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Participation In Census Lowest In Southwest Kansas

The U.S. Census Bureau says southwest

Kansas is lagging behind the rest of the state in participating in the census.

The U.S. Census says more than 20 counties in southwest Kansas have participation rates below the state's 75 percent participation rate.

The Hutchinson News reports that the participation rate is the lowest in Hamilton County, at 51 percent.

Rich Gerdes, assistant regional Census Bureau manager in Kansas City, Mo., says western Kansas has historically been more difficult to survey than other parts of the state.

He says census workers will be visiting households that did not mail back their surveys, starting on Saturday.

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