

2025 Annual Report



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DEAR RESIDENTS,

We're pleased to share the 2025 Solano County Annual Report with you. This year brought meaningful progress across our departments, and we're proud of the work being done to support public safety, strengthen families, increase transparency, and invest in the long-term well-being of everyone who calls Solano County home.

We continued our strong record of responsible financial stewardship. The Auditor-Controller's Office (ACO) once again earned top state and national honors for excellence in financial reporting, now for the 23rd year in a row. The ACO also released our Popular Annual Financial Report, which offers an easy-to-understand look at how county dollars are spent.

Across the County, teams worked hard to improve services and better meet community needs. We expanded our pesticide safety programs, advocated for regional water resource protections, and made major progress on the countywide interoperable radio network, a system that will improve emergency communications. When the federal government shutdown created uncertainty for CalFresh households, staff moved quickly to make sure families had reliable information and access to local food resources.

We also saw important achievements in justice and public safety. The S³ Campaign brought life-saving education about fentanyl and DUI dangers to students and families. Several community events like "Make It Right" and Clean Slate Day helped residents clear eligible warrants and rebuild opportunities for work and housing, promoting public safety, reducing barriers to employment, and strengthening community trust in local law enforcement.

Support for children and families remained a major focus in 2025. First 5 Solano celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Vallejo First 5 Center and broke ground on the new North Texas Recreational Facility in Fairfield. The Vacaville Cultural Center Library hosted a re-grand opening after a significant renovation, making for a more welcoming, modern learning environment for children and families. The Health & Social Services Solano HEALS program (Health Equity for African American / Black Lives) earned national acclaim for improving birth outcomes.

One of the year's most heartwarming traditions continued with the 19th Annual Centenarian Commemoration. We were honored to celebrate 51 residents whose lives reflect more than a century of wisdom, resilience, and service. Their stories remind us what makes Solano County such a special place.

Throughout this report, you'll see the dedication of County staff, community partners, and local leaders who work every day to strengthen Solano County. Together, we remain committed to building a safer, healthier, and more vibrant community, one where every resident has the opportunity to live, learn, work, and thrive.

Sincerely,

Mitch Mashburn, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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County Administrator



ABOUT **SOLANO** COUNTY



POPULATION

There are approximately 449,839 people living in 909 square miles through Solano County, including in the seven cities and unincorporated areas.



INCOME

\$100,027 is the median household income as of December 2025.



AGE DISTRIBUTION

Solano County's population includes about 22.1% residents ages 18 and under, 61% ages 19–64, and 16.9% age 65 and older.



ETHNICITIES

Solano County's ethnic makeup is approximately 32% white, 30% Hispanic or Latino, 13.8% African American, 16.2% Asian, and 8% Other Races.



TOP CROP

Almonds top the 2024 crop report, with a total reported value of \$437.9 million for **all** crops.

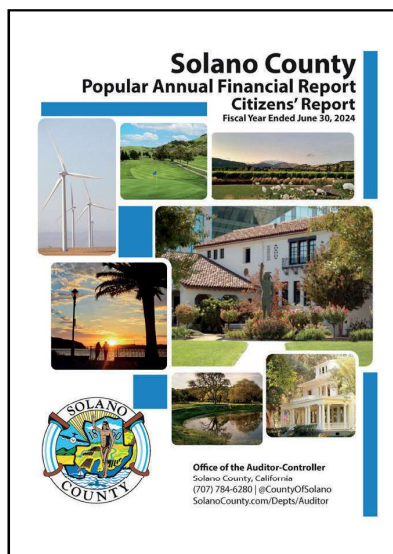


TAX ASSESSMENT

\$77.9 billion is the total property tax assessment of all properties in Solano County.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Solano County strives to provide programs and services for our residents that use taxpayer dollars responsibly and sustainably



GOVERNMENT FINANCE
OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

AWARD WINNER:
FY 2019/2020
FY 2020/2021
FY 2021/2022
FY 2022/2023

Popular Annual Financial Report

The Auditor-Controller's Office released the 2024 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), a user-friendly "Citizen's Report" designed to make the County's financial results clear and accessible, reinforcing our commitment to transparency and accountability. The report has been submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association for consideration for the Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting award, an honor Solano County has earned for the past four years. The PAFR is derived from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and is evaluated for clarity, accuracy, and overall public appeal.

Government Finance Officers Association Award

The Auditor-Controller's Office received the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its FY2023/24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. This is the highest recognition in governmental financial reporting and marks the County's 23rd consecutive year earning the award. The honor highlights the County's commitment to transparency and full disclosure and is viewed positively by credit rating agencies and others assessing the professionalism of the County's financial management.

State Controller's Award

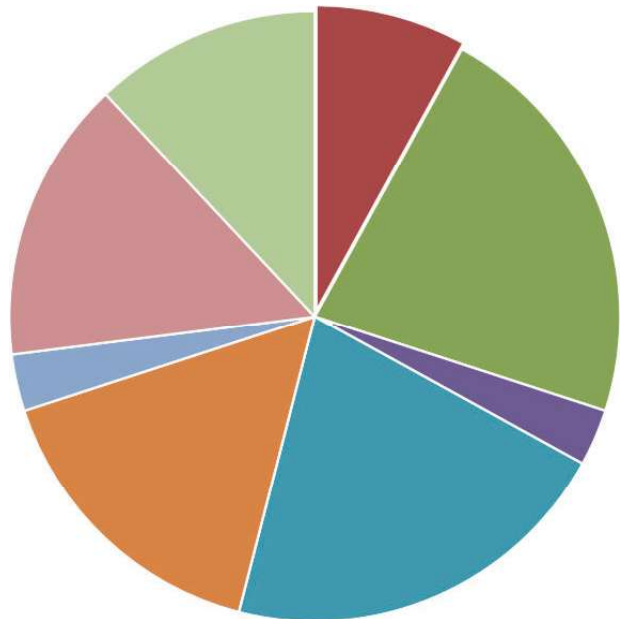
The Auditor-Controller's Office received the State Controller's Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY2023/24, recognizing the County's timely, accurate, and fully compliant financial reporting. The award reflects proper budgeting, classification of revenues and expenditures, and complete reporting of outstanding debt. This high-quality data supports the State Controller's annual report and is relied upon by policymakers and stakeholders statewide.

More information on these reports and awards can be found on the Auditor-Controller's website, SolanoCounty.gov/auditor-controller

Board Adopts a Balanced Budget

On June 23, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted a balanced FY2025/26 budget totaling more than **\$1.64 billion**, reflecting the County's commitment to responsible fiscal management and long-term community investment. Supported by State and federal funding, awarded grants, and local revenues, including property taxes, service fees, interest income, business license fees, and limited sales tax from unincorporated areas, the budget ensures Solano County remains well-positioned to deliver essential programs and services. Through careful planning, the retirement of legacy Pension Obligation Bonds, and the full allocation of remaining ARPA funds, the FY2025/26 budget strengthens core services, maintains fiscal resilience, and prepares for potential impacts from fluctuating funding streams, ensuring the County can continue meeting evolving community needs.

ADOPTED SPENDING PLAN BY FUNCTION, FY2025-26



- General Government, \$148,771,479, **8%**
- Public Protection, \$369,182,886, **22%**
- Public Ways and Facilities, \$45,501,232, **3%**
- Health and Sanitation \$356,895,930, **21%**
- Public Assistance, \$271,176,155, **16%**
- All Others, \$53,401,553, **3%**
- General Fund Transfers, \$251,984,550, **15%**
- Contingencies and Reserves, \$195,860,509, **12%**

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR COMMUNITY

The Board of Supervisors makes strategic investments in programs, services and infrastructure improvements for County residents of today and tomorrow



Advancing Countywide Public Safety Communications

The Department of Information Technology (DOIT) made significant strides in strengthening public safety communications by expanding its shared, interoperable radio system, an investment that enhances coordination, reliability, and response across the county. DOIT, in partnership with public safety agencies, completed the first major expansion in more than a decade, integrating additional regions and activating a new radio site. With more than \$6 million invested, the project is now advancing further upgrades that will close coverage gaps and modernize the network. This interoperable system ensures first responders can communicate seamlessly across jurisdictions, improving emergency response, enhancing public safety, and delivering long-term value for the county as a whole.

Comprehensive Battery Energy Storage Ordinance

Earlier this year, the Solano County Board of Supervisors adopted a comprehensive Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) ordinance that sets clear safety, permitting, and siting standards for large-scale battery facilities. The County developed the ordinance through a 20-month collaborative process with staff, industry experts, and community members, creating a framework that supports responsible energy storage development while protecting residents, agricultural lands, and high-risk areas. By establishing strong local regulations that align with state approval processes, the County is strengthening community safety and advancing sustainable energy infrastructure.



First 5 Center Celebrates Five Years of Supporting Families

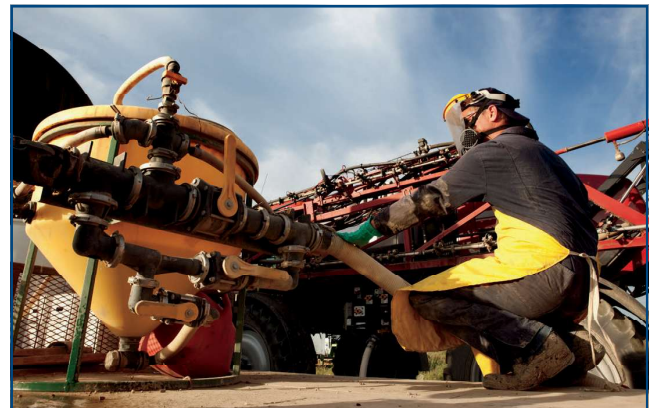
In March 2025, the Vallejo First 5 Center marked its fifth anniversary with a joyful celebration of learning and family connection. The event brought together local leaders, First 5 Commissioners, and community partners for a day of bilingual songs, story time with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Chairman Anthony Roberts, and engaging, family-friendly activities. Children went home with books and goodie bags, highlighting five years of the Center's commitment to early learning, family engagement, and strong community support for Solano County families.

Protecting Regional Water Resources

Solano County continues to advocate for the integration of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) program into the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan update. This effort is critical to safeguarding water allocations that support local cities and agriculture, ensuring the long-term reliability of the Solano Project's water resources. By working closely with regional partners, the County is helping shape policies that balance environmental sustainability with the needs of the community and local economy.

Strengthening Infrastructure and Community Safety

The Department of Resource Management, Public Works division, enhanced Solano County's infrastructure and safety by maintaining and improving roads, replacing culverts, clearing debris, and repairing flood-damaged areas. Crews responded to 38 emergency call-outs, assisted with illegal food vendor sweeps and homeless encampment cleanups, and removed over 1,500 illegal dump sites. GIS technology supported efficient tracking of assets, projects, and road and traffic activities, ensuring effective operations and safer communities. These efforts reflect the County's ongoing commitment to maintaining reliable infrastructure and a high quality of life for residents.



Advancing Agricultural Safety and Compliance

The Agriculture Department strengthened pesticide safety across Solano County by issuing hundreds of permits, registering 350 pest control businesses, and completing nearly 400 inspections in farms, ranches, and urban areas. The department also partnered with the Solano Farm Bureau and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to host the County's first-ever Spray Safe training, delivering continuing education to 80 applicators and agricultural workers. Together, these actions ensure pesticides are applied safely, responsibly, and in full compliance with state standards.

Groundbreaking for North Texas Recreational Facility

On June 4, 2025, First 5 Solano Commissioners and staff joined the groundbreaking of the North Texas Recreational Facility in Fairfield. The 4.43-acre site will feature a 6,700-square-foot recreation center, sports fields, playgrounds, a jogging trail, picnic areas, and a fitness zone. As the long-term tenant, First 5 Solano will provide essential early childhood and family services, creating a vibrant community space for families to learn, play, and connect.

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Solano Parks Welcomes Thousands of Visitors

The Department of Resource Management, Parks division, welcomed more than 220,000 visitors to County parks and open spaces this year, offering year-round opportunities for camping, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, paddleboarding, and wildlife observation. Summer access hours were expanded at Patwino Worrtla Kodoi Dihi and Lynch Canyon Open Spaces, adding 16 hours per week. Staff and volunteers also led docent activities and participated in environmental stewardship events, including Earth Day, World Environment Day, and Coast and Creek Cleanups, supporting cleaner, healthier parklands for the community.



Grand Re-Opening of Vacaville Cultural Center Library

In December, Solano County celebrated the grand re-opening of the Vacaville Cultural Center Library following significant upgrades to the facility. Facility improvements included refreshed interior spaces, updated furnishings, enhanced technology, and more flexible areas for reading, studying, and community programs. The grand reopening drew strong community interest, with 3,801 guests attending the event. These enhancements create a more welcoming, modern, and functional library for residents of all ages, reinforcing the County's commitment to investing in public libraries as essential community hubs that support education, lifelong learning, and access to information and resources.

Enhancing Community Engagement and Public Awareness

The Department of Resource Management, Planning and Environmental Health division, are actively engaging residents and stakeholders through targeted outreach and education efforts. These include meetings with the Pleasants Valley Agricultural Association, community updates about the new farmstand ordinance, and the development of a 2026 Special Event Facility Guide to help applicants more easily navigate permit requirements. In addition, the Lead-Based Paint Abatement Program is expanding after successful pilot projects in 2025, underscoring the County's commitment to safer homes, healthier communities, and transparent, proactive public engagement.



Leading to Reading: Supporting Young Readers

Solano County Library expanded the "Libraries Leading to Reading" program, offering one-on-one tutoring to help students strengthen literacy skills and build confidence. Through partnerships with Vallejo and Fairfield-Suisun School Districts, trained tutors supported more than 70 students this past summer. The program continues to help young readers make meaningful progress and reflects the Library's mission to inspire learning and strengthen our communities through literacy.



Promoting Safety Through the S³ Campaign

The Solano County District Attorney's Office (DA) advanced the S³ (Safe, Sober, Smart) Campaign, a public safety initiative focused on preventing fentanyl overdoses and impaired driving deaths, particularly among youth. Partnering with local fire departments, the California Highway Patrol, and Public Health Officer, the campaign delivered this critical message to high schools across Solano County. Special guest Danielle Manno shared her personal story to educate students and help save lives, and the DA looks forward to continuing this outreach countywide.

Ensuring Health, Safety, and Environmental Compliance

The Resource Management Department, Environmental Health division, conducted thousands of inspections across Solano County to protect public health and the environment. Staff performed 2,228 inspections at retail food facilities, 1,149 at businesses handling hazardous materials, 196 at underground storage tank sites, 335 at public pools, 39 at body art facilities, and 190 at hotels, motels, and residential dwellings. The division also issued 109 onsite sewage treatment permits, 194 well permits, and reviewed 129 businesses for compliance with SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery requirements. These efforts ensure safe food handling, proper hazardous materials management, clean water, and compliance with environmental regulations, demonstrating the County's commitment to the health and safety of its residents.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Solano County is committed to the improvement of health and wellness of all those who live, learn, work and play in our community



Clean Slate Day: Expanding Access to Justice

The Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender offices hosted their second annual Clean Slate Day in January 2025, serving nearly 300 community members seeking record-clearing support. Attendees received assistance ranging from dismissals to expungements and accessed additional services through an on-site resource fair. By helping individuals overcome barriers to employment and housing, Clean Slate efforts strengthen pathways to successful reintegration and reflect Solano County's continued commitment to fairness and opportunity.

DCSS Wins Innovation Award for Mentoring Program

In 2025, the Solano County Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) earned the Innovation in the Child Support Program Award from the Child Support Directors Association for the second year in a row, recognizing its successful internal Mentoring Program. Designed by staff for staff, the program fosters professional and personal growth through exercises such as mock interviews, leadership Q&A sessions, and public speaking practice. Since its launch, 28 mentoring relationships have supported educational achievements, innovative projects, and numerous staff promotions, reflecting DCSS's commitment to staff development and a stronger, more capable team.



Solano HEALs National Recognition

The Health & Social Services Department, Solano HEALs (Health Equity for African American / Black Lives) program earned national distinction with the 2025 Model Practice Award from the National Association of County and City Health Officials. This recognition highlights Solano HEALs' innovative, collaborative work to advance equitable birth outcomes for Black mothers and babies through programs such as the Centering the Doula initiative, expanded mental health supports, and racial equity training for healthcare providers. This honor reflects Solano County's ongoing commitment to health equity. Learn more at www.solanoheals.org.

'Make It Right' Warrants Clearance Brings Relief

In November 2025, the Solano County District Attorney's Office partnered with the Superior Court and Orchard Avenue Baptist Church to host the "Make It Right" Clear Your Warrant event. The program allows community members with eligible minor warrants to have cases dismissed at no cost and without risk of arrest. The event provided hundreds of residents a second chance, bringing relief and closure to attendees. Volunteers, community organizations, and law enforcement all contributed to the event's success, reinforcing the County's commitment to fairness, community support, and second chances.



BASSC Executive Development Program

Health and Social Services proudly participates in the Bay Area Social Services Consortium's Executive Development Program (BASSC), a leadership initiative offered in partnership with UC Berkeley Extension. Each year, H&SS managers are selected to strengthen their leadership skills, learn best practices from regional peers, and broaden their professional networks. Congratulations to this year's four participants, including Daniel Horel, Thomas West, Rema El-Mahmoud, and Jose Caballero, whose commitment to growth and service continues to strengthen our organization and the community we serve.



County Earns CSAC Challenge Awards for Innovation

Solano County earned two prestigious California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Challenge Awards, recognizing the County's innovative and efficient approaches to serving the community. The Department of Information Technology and the Behavioral Health division received awards for their forward-thinking internship programs, which provide hands-on training, mentorship, and career pathways to help address workforce shortages. These honors highlight the commitment of County staff, leadership, and community partners to developing local talent, improving services, and strengthening outcomes for residents.

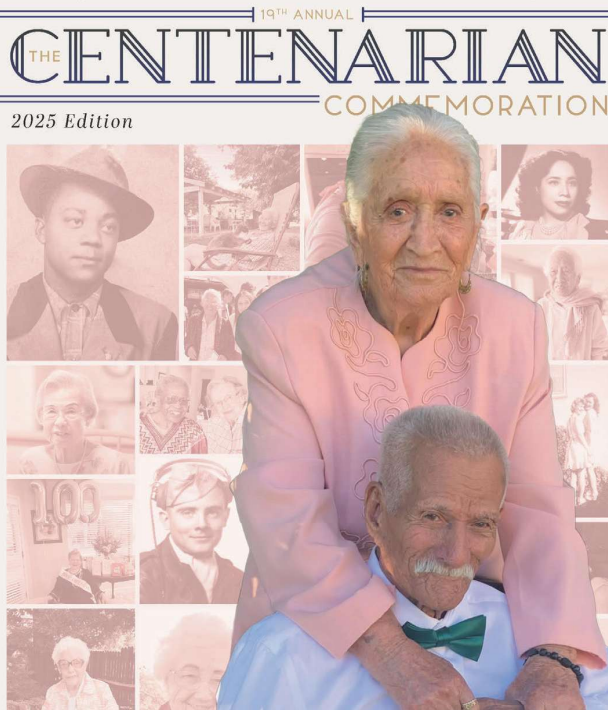
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County Launches New Website Platform

In June, Solano County launched **SolanoCounty.gov**, a new countywide website to better serve residents, employees, and visitors by making it easier to find information and access County programs and services. The totally reimagined site features a modern, user-friendly layout with improved navigation and accessibility, and it is fully mobile-friendly so the public can easily use it on smartphones, tablets, and other devices. Built with updated security standards and a responsive design, the new website strengthens transparency, improves access to services, and reflects the County's ongoing commitment to clear communication, efficient service delivery, and continuous improvement.

Honoring the lives of residents of Solano County who have reached the age of 100



Honoring a Century of Wisdom, 2025 Centenarians

On September 23, 2025, the Solano County Board of Supervisors hosted the 19th annual Centenarian Commemoration, honoring 51 residents whose collective life experience surpasses 5,200 years. These centenarians, community leaders, veterans, and beloved family members embody the history and resilience of our community, including this year's oldest honoree, 106-year-old Adelina Diaz of Vallejo. Planning for the celebration begins each spring, with staff coordinating across Board offices, senior living facilities, and families to identify honorees and gather their stories. The event featured a thoughtfully prepared yearbook and video montage, created to highlight the extraordinary lives and contributions of Solano County's centenarians, continuing a tradition that has included recognition of two Super Centenarians (110 years and older) since the program began in 2007. If you know a Centenarian that you think should be honored, email the County at **Centenarian@SolanoCounty.gov**.



Probation: Collaboration for Community Success

The Probation Department celebrated 76 graduates from the Center of Positive Change, marking meaningful progress toward rehabilitation that strengthens families and enhances community well-being. By supporting individuals in addressing the root causes of justice involvement, these graduates are better equipped to reintegrate successfully, reduce recidivism, and contribute positively to the community. Through strong partnerships and innovative services, the Department enhances public safety by delivering evidence-based programming, supporting specialty courts, expanding outreach, and implementing a new Pretrial Interface that improves communication and efficiency with justice and community partners.

Advancing Suicide Prevention in Solano County

Solano County is making significant strides in suicide prevention through data-informed and community-focused initiatives. With support from a \$2.1 million state grant, the County has strengthened rapid response, cross-agency coordination, and prevention strategies for residents of all ages. Efforts include real-time hospital data tracking, grief support programs, safe storage partnerships, enhanced staff training, and wellness initiatives like "Anchor Boxes." By targeting high-risk communities and fostering collaboration through the Suicide and Overdose Prevention Coalition, Solano County is advancing compassionate, proactive approaches to support mental health and save lives.



Addressing Food Insecurity through Partnership

The Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano is a vital partner in supporting residents facing food insecurity. In Fall 2025, the Department of Resource Management's Sustainability Planning team finalized a contract to conduct targeted outreach to grocery stores, helping ensure surplus food is identified for donation before spoilage. This initiative strengthens access to nutritious food for vulnerable community members while reducing food waste across local retail locations.



Solano County is a diverse and vibrant community located in the heart of Northern California, serving approximately 450,000 residents through 19 departments dedicated to public safety, health and social services, environmental stewardship, and strong fiscal management. Guided by the Board of Supervisors, staff work collaboratively to deliver high-quality services, support economic growth, protect natural resources, and enhance the quality of life. Together, we remain focused on building a safe, healthy, and thriving Solano County for all. For more information, visit www.SolanoCounty.gov or contact Matthew A. Davis, Principal Management Analyst at MADavis@SolanoCounty.gov.

