

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 to establish 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 worldwide fame for its research and education work. In 1987, West Sacramento became Yolo County's fourth incorporated city.

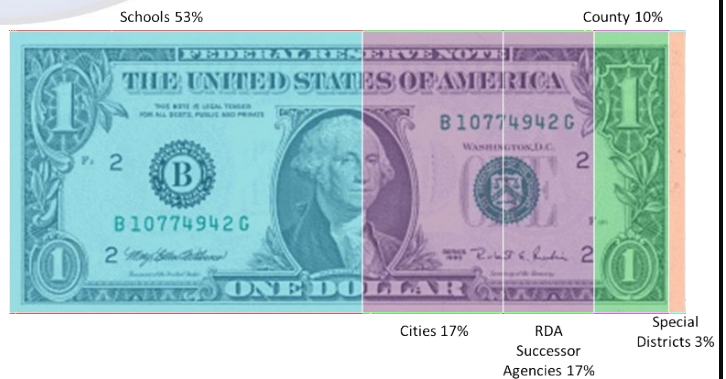
2023-24 Budget: \$725,647,035 (general purpose revenue \$100,569,146) **Largest Employer:** University of California, Davis
Funded Positions: 1,854 (as of September 2023) **Largest Industry:** Agriculture
Yolo County Population: 220,880 residents (DOF estimate as of January 2023) **Area:** 1,021 square miles (653,549 acres)
City Populations: Davis 64,097; West Sacramento 54,187; Winters 7,534; Woodland 59,881 (DOF estimate as of January 2023)

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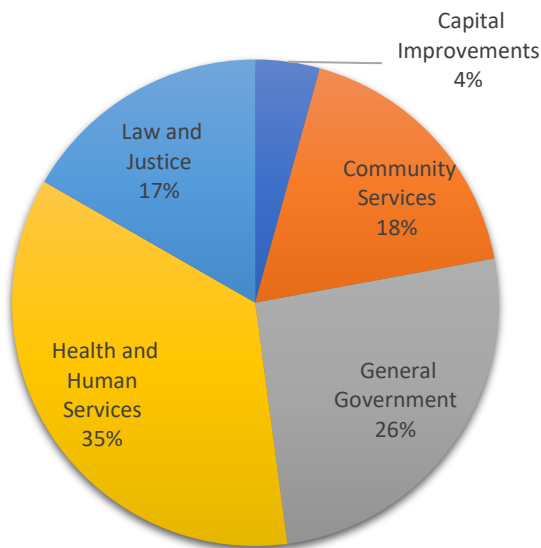
Yolo County is a middle-sized rural/suburban county with a strong commitment to the preservation of agriculture and open space. 87% of Yolo County's population lives within its cities, with almost 84.82% (548,981 acres) of its unincorporated land designated for agricultural use. 428,748 acres of those lands are in Williamson Act (land conservation) contracts (78% of all acres designated for agricultural use).

Unfortunately, preservation of agricultural land 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, due to the County's longstanding policy of directing urban development into its cities, the County receives almost no significant sales tax revenue.

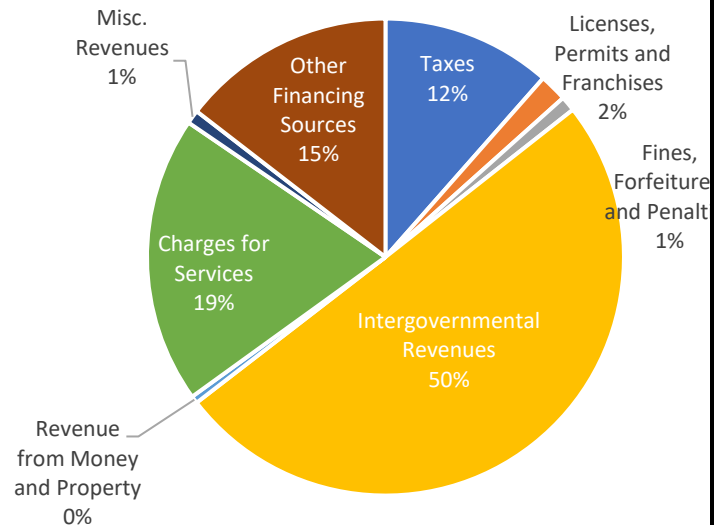
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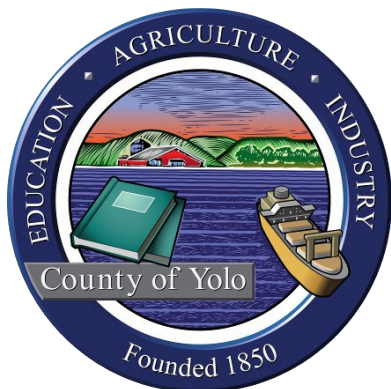
Total Spending by Program Area



Sources of Total County Funds*



* Yolo County received \$42 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding, which will be included in the budgets for spending between FY 20-21 and FY 24-25



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, flood management, agriculture, economic development, emergency services, intergovernmental relations, libraries, and areas of general governance. Based on these policies and in alignment with the five Strategic Plan goals shown below, 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, seven county service areas, 13 fire districts, and participating in several regional governing bodies.

Strategic Plan Goals



**Thriving
Residents**



**Safe
Communities**



**Sustainable
Environment**



**Flourishing
Agriculture**



**Robust
Economy**

Services Provided by Yolo County

With 8.4 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 Supportive Services
- Job Training
- Maternal and Child Health
- Medical Care Services
- Medically Indigent Adults
- Mental Health Services
- Public Health/Laboratory
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)