

Census Typo Could Cost City Money

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SPRINGDALE, Ark. -- The Census Bureau sent out letters to a group of homes in Springdale with the wrong city printed on the envelope, and now those people are concerned they won't be counted.

The 2010 Census form helps decide how more than \$400 billion will be allocate to things like hospitals, job training centers and schools in our area.

Caroline Holmesley received a letter in her mailbox from the Census Bureau, only to find out the address printed on the envelope wasn't hers.

"My address is in Springdale, and this is Fayetteville," Holmesley said.

Holmesley has lived in Springdale for more than 33 years. When she received this letter in the mail from the census bureau addressed with the city of Fayetteville --instead of Springdale--she immediately became concerned.

"My grandson's going to go to school in a couple years," she said. "And my concern is that our share of government funds wont go to the right schools, highways and help facilities in our city."

So she began making some calls.

The Census Bureau said, in the event that the wrong address is printed on 2010 census forms, residents should cross out the incorrect information and hand write the correct address so that the resident will be counted and their share of the \$400 billion will go to their city.

Holmesley said she will continue to tell her neighbors what to do in this situation so they will be counted.

The Census Bureau said it's received a number of calls from people reporting incorrect addresses on their census forms.