

User Notes and Errata, Small Area Estimates Program, Fall 2018
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Small Area Estimate Program (SAEP) data for 2018 are currently available. The SAEP estimates include both intercensal (2000-2009) and postcensal (2011-2018) estimates.

OFM recommends that end users limit their analysis to a specific SAEP data release (e.g., Fall 2018) 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 2018 data release includes some important changes from the prior release. These changes affect the postcensal estimates from 2011-2018.

1. In 2018 OFM was able to collect more geographically precise building permit data for the City of Spokane Valley, resulting in noticeable changes to the estimates in and around the city.
2. OFM discovered several duplicate permits in the historical building permit data for unincorporated Skagit County and unincorporated Skamania County. The duplicate permits were removed prior to running the 2018 estimates.

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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