

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

2025

Year in Review



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COUNTY

About Sacramento County

Sacramento County covers 994 square miles and is home to the California state capital, 1.6 million residents and seven incorporated cities: Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento. The population of Sacramento County's unincorporated area is 602,760.

Residents in Sacramento County have a variety of recreational, dining and entertainment options to choose from. The County is home to more than 15,000 acres of park, plus the 23-mile American River Parkway, where more than five million visitors enjoy the unique wildlife and recreation area annually. Fishing, boating and rafting opportunities are available to water enthusiasts, and picnic sites, golfing, guided natural and historic tours are steps away from the multi-use trail. With its close vicinity to local agriculture, County residents also have an extraordinary selection of local food, wines and beers.

Sacramento County is one of the most affordable home-buying metropolitan areas in the state, and has a skilled workforce, high graduation rates and college-educated residents. The County is a leader in the 21st century economy with agriculture and food, clean energy technology, information and communications technology and life sciences.

County Government

The County of Sacramento was incorporated in 1850 in response to the needs of a growing population and was one of the original 27 counties of California. In 1933, the Sacramento County Charter was established, along with the County Executive position.

The County is governed by five members of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, elected



Board of Supervisors, L-R: Patrick Kennedy (District 2), Phil Serna (District 1), Rosario Rodriguez (District 4), Rich Desmond (District 3) and Pat Hume (District 5)



*David Villanueva,
County Executive*

on a non-partisan basis to serve staggered four-year terms, each representing one of the five districts. The County Executive is responsible to the Board for planning, organizing and directing County activities. Other elected officials include the Assessor, District Attorney and the Sheriff.

The County is responsible, pursuant to the County Charter or ordinances, or by state or federal mandate, to provide health and welfare, criminal justice and municipal services (including law enforcement), as well as other services to County residents. Major services include the Airport System, Animal Care and Regulation, Clerk Recorder, Criminal Justice, Health and Welfare, Property Tax System, Regional Parks, Transportation, Waste Management and Recycling, Voter Registration and Water Resources.

The County's Adopted Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget is \$9.2 billion, and there are more than 12,500 full-time employees. For more information, visit www.saccounty.gov.

Sacramento County by the Numbers

1,604,745

Total Population:

(up 8,464 people since 2024)*

602,760

Unincorporated Population:

(down 1,600 people since 2024)*

\$88,724

Median Income

(5.61% increase since 2024)**

\$498,900

Median House Value

(7.08% increase since 2024)**

37.2

Median Age of Population

(1.09% increase since 2024)**

\$9.2 billion

**Sacramento County's
2025-26 Budget**

Where do my Property
Tax Dollars go? ➔

Your Tax Dollars at Work

Largest job sector in Sacramento County:**

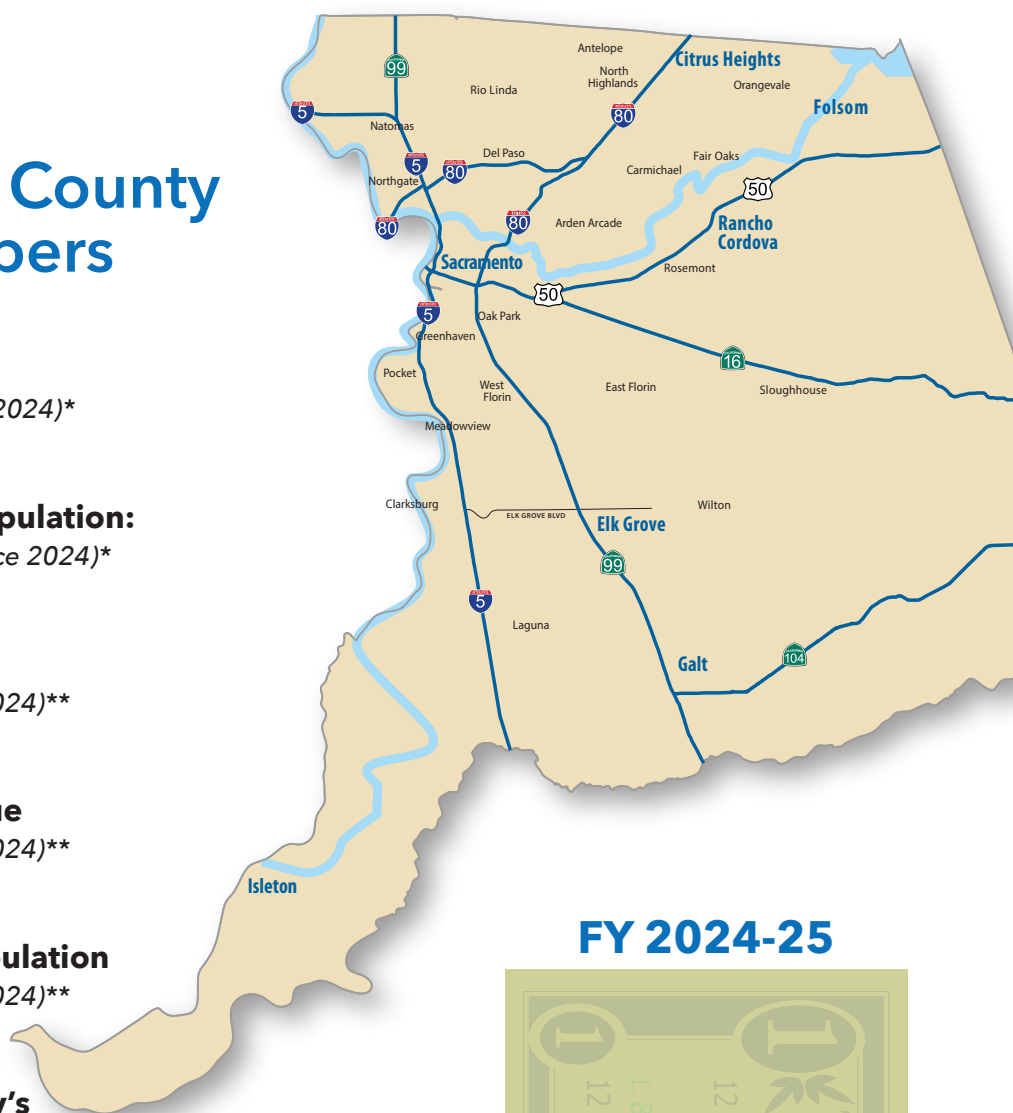
- » Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 144,954 workers (3.9% increase since 2024)

Next largest sectors are:**

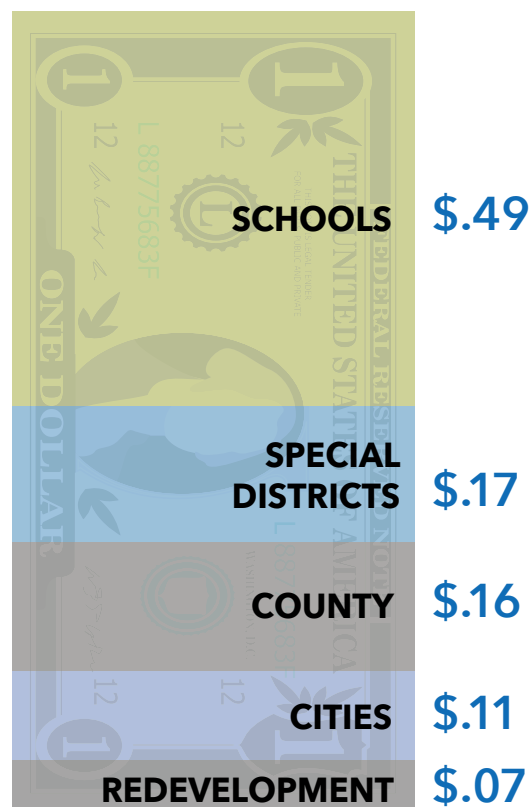
- » Public Administration, employing 127,747 workers (2.7% increase since 2024) and Retail Trade, employing 63,391 workers (.1% increase since 2024)

*Source: California Department of Finance

**Source: JobsEQ®, <http://www.chmuraecon.com/jobseq>



FY 2024-25



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- ↓ 65% **Child removals decreased by 65%, reflecting a focus on prevention and family preservations.**
- 44,160 **In-Home Supportive Services served 44,160 recipients, a 9% increase, with care delivered by more than 41,000 providers.**
- 88% **88% of participants in the Homelessness Prevention and Navigation Services Program secured or maintained permanent housing.**
- \$134M **In 2024-25, Child Support Services collected approximately \$134 million in child support payments.**
- 6,459 **Adult Protective Services served 6,459 individuals, responding to nearly 23,000 calls.**



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Child, Family and Adult Services

Since 2015:

- » Foster care entries declined by **58%**.
- » Child removals decreased by **65%**, reflecting a focus on prevention and family preservation.
- » Placement with relatives or close family friends increased by **16%**.

In 2025:

- » Adult Protective Services served **6,459** individuals, responding to nearly **23,000** calls.
- » **88%** of participants in the Homelessness Prevention and Navigation Services Program secured or maintained permanent housing, and nearly half of residents exiting Nottoli Place transitioned to permanent housing.
- » In-Home Supportive Services served **44,160** recipients, a 9% increase, with care delivered by more than 41,000 providers, representing a 10% increase from the prior year.

Child Support Services:

In federal fiscal year 2024/25, Child Support Services collected **\$134,436,544**, a 4% increase from the previous year, meaning more money went to families every month to buy groceries, clothes, gas, and other essentials.

Environmental Management Department

In 2025, the Environmental Management Department protected the public's health and safety by:

- » Conducting **12,270** retail food facility inspections.
- » Inspecting more than **6,000** additional sites, including recreational health facilities (3,167), hazardous materials and waste facilities (2,213), water systems (391 wells, 248 wastewater treatment, 40 small water systems), and landfills/transfer stations (260).
- » Responding to **487** hazardous materials incidents.

Health Services

Primary Health:

- » Reduced countywide emergency department ambulance offload times from 73 minutes to **33 minutes**.
- » Completed **3,400** more medical appointments than in 2024 at the Sacramento County Health Center.
- » Implemented **three-hour wellness checks** in high-risk withdrawal areas in the jail, enabling earlier intervention and reducing adverse health outcomes.

Behavioral Health:

- » Added **154** residential treatment beds, including **107** withdrawal management beds.
- » Expanded outpatient and intensive outpatient services with **two new sites** and growth at four additional locations.
- » Added **65** Sober Living Environment beds, including **40** designated as Behavioral Health Bridge Housing.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Services led the Capital Food Access Alliance (CFAA) to strengthen regional food recovery:

- » Awarded more than **\$2 million** to 29 nonprofit organizations, supporting food access and reducing food insecurity.

Homeless Services and Housing

Safe Stay Shelter Communities

Safe Stays provide private cabins and person-centered services that support transitions from encampments into stable housing.

- » **Stockton Boulevard** (175 bed capacity): 412 individuals served; 42 exits to permanent housing
- » **Florin Road** (125 bed capacity): 324 individuals served; 39 exits to permanent housing
- » **East Parkway** (55 bed capacity): 175 individuals served; 21 exits to permanent housing

Encampment Outreach and Services

- » Served **1,882** individuals and delivered 74,575 services
- » Supported **763** individuals in transitioning out of unsheltered homelessness



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Strengthening Regional Collaboration

The County convened a first-of-its-kind public shared governance meeting bringing together county and city leaders to focus on coordinated strategies for addressing homelessness and maximizing limited resources.

Human Assistance

DHA delivered essential public assistance that supported health and financial stability for hundreds of thousands of residents.

- » Medi-Cal coverage for approximately **666,000** individuals
- » CalFresh benefits for **360,422** individuals, totaling **\$606.85 million**
- » CalWORKs cash aid for **100,326** individuals, totaling **\$290.12 million**
- » General Assistance to **5,629** individuals, totaling **\$5.42 million**
- » Refugee Cash Assistance services for **2,341** individuals, totaling **\$8.5 million**
- » Wait times for initial service appointments were reduced so most residents are seen the same day or next day.
- » Weekly outreach supporting unhoused individuals and families with housing connections, transportation, and temporary shelter.

Veterans and Employment Services:

- » Assisted **13,000** veterans (up 18% from last year) and helped secure **\$21.4 million** in federal benefits (up 58% from last year)
- » More than **40%** of Welfare-to-Work Job Club participants secured employment.
- » Placed **115** participants in subsidized employment positions through partnerships with 90+ employers
- » Processed **4,000+** childcare referrals to support parents entering employment



First 5 Sacramento

First 5 Sacramento's Birth and Beyond Home Visiting Program delivered strong outcomes for families with young children.

- » **Fewer than 6%** of participating families experienced repeat CPS involvement, compared to nearly 14% of similar families not receiving services.
- » Families receiving 12 or more hours of support were three times less likely to have another CPS report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Airports

- » In 2025, SMF recorded its 23rd consecutive month of year-over-year growth in passenger traffic, having served nearly **13.9 million passengers**.

SMF expanded service, **adding nonstop flight** routes to

- » Anchorage
- » Baltimore
- » Morelia
- » Orlando
- » Puerto Vallarta
- » Tucson

SMForward is the airport's largest improvement program ever; it is a **\$1.4 billion investment** to prepare for future passenger growth and improve the travel experience.

SMForward projects include upgrading concourses, terminals, parking, ground transportation, and rental car facilities.

Agriculture, Weights and Measures

In 2025, the Department inspected **21,001 commercial weighing and measuring devices** throughout the County. With an impressive **93% overall pass rate**, the vast majority of scales, fuel pumps, and other devices were found to be accurate and in compliance. Only **7% required adjustment or re-calibration**, reinforcing confidence that customers are getting what they pay for and that businesses are operating on a fair and level playing field.

Community Development

Building Permits and Inspection

- » **23,019** commercial and residential permits issued, totaling a valuation of approximately **\$1.4B**
- » **105,892** inspections performed

Planning and Environmental Review

- » **654** residential units approved in master plan areas
- » **265** projects approved through Design Review and landscape/WELO review
- » **130** discretionary projects completed
- » **8,500+** customers served through Building Assistance Center and general Planning email

Economic Development

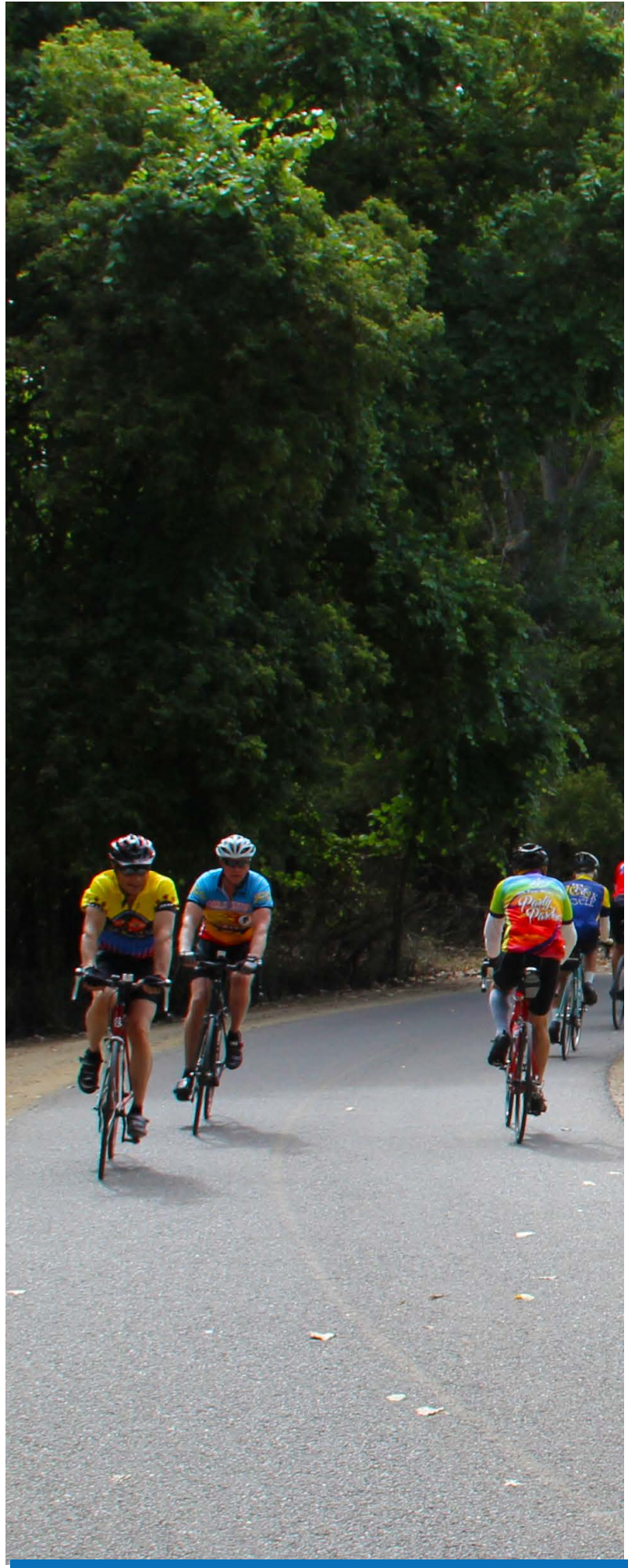
- » Supported the development of **8** major industrial and commercial projects, creating **408** new jobs and **\$254.5 million** in capital investment.
- » Provided business resources, permitting assistance, and sustainability guidance to **637** entrepreneurs, businesses, and developers.
- » Collaborated with **15** local community-based organizations to deliver **\$1.94 million** in COVID-19 recovery support to **4,314** small and minority owned businesses.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- » Awarded **\$336,000** in grant funding to **69** local arts and cultural nonprofit organizations to strengthen the creative economy.
- » Organized **34** training seminars and workshops to support the growth and development of entrepreneurs and business owners.
- » Coordinated **97** Business Watch Meetings across **9** communities to promote public safety and community engagement among local businesses.

Regional Parks

- » Refurbished the pedestrian bridges over the Mayhew Drain and at Dry Creek Parkway in Roy Hayer Park to **improve safety and accessibility**.
- » Built a new community garden area at Gibson Ranch, opening **52 low-cost garden plots** to the public in December 2025.
- » Dedicated thousands of staff and partner hours—across SCRP, CCC, and **even our four-legged “goat crew”**—to fire fuel reduction work throughout the Regional Parks system.
- » Partnered with SETA to **provide job skills training** while completing flood cleanup, repairs, and re-landscaping along the Bradshaw Road frontage at Animal Care.





Community Services, *Continued*

Transportation

Design

In the Department of Transportation (DOT) in 2025, more than \$120 million in construction work was either underway or completed throughout the unincorporated area, including the following:

- » South Watt Ave Improvement Project: Florin to Jackson (\$60 million)
- » Franklin Boulevard Bridge Replacement at Lost Slough (\$10.3 million)
- » Arden Way Improvements Phase 1 (\$7.4 million)
- » Florin Road Pedestrian Improvement (\$12.7 million)

Maintenance and Operations

The maintenance and operations engineering staff is responsible for delivery of pavement maintenance projects. Over the course of this year, staff completed design and award construction contracts of **\$40 million (\$10 million General Fund, and \$30 million LSR)** in paving projects.

In 2025, DOT:

- » Filled over **100,000** potholes
- » Removed and replaced **173** curb, gutter and sidewalk damaged locations
- » Completed **12.8 miles** of crack sealing on the roadway
- » Investigated **877** traffic safety complaints
- » Constructed **34** speed bumps/speed tables on **19** residential streets
- » Removed **76,020** sq.ft. of graffiti



Waste Management and Recycling

DWMR serves **167,000+** residences in unincorporated Sacramento County with curbside collection of garbage, organics, recycling, used oil/filters and bulky waste. Each driver averages up to **1,000** accounts daily.

The seasonal Self-Serve Compost program provided **3,500** tons free to residents and nonprofits – a **55%** jump from 2024. A community garden reported a **175%** boost in produce yield after improving soil with compost from our Organics collection!

The North Area Recovery Station and Kiefer Landfill processed about **430,000** tons of material from **285,000** customers and **993,000** tons of nearly **189,000** customers, respectively.

Their household hazardous waste (HHW) facilities handled **1.1+ million** pounds of HHW and **1.4+ million** pounds of electronic waste from **15,000+** residential and commercial customers.



Water Resources

Recertified the County's FEMA Community Rating System – Class 2 rating. There are 1,504 CRS Communities in the US and Sacramento County is the **only Class 2 agency in the state** and **one of only nine in the nation**. A Class 2 rating results in a 40% discount on flood insurance for County residents.

Treated and distributed over **13 billion gallons of water** to Sacramento County Water Agency customers.

Issued **\$70 million in revenue bonds** to continue funding projects in the Arden Area and secured funding for two other major capital projects.



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 **SacGreenTeam**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Administrative Services

Animal Care Services

- » More than **7,700** animals were placed through adoption, foster, rescue, and placement programs, including 2,527 dogs and 3,925 cats and kittens finding paths out of the shelter.
- » Helped **1,203** lost pets reunite with their families, many thanks to microchips and community reporting.
- » More than **2,030** animals received foster care, giving vulnerable pets the time and space they needed to grow, heal, or recover.
- » Transferred **961** animals to specialized rescue groups.
- » **339** animals were Spay/Neutered through the PAWS (Pet Aid and Wellness Services) program, which also performed 1,126 wellness exams.

- » **617** animals spay/neutered at Mobile Animal Sterilization Hospital (MASH) clinics, providing essential services in underserved areas to reduce unwanted litters and the number of stray animals in the community.

Assessor's Office

The Sacramento County Assessor's Office has been honored with the **2025 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for Innovation** for our groundbreaking **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Characteristics Program**.

The program was the **first of its kind in California**, setting a new standard by adding detailed ADU-specific attributes to our property database. This not only improves accuracy in property tax assessments but also provides valuable data for **homeowners, developers, permitting agencies, lenders, appraisers, and real estate professionals**.

Clerk Recorder

The Clerk/Recorder's office:

- » Recorded **260,000** real estate documents
- » Issued **9,150** marriage licenses and performed more than half of those marriage ceremonies – **5,050** in total
- » Processed a total of **38,000** birth, death, and marriage records and issued **78,800** copies of birth, death, and marriage certificates



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



Finance

- » Went live with new Property Tax system and collected and distributed over **\$2.9 Billion** in Property Taxes during 2025.
- » Distributed **\$850 million** in County payroll and **\$624 million** in retiree pension payments.
- » Processed nearly **1 million** remittance transactions, contributing over **\$3.49 billion** in deposited funds to the County.
- » The County Pooled Investment Fund distributed **\$305 million** in interest earnings to local agencies in fiscal year 2025.
- » Revenue Recovery disbursed over **\$4 million** in restitution payments to victims of crime.
- » CUBS has collected over **\$517,000,000** in utilities fees

GENERAL SERVICES

General Services

Security Division

The DGS Security Division provided **a safe and secure environment** for all County employees, partners, visitors, and clients with the acquisition of two dedicated golf carts for patrolling downtown County-owned parking lots and garages.

DGS Security initiated the acquisition process for an **upgraded weapons detection system** for the County Administration Center. Since implementation of the current screening system, hundreds of unauthorized items have been successfully intercepted.

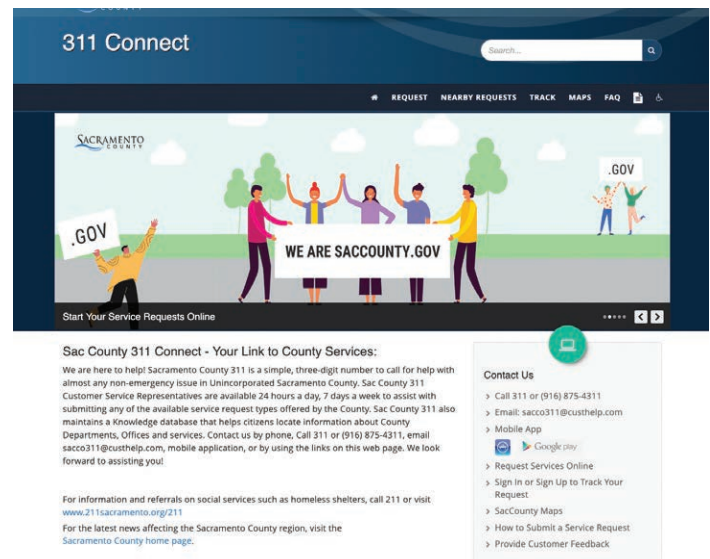
Architectural Services Division (ASD)

During 2025, ASD completed approximately **32 capital projects** across the County, including:

- » ADA improvements at Regional Parks parking lots, playgrounds, and restrooms
- » Installation of HIPAA-compliant booths at the Main Jail
- » Roof repairs throughout the County, including Parks facilities, the Youth Detention Facility, libraries, and the RCCC
- » Upgrades to various building systems at multiple facilities, including DTECH, Mental Health Building 200, and the Main Jail

Personnel Services

The **2025 T.H.R.I.V.E. Summit & Community Engagement Mixer** was a collaborative standout event held at Sacramento State University on October 15, 2025. **Attended by 700 people**, the summit featured a dynamic racial equity panel, including elected officials, leaders from community-based organizations, and community organizers.



Technology

Citizen Interactions to obtain County services via 311 Connect:

- » **237,349** Interactions Reported total:
 - Web Portal: **4,032**
 - Email: **13,031**
 - Mobile App: **32,801**
 - Phone: **187,485**
- » Incidents resolved through 311 Connect: **234,331**
- » Incidents resulting in immediate dispatch of County Services through 311 Connect: **35,183**

Voter Registration and Elections

In 2025, Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) successfully processed over **1,021,000** voter file transactions to maintain accurate and up-to-date voter information.

During an **unprecedented 73-day timeline**, VRE administered a Statewide Special Election—one of the shortest election preparation periods ever—operating 31 in-person Vote Centers and 62 Official Ballot Drop Boxes across the county.

For this election, VRE served **503,687** voters, achieving a **55% turnout**. Of these, **28,350** voters (5%) cast their ballots in person, while **475,337** voters (95%) voted by mail. Every ballot was securely processed and tabulated, ensuring accuracy and integrity under this compressed schedule.

Public Safety and Justice

Coroner

In 2025, the Coroner's Office referred **28 low-income families** to the American River College Funeral Program. The program allows families to hold funeral services for their loved ones free of charge.

District Attorney

In May, the District Attorney's Office, Wilton Rancheria and the Sacramento Sheriff's Office entered a first-of-its-kind Memorandum of Understanding to form the **Sacramento Regional Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Task Force**. This historic partnership combines law enforcement cold case investigations with data sharing and culturally informed practices to address the high rate of violence and unsolved cases among Native communities.

The Cold Case Unit was successful in prosecuting a 1981 murder, solved and filed charges for another 1981 murder, connected Matthew Muller (featured in the Netflix documentary "American Nightmare") to a previously unsolved 1993 kidnap, identified

victim remains from an unsolved 1991 homicide, and filed charges in a 2013 rape and attempted murder offense.

Probation

The Youth Detention Facility (YDF) launched a **Youth Council Program** to empower youth and improve communication.

Adult Services completed **1,755** client contacts, graduated **105** from day reporting, achieved **83** certifications, **12** job placements, and recovered **92** illegal firearms.

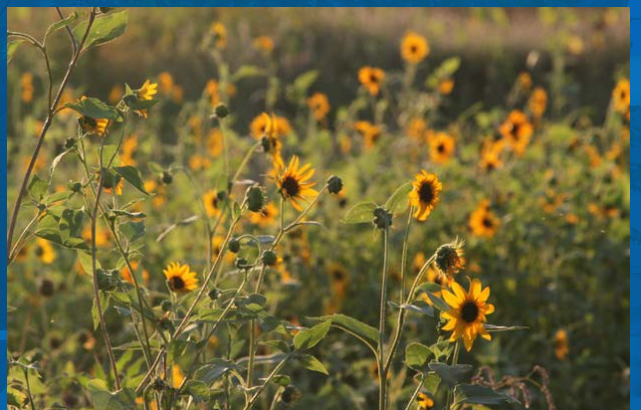
Public Defender

In 2025, the Sacramento County Public Defender received the **California State Association of Counties Challenge Award** for its Juvenile Pre-Trial Program, which connects system-involved youth to individualized, trauma-informed care within days of detention.

The program has helped reduce youth incarceration in Sacramento County by **more than 50%** since its launch.



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