

User Notes and Errata, Small Area Estimates Program, Fall 2017
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Small Area Estimate Program (SAEP) data for 2017 are currently available. The SAEP estimates include both intercensal (2000-2009) and postcensal (2011-2017) estimates.

OFM recommends that end users limit their analysis to a specific SAEP data release (e.g., Fall 2017) because the historical estimate series may change: 1) if new or more accurate information becomes available after the release date and 2) if changes occur in the underlying spatial data. 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 2017 data release includes some important changes from the prior release. These changes affect the postcensal estimates from 2011-2017.

1. In 2017 OFM was able to collect more geographically precise building permit data for the City of Spokane, resulting in noticeable changes to the estimates in and around the city.
2. The building permit data for the following counties was revised: Clallam, Franklin, Grant, Jefferson and Spokane. Reasons for the revisions include better identification of duplicate and/or replacement permits and, in some cases, changes in the interpretation of land use codes.
3. The 2016 group quarters population for the Naval Air Station at Whidbey Island was revised downwards by 1,466 persons to correct a data reporting error.

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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