Yolo County Profile

Yolo County was one of the original 27 counties created when California became a state in 1850. Yolo County's towns first developed along the Sacramento River with its first town and first county seat, Fremont, being founded in 1849 along the confluence of the Sacramento and Feather Rivers. Knights Landing, Washington, Cacheville (later called Yolo), Clarksburg, Winters, Esparto, Capay, Guinda, and Davisville (Davis) also were built near waterways. Davisville had the added advantage of being on the path of the newly constructed railroad. Woodland, which became the county seat in 1862, began in a wooded area of valley oaks and was also served by a nearby railroad. In 1906, to emphasize agriculture's role in Yolo County, the University of California chose a 780-acre farm belonging to Jerome Davis for establishment of a university farm to serve as part of the College of Agriculture. The Davis farm has since become a separate campus of the University and has received world-wide fame for its research and education work. In 1987, West Sacramento became Yolo County's fourth incorporated city.

2014-15 Budget: \$330,478,670 (general purpose revenue \$61,698,000)

Employees: 1,315 (as of September 2014)

Population: 206,381 residents (DOF estimate as of January 2014)

Largest Employer: University of California, Davis
Largest Industry: Agriculture
Area: 1,021 square miles (653,549 acres)

Services Provided by Yolo County

With 6.4 employees per 1,000 residents, Yolo County provides all the services below throughout the county playing three very different roles: (1) as a regional government, the County provides countywide services, including elections, criminal prosecutions and public health; (2) for the residents of the unincorporated areas, Yolo County provides all the municipal services a city would provide, including patrol services, trash collection, and road maintenance; and (3) as a political subdivision of the State, the County provides state and federal services including child protective services, food stamps, and mental health services.

(1) Countywide Services

Adult Detention (Jail)
Agricultural Commissioner
Aid to Victims of Crime and Violence
AIDS Education, Prevention, Testing
Animal Regulation
Assessor

Auditor-Controller Child Abductions

Communicable Disease Control

Cooperative Extension

Coroner/Medical Examiner

District Attorney (Prosecution)

Domestic Violence

Elections

Emergency Children's Shelters

Environmental Health

Environmental Protection Programs

Epidemiology

Flood Control

Forensic Labs

Hazardous Waste Collection

Homeless Shelters

Immunizations

Indigent Burials

Juvenile Detention

Juvenile Justice Programs

Landfill/Recycling

Law Library

Livestock Inspector

Local Agency Formation Commission

Probation (Juvenile and Adult)

Public Administrator

Public Defender

Public Guardian-Conservator

Recorder/Vital Statistics

Regional Parks

Treasurer/Tax Collector

Weights and Measures

Veterans Services

(2) Municipal Services

Airports
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement
Building Permits/Plan Checking
County Clerk/City Clerk
County Counsel/City Attorney
Disaster Preparedness
Economic Development

Emergency Services
Fire Protection

Housing

Library Services
Parks and Recreation

Pest Control

Planning and Zoning

Police Protection

Sewers

Street Lighting/Maintenance
Street Trees/Landscaping
Streets/Roads/Highways/Storm Drains
Water Delivery
Weed Abatement

(3) Statewide Services

Adult Protective Services
Anti-Tobacco Programs
California Children's Services
CalWORKs

Child Care Licensing
Child Health and Disability Program
Child Protective Services
Child Support Services

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Services

Family Planning

Food Stamps

Foster Care

Foster Grandparents

General Assistance

In-Home Support Services

Job Training

Maternal and Child Health Medical Care Services

Medically Indigent Adults

Mental Health Services

Public Health/Laboratory
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)





Yolo County Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors is the duly elected legislative body of the County of Yolo. The Board of Supervisors sets and adopts policies and establishes programs for law and justice; health and mental health; social services; land use; transportation, water resources air quality and flood management; agriculture; economic development; emergency services; intergovernmental relations; libraries and areas of general governance. Based on these policies the Board of Supervisors fixes salaries, appropriates funds and adopts annual budgets for all departments. The five members of the Board are elected by district, are non-partisan and serve four-year terms. Board Members also sit as the governing body for Yolo County Housing, In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority, Yolo County Financing Corporation, eight county service areas and 13 fire districts, as well as participating in a number of regional governing bodies.

Yolo County Budget Fiscal Year 2014-15: \$330,478,670 (general purpose revenue \$61,698,000)

Yolo County is a middle-sized rural/suburban county with a strong commitment to the preservation of agriculture and open space. 87%, of Yolo County's population lives within its cities, with almost 97.2% (603,544 acres) of its unincorporated land designated for agricultural use. 416,519 acres of those lands are in Williamson Act (land conservation) contracts (69% of all acres designated for agricultural use).

Unfortunately, preservation of agricultural lands comes at a cost. Yolo County is charged with performing all the same core services as its 57 sister counties, but it holds the unenviable distinction of meeting those demands with among the lowest share of property tax in the state. Also, as a result of the County's longstanding policy of directing urban development into its cities, the County receives almost no significant sales tax revenue.

For more information, visit: www.yolocounty.org



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Sources of Total County Funds Total Spending by Program Area Fund Balance 5% General **Public** Realignment Government Safety 1991 19% Law & Justice 8% Capital Projects 7% 24% 1% Realignment 2011 Planning & 7% **Public Works** 14% Federal, State and Other Health & 73% **Human Services** 42%