

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.

2016-17 Budget: \$372,922,234 (general purpose revenue \$69,681,000)

Largest Employer: University of California, Davis

Employees: 1,418 (as of July 2016)

Largest Industry: Agriculture

Yolo County Population: 214,555 residents (DOF estimate as of January 2016)

Area: 1,021 square miles (653,549 acres)

City Populations: Davis 68,314; West Sacramento 53,082; Winters 7,214; Woodland 57,526 (DOF estimate as of January 2016)

Services Provided by Yolo County

With 6.6 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

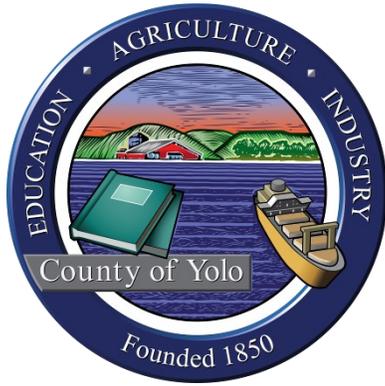
(2) Municipal Services

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 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 2015-16: \$359,404,590 (general purpose revenue \$75,461,503)

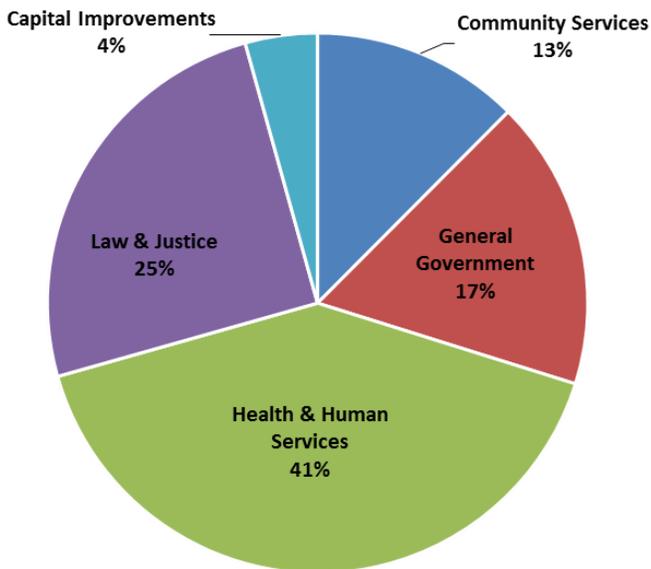
Yolo County is a middle-sized rural/suburban county with a strong commitment to the preservation of agriculture and open space. 87% of Yolo County's population lives within its cities, with almost 97.2% (603,544 acres) of its unincorporated land designated for agricultural use. 416,519 acres of those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

Property Tax Allocation



Total Spending by Program Area



Sources of Total County Funds

