

**User Notes and Errata, Small Area Estimates Program, Fall 2016**  
**Washington State Office of Financial Management, Forecasting and Research Division**

Small Area Estimate Program (SAEP) data for 2016 are currently available. The SAEP estimates include both intercensal (2000-2009) and postcensal (2011-2016) estimates.

OFM recommends that end users limit their analysis to a specific SAEP data release (e.g., Fall 2016) because: 1) estimates for prior years are updated if new or more accurate information becomes available and 2) estimates may change if there are changes to underlining spatial geometries. Please see the [SAEP User Guide](#) for additional information about the data and the methods behind the estimates as well as limitations in their use.

The SAEP Fall 2016 data release includes some important changes from the prior release. These changes affect the postcensal estimates from 2011-2016.

In 2016 OFM was able to collect more geographically precise housing start data for the cities of Liberty Lake and Wenatchee. Use of this data resulted in noticeable changes to the estimates in and around these cities.

There are changes to the estimates in Skagit and Whatcom counties due to the use of revised building permit data.

There are changes to the estimates in parts of King and Snohomish counties due to the use of revised building permit data and the timing of the reporting of data to OFM.

Finally, OFM would like to thank all of the people who graciously provide support and data for the SAEP. We could not provide this information without their hard work.

Sincerely,

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