

Another try at Watsonville census

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WATSONVILLE — Head counters fanned out over the downtown area Thursday evening to try to reach more than 60 homes that haven't been counted in the census.

"We're keeping a promise we made to the Census Bureau," said Ray Vigil, chairman of Watsonville's Complete Count Committee. "We said we'd come through."

The bureau's enumerators — a euphemism for head counters — teamed up with volunteers from the committee to canvass nine streets that had homes that weren't counted.

Vigil said Riverside Drive, Marchant Street and Elm Street had more than 14 homes each that were missed in the Census Bureau's initial count in April.

"We walked Districts 1 and 2 and found at least 60 homes that had not been contacted or received a census form," Vigil said. "We figure at least 150 people were missed."

Another pocket of homes was missed in the area of Arthur Road and Pennsylvania Avenue, Vigil

said. They will be contacted another day.

Franca Gargiulo, the Census Bureau's district manager, said the number of responses to the census questionnaires has gone up slightly, from 63 percent in April to about 69 percent now. Still, it's short of the complete count goal.

"We still have to go out and do

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the questionnaires in some areas," she said.

In an effort to reach those that haven't been counted, the Census Bureau will be setting up booths at various upcoming festivals, including the Burrito Bash June 16 and 17, and the Strawberry Festival, June 23 and 24, she said.