had called her back, she said.

Other residents with Daven-

port post office boxes called the Census Bureau on their own to request forms.

Not to worry, said Bill Williams, a census official at the Salinas district office. The rest of the forms were in the mail, he said.

The first batch went out from a central office last week. A subsequent batch drawn up from lists compiled at the local office went out later, Williams said.

"A good part went into the mail yesterday," he said Tuesday.

Davenport residents say they hope they see them soon.

"We're not going to be counted if they don't get us the forms," Olivias said.

The Census Bureau has set up a toll-free telephone number to request forms or to get help filling them out. The number is 1-800-999-1990. The number to call to request a Spanish form is 1-800-283-6826.