



MEMORANDUM

To: SEAGO Member Agencies
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From: John Merideth, GIS Analyst II
Date: January 24, 2023
Re: Annexations, Residential Completions, Building Permits, and Demolitions Data

The Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) produces official population estimates for the state, counties, and incorporated places. At the place level, they rely on new residential completions and building permits data for household population estimates. The OEO relies on the Councils of Governments (COG) throughout Arizona to collect this data. SEAGO is the State designated COG for southeastern Arizona.

In the event that SEAGO is unable to obtain the requested data, the OEO will have to use 0 for their new housing units for the period with missing data. This will cause an underestimate of your jurisdiction's population, which in turn will likely have various negative consequences. Per [Arizona Constitution, Article IX, Section 20](#), the expenditure limitation for each county, city, and town is based on these population estimates. The housing unit data are also reported to the U.S. Census Bureau and used in its population estimates, which determine the distribution of the state-shared revenue to cities and towns ([A.R.S.§42-5033.01\(4\)](#)). There may also be other federal and state funding programs that use population in their funding formula. Depending on the magnitude of the missed reporting, it could mean thousands of federal and state dollars that a community would forfeit due to the under reporting of housing units.