

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, Frenont, being founded in 1849 along the confluence of the Sacramento and Feather Rivers. Knights Landing, Washington, Cacheville (later called Yolo), Clarksburg, Writers, Esparto, Cappay, 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.

Area: 1,021 square miles (653,549 acres) 2009/10 Budget: \$330 million Largest Industry: Agriculture
 Population: 200,709 residents (as of 1/1/09) Employees: 1,465 Largest Employer: UC Davis

SERVICES PROVIDED BY YOLO COUNTY

With 7.3 employees per 1,000 residents, Yolo County provides all the services below throughout the county playing three very different roles as a county government: (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	(2) Municipal Services	(3) Statewide 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	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	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.

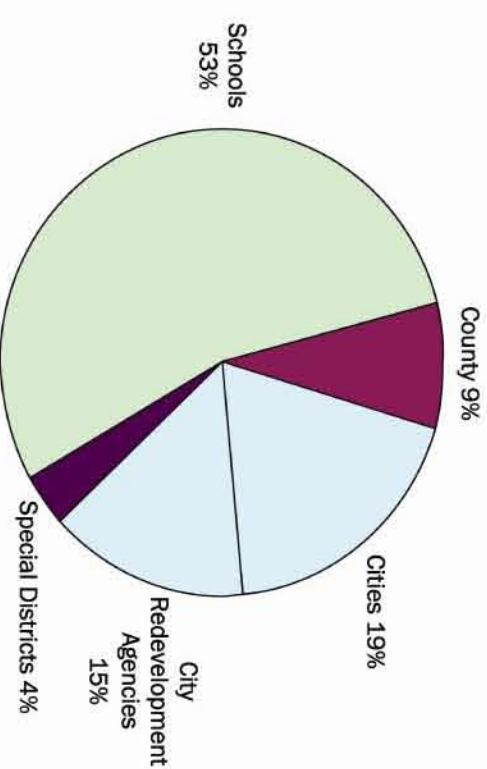


YOLO COUNTY BUDGET (\$330 million for fiscal year 2009/10)

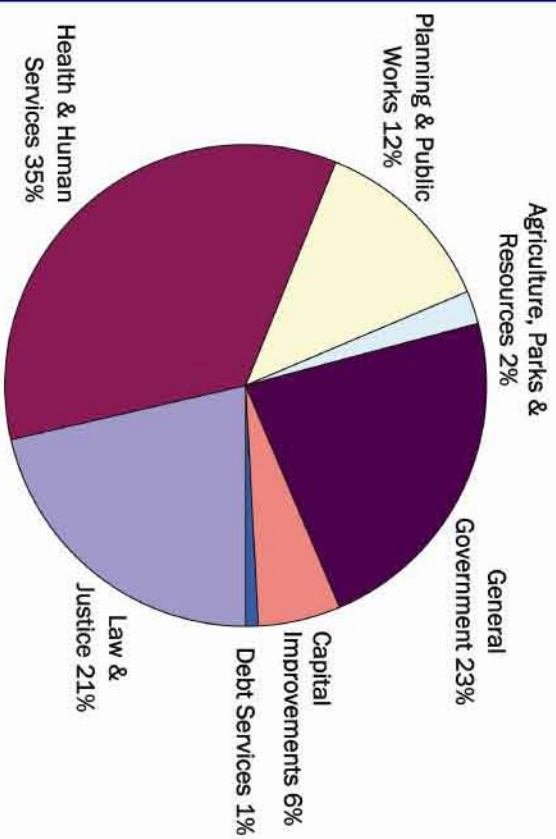
Yolo County is a middle-sized rural/suburban county with a strong commitment to the preservation of agriculture and open space. 88% of Yolo County's population lives within its cities, with almost 97.2% (603,544 acres) of its unincorporated land designated for agricultural use. 416,519 acres of those 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 to the county. 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 the lowest share of property tax in the state. 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.

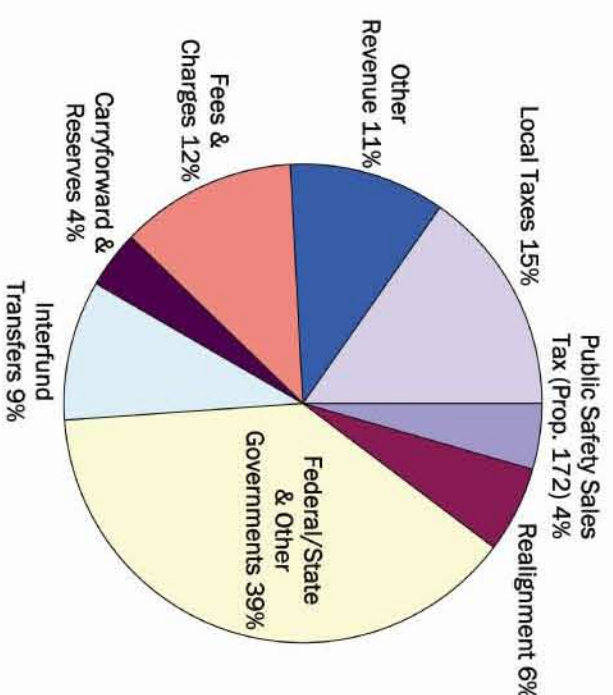
Property Tax Shares in Yolo County



Total Budget Spending by Program



Total Budget Fund Sources



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