CITY PROFILE

HISTORY



The City of Davis was founded in 1868, it was originally named Davisville for Jerome C. Davis, a prominent local farmer. The Davisville post office shortened the town name in 1907 and the change was official when the city incorporated in March 1917.

Closely tied to the community's history is the University of California at Davis with a student population of 29,571. UC Davis was established in 1908 as the "University Farm School". From its beginnings as an agricultural community, Davis is now recognized internationally for its contributions to life sciences, agriculture, veterinary medicine, biotechnology, medical technology and engineering.

The City of Davis is a university-oriented city of just over 65,000. It has a unique university and residential community internationally known for its commitment to

environmental awareness and implementing progressive and socially innovative programs. The city's quality of life and vigorous progressive community is reflected in its small-town style and many well known symbols: energy conservation, environmental programs, green belts, parks, preservation of trees, British red double-decker buses, bicycle paths, record

number of bicycles per capita, and the quality of its educational institutions.

LOCATION & TOPOGRAPHY

Located in Yolo County, in the Central Valley of northern California, Davis is situated 11 miles west of Sacramento, 385 miles north of Los Angeles, and 72 miles northeast of San Francisco.

One major advantage of the Davis region as a place to live and do business is its proximity to major markets.



Virtually the entire state of California is within a one-day driving distance. The Sacramento and American Rivers lie to the east along with historic gold country and Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada Mountain range. To the west lays the San Francisco Bay area and Silicon Valley, the great coastal redwood forests, and the open beaches and rugged shores of the dramatic Northern Pacific Coastline. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region lies to the south. There is unparalleled scenic beauty and many recreational opportunities within a few hours drive from Davis.



Davis sits in the Pacific Flyway, a major migration route for waterfowl and other North American birds. Several wildlife preserves, offering a natural environment, dot the landscape. In 1999 President Clinton recognized the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area as one of the most successful public-private partnerships for wildlife preservation. It provides habitat for thousands of resident and migratory waterfowl on more than 2500 acres of seasonal and semi -permanent wetlands. The facility is open to the public and provides educational opportunities regarding wetlands and associated wildlife species.

The Central Valley is the agricultural heart of the state and provides one of the most highly developed and integrated agricultural systems in the world. Scientists conduct research in Davis because its physical location allows recreation of nearly limitless soil and environmental conditions. The area surrounding Davis has some of the most productive agricultural land in California, sustaining hundreds of different crops – from rice to tomatoes to almonds. Thus conservation of prime agricultural land through limited urban growth is a priority as part of the city's General Plan. Other directives include resource conservation and the efficient use of energy, open spaces and water resources. These priorities have garnered Davis international acclaim for accomplishments in recycling; water conservation; and innovative, energy-saving design.





Davis also sits in the eastern portion of the Putah Creek Plain, a major feature of the southwestern Sacramento River Valley. The land slopes at generally less than one percent. The official elevation level of the city is 51 feet. Elevations range from 60 feet in western parts of the City to 25 feet in some eastern parts. The City limits cover 10.5 square miles.

Davis flood hazards generally consist of shallow sheet flooding from surface water runoff in large rainstorms. The Public Works Department mitigates this impact by maintaining three main channels and three detention ponds, which provide for drainage and storm water detention. No earthquake faults run through the city. Davis has suffered no quake damage from quakes occurring on the San Andres fault system to the west or the Eastern Sierra fault system to the east. The office of Planning and Research has placed the Davis area in Seismic Activity Intensity Zone II.

The City's water supply, maintained by the Public Works Department, is drawn from aquifers ranging from 300 to 1,700 feet below ground surface. Davis draws water from twenty water wells located throughout the city, one elevated storage tank with a 200,000-gallon capacity and over 170 miles of water

distribution pipes. The quantity of water available has been estimated as adequate to meet the city's projected demand.

Generally, Davis groundwater is very hard and high in dissolved solids. Selenium and nitrates are two primary substances found in Davis tap water. Selenium is a natural element in the soil, which may dissolve into groundwater, and nitrates are chemicals that may occur from agricultural irrigation and cultivation of the soil due to fertilizers or leaching of water from septic systems. Both selenium and nitrate levels at all city wells are below the maximum standards set by federal and/or state agencies. Long term development of water wells over 1,500 feet deep is ongoing to improve the aesthetic characteristics of Davis water.

The City of Davis and the University of California, Davis are jointly involved in a study to identify the feasibility of future water supply alternatives to improve water quality and reliability. Several of the alternatives being considered involve obtaining surface water from the Sacramento River and treating this water at the City of West Sacramento water treatment plant. This study is funded by a grant from the State of California Department of Water Resources.

WEATHER

The Central Valley climate can be described as Mediterranean. The mild temperate climate means enjoyment of outdoors all year long. During the hot, dry, sunny summers, temperatures can exceed 100 degrees F on some days; however, more often summer temperatures are in the low 90s. The Sacramento River Delta breeze usually cools overnight temperatures into the 60s. Spring and fall has some of the most pleasant weather in the state. Winters in Davis are usually mild. Temperatures drop below freezing on only a few days. The rainy season typically runs from late fall through early spring and fog season lasts from November through March.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROFILE

A major advantage of the Davis region is that it is situated at the hub of several highways, a nearby deep-water port, a major airport and

transcontinental rail lines. The area enjoys considerable location advantages.

Highways. Interstate 80 and State Highway 113 run through Davis with the junction of these two major roadways located just outside town at UC Davis. Interstate 5 is 11 miles to the north and 13 miles to the east. The Interstate 505 junction is 14 miles west.

Public Transit. Three transit systems serve the City of Davis. Unitrans provides bus service within the city. Yolobus connects to other cities in Yolo County. Davis Community Transit provides doorto-door demand response service to the general public, seniors and the disabled.

Davis has a strong history of bicycle use and planning. An estimated 60,000 bicycles are in use in Davis and on the UCD campus. An estimated 17% of personal trips in Davis are made by bicycle, which is almost ten times the national average. City planning integrates bicycle lanes and bike paths on city streets and through community greenbelts.

TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING

Airport Access Sacramento International Airpor Davis University Airport Yolo County Airport	1 mile
Interstate Freeways	
Interstate 80	>1 mile
Interstate 5	11 miles
Highways	
U.S. Highway 50	7 miles
U.S. Highway 99	17 miles
Highway 113	>1 mile
Water Access	
Sacramento/Yolo Deep-water Po	ort 11 miles
Rail Access	Public Transportation
Amtrak	Yolobus
Southern Pacific Railroad	Unitrans
	Davis Community Transit





Train. Davis sits at the junction of the

north/south, east/west lines for both the Southern Pacific Railroad and AMTRAK. Capital corridor trains stop at Davis daily for service between Sacramento and the Bay Area. AMTRAK and the Greyhound bus company stop at the historic Southern Pacific Depot, adjacent to the downtown. The city renovated the circa 1910 depot building and expanded parking at this facility, pictured at left.

Airports. Situated 19 miles to the northeast is the Sacramento International Airport. Served by 11 major

national and international carriers as well as one several cargo carriers, it has about 150 arriving and departing flights and over 12,500 passengers daily. Yolobus and a private airport shuttle provide service between Davis and the airport. The Yolo County Airport, five miles northwest of Davis, has a 6,000foot runway that can accommodate medium-sized corporate jets or private planes. The UC Davis Airport is open to the public and offers general utility services for light aircraft.

POPULATION & HOUSING

Davis is located in Yolo County one of the top ten fastest growing counties based on percentage of change. Davis has been characterized by robust economic and population growth in the last ten years as people and businesses worldwide have realized the many benefits of locating in this desirable California region.

Davis' greatest economic and social resource is its residents. Outstanding professional and technical skills, coupled with progressive and innovative thinking make the population a resource envied in surrounding communities and throughout the State. Davis residents boast the highest level of education in the state with more than 80% of Davis' adult population completing a minimum of one year of college training and more than 60% having attained at least a four-year college degree.



Housing prices in Davis are generally higher than the rest of the Greater Sacramento Area. An historical desire for slow growth in the community has contributed to higher home prices. In addition, Davis' excellent quality of life, the low crime rate and a premier local school system create high demand to move into this community.

Davis did see significant new home development during the 1990s. The limited potential for new development will continue to affect the Davis housing market and its affordability. Further added pressure to the housing market will be the projected increase in the UCD student population through 2010, of an additional 5,000 to 6,000 students and about 500 new faculty members, plus additional staff. Affordable housing is a major priority for City Council.

DAVIS POPULATION AND HOUSING ESTIMATED UNITS*

Total PopulationTotal Housing UnitsOccupied Housing UnitPercent Vacant66,47125,97324,9733.90%

* As of January 1, 2013

Source: California Department of Finance



LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

COMMUNITY LABOR FORCE AVAILABILITY

March 2013*	Labor Force	Employed	Unemplo Number	yment Rate
City of Davis Yolo County	39,000 99,500	36,200 88,500	2,800 11,000	7.2% 11.1%
Source: California Employi *Preliminary data	ment Developn	nent Dept	– Labor Market In	formation Division

Davis has a highly skilled professional and technical labor force with residents represented at the highest levels of state and national policy decision making. Nearly all of the major administrative agencies for the State of California are represented by Davis residents in key positions.

The work force is engaged in a broad spectrum of employment with primary representation in professional, technical, and governmental (managerial and administrative) occupations. This distribution is due mainly to the city's close relationship with the University of California campus and the professional and technical environment the university creates.



GOVERNMENT

Cities are "local" governments, voluntarily formed by and for their citizens, to provide for local self-determination of community issues. The City of Davis is a municipal corporation operating under the general laws of the State of California. It endeavors to create a livable community with a high quality of life through land-use policies that balance the need for housing, jobs, open space and essential services. The city is a legally separate and fiscally independent agency. It can issue debt, set and modify budgets, fees and sue or be sued.

Davis operates under the Council-Manager form of government with a fivemember council, elected at large by city residents. The City Manager serves as the administrative head of city government overseeing the departments of Administrative Services, Fire, Police, City Manager's Office, Community Development & Sustainability, and Public Works.

The primary government of the City of Davis includes the activities of the city as well as the Public Facilities Financing Authority, which is controlled by and dependent on the city.

The Public Facilities Financing Authority was established solely to assist in the issuance of certain bonds for a series of Community Facilities Districts for the construction of infrastructure and improvements under the State Mello-Roos Act. The authority is controlled by and financially dependent on the city. Its financial activities are included in the capital projects and fiduciary funds.

Dedicated to citizen participation, the city has nineteen council-appointed commissions that are devoted to various aspects of community life including such elements as planning, recreation, finance/business and economics, natural resources and university student relations.

As a "general-purpose" city, Davis provides essential frontline municipal services, described below. The city funds these activities through a variety of locally enacted revenues (parcel taxes, user and license fees, etc.) and with state shared revenues (property tax, sales tax, motor vehicle license fees).

Police: Provides law enforcement services that utilize departmental, civic and community resources to protect lives and property of its' citizens.

Fire: In addition to responding to fires, environmental accidents and natural disasters, the Davis Fire Department also offers comprehensive fire safety programs and is the "first responder" in providing emergency medical services.



Council-Manager form of government

A five-member council elected at-large by city residents.



Community Services: The City of Davis provides swimming pools, parks, ball fields, greenbelts, bike paths and bike trails. There is one public golf course, two private golf courses and a skateboard park.



Also provided by Community Services are various programs to promote the physical and social well-being of Davis residents, including operating a Senior Center; child care referral services and funding. The city also sponsors many recreational activities for seniors, other adults and youth of all ages and abilities.

Public Transit, Transportation and Streets: Maintains and improves a

coordinated local transportation network system including senior transit, dial-aride programs and funding assistance for UNITRANS. Plans for the safe and convenient movement of pedestrians and vehicles on city streets, maintain and repair 165.1 miles of city streets, 55 signal controlled



intersections and 5,710 street and pathway lights.

Planning and Development Services: Helps guide the physical and economic growth of the community. Ensures that buildings are safe and that developments improve the city environment and promote economic vitality.

Public Utilities: The city's Public Works Department provides the clean water used by citizens every time they turn on a faucet, wash clothes, or jump into a pool or hot tub. They also provide sewer and drainage services as well as garbage removal and recycling.



Significant City work projects during FY 2013-14 include:

 Continue work on the waste water treatment plant. The pending State discharge permit allowing the city to discharge treated wastewater is expected to require the introduction of advanced treatment processes as well as upgrades to existing plant facilities.



- The City will rehabilitate approximately 6,000 linear feet of sewer trunk line and repair other sewer line segments at various locations within the City.
- Move forward with the major efforts towards bringing surface water to the City through the alternative Water Supply Project. This project would bring water from the Sacramento River and reduce the City's reliance on deep water wells.



% of General Fund Budget By Department	2013- 2014
City Attorney	0.8%
City Council	0.3%
City Manager's Office	5.3%
Administrative Services	14.6%
Community Devel&Susta	4.4%
Fire	19.3%
Police	33.8%
Public Works	18.9%
Capital Improvements	2.6%
Debt Service	0.0%

Finance

The FY 2013-14 budget for the City totals \$245.5 million. The Financial Services Unit within the Administrative Services Department oversees approximately 16,000 utility accounts, 5,920 business licensees and 12,000 vendors. The City operates on an IBM i-Series, PC-Based, integrated computer system.

Major revenue sources for the overall city budget include: property tax (9.1%), sales tax (3.7%), service charges (18.7%), intergovernmental revenue (6.7%), and other taxes (3.9%. Other revenues accounts for 46.7% of revenue in this year's budget due to financing of \$115 million for large CIP's. Major expenditures within the General Fund are: Police and Fire (53.0% combined), Public Works (18.9%), and Administrative Services (14.5%).

COMMUNITY

Davis is noted for its desirable quality of life, its seeming small town atmosphere, engaged citizenry, and extensive parks and open space network. Davis' park amenities range from picnic facilities, ball fields, swimming pools, and wildlife habitat. Serving as a



crossroads for the community, Central Park includes the U.S Bicycling Hall of Fame, California Bicycle Museum and the Davis Farmer's Market. The Farmers Market is a regional draw that allows locals and visitors to buy fresh, local produce (often organic) directly from growers. In this vibrant open-air atmosphere visitors can also find unique gourmet foods, live entertainment, specialty products, arts and crafts, and even take a splash in the nearby fountain. The Market is held year-round twice weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Davis is also known for its pioneering efforts in addressing environmental and social issues. A good example of the City's commitment to sustainable community design is its unmatched bicycle and pedestrian network. Over 50 miles of bicycle paths connect neighborhoods, schools, parks, shopping centers, the University and the downtown, and has led to the highest percapita bicycle ownership rate in the nation. Residents of Davis are active in local, national, and international political causes, sports, arts and community organizations.

The Davis community combines the right blend of safe neighborhoods, convenient retail and service establishments, and cultural amenities for a variety of tastes and plentiful recreational activities. There are 32 parks and 485 acres of improved developed landscape owned and maintained by the city.



The area offers myriad cultural and entertainment attractions. A Northern California Mecca for artists of many media, Davis features a community-built Art Center, more than two dozen private and public galleries, an annual downtown Street Faire, an exciting collection of unusual public objects d'art and the restored downtown Varsity Theater performing arts and conference center. In almost any direction one turns, the stroke of the local artist is evident. Demonstrating the city's dedication to art in public places, more than \$200,000 of publicly owned art can be seen in a walk around downtown Davis.

Galleries like "The Artery", a local artists' cooperative, provide an opportunity for artists to show and sell their

work. Longtime downtown anchor, the "Pence Gallery", hosts exhibits yearround and the outdoor performing area is home to music concerts and theater productions. The Davis Musical Theater Company is a full time, year-round, musical theater company, and the Davis Comic Opera Company stages classic operettas. UCD Presents brings world class entertainers to the area.

More than a dozen major dance concerts are produced in town each year and the UC Davis Drama Department always has a top-notch theater season.

The International House is a haven for foreign visitors, scholars and students with facilities to welcome and serve guests from all over the world.



Sutter Davis Hospital and Kaiser Permanente Medical Facilities provide excellent primary and continuing health care for the residents of Davis. Private clinics and physicians' groups are available to meet a variety of health care needs.

As a university town, Davis has the advantages of a small town coupled with the numerous intellectual, recreational and cultural activities serving a wide variety of interests.

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

Davis is a town that prides itself on innovation. Muir Commons is a 26-home co-housing community experiment in living borrowed from Europe. This complex allows residents to enjoy the economy of community living while retaining the privacy and benefits of individual home ownership.

Nearly every week, foreign dignitaries and notables from the United States tour Village Homes – a 240-home, 60-acre development designed in 1975 to recreate a traditional sense of community and to conserve energy and water in the most efficient way possible. Solar water heating and passive space heating designs are incorporated into the design of each home. In addition to open spaces around the homes, there is a large village green, a community day care center, an amphitheater, a pool, and a vineyard. The Village Homes development has been the subject of several national and international television documentaries on the environment and the future.

Addressing the age-old problem of teaching science with excitement, the Davis Regional Science Center is a model facility for science centers throughout the country and the world. Serving nearly half the counties in the state of California the center is designed to educate by totally immersing visitors in experiments, thus stimulating questions and education. The Explorit Science Center is a hands-on science museum with informal, year-round programs on math and science for children, youth and adults.

As one of the leading recipients of research funding in the nation, UC Davis offers a number of innovative research programs. They include the National Institute for Global Environmental Change, Neuroscience/Neurobiology Center, a statewide 100-year Sustainable Agriculture Plants Program, and the Institute of Transportation Studies.

Throughout Davis and the greater region, a cluster of biotechnology firms have developed building on the expertise and partnerships available on the UC Davis campus and the proximity to the Bay Area biotechnology community.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Davis Joint Unified School District is a premier California school district that provides for primary and secondary (K-12) public education in Davis. In the spring of 2011 the student body totaled roughly 8,500 students attending 16 schools in the district. Many residents live in the Davis community to enjoy the advantages of its open spaces, the ambiance of the university, and the quality of Davis public schools. The District offers a variety of special programs and services. Each year, approximately 90 percent of Davis Senior High School graduates enroll in post-secondary institutions.

Davis students have one of the highest scholastic achievement test scores in the region. Davis schools have won numerous awards and recognition nationally and internationally including California Distinguished School Awards and American mathematics Competition Awards. The Davis High School



Madrigals have performed at the White House and in Europe.

THE UNIVERSITY

Davis is the home to the University of California at Davis making it one the state's few remaining "college towns." UC Davis is a world class university with such varied attractions as the arboretum along Putah Creek, cultural performances, galleries, and one of the premier research general medical, and the law libraries in North America. The highly ranked University of California, Davis has approximately 30,000 students. Though many students live in Davis and contribute to a low housing vacancy rate, a great number of student's commute from the surrounding communities.



UC Davis has emerged as an acknowledged international leader in agricultural, biological, biotechnological and environmental sciences. It is gaining similar recognition for excellence of its teaching and research in the arts, humanities, social sciences, engineering, health sciences, law and management. The UC Davis is the largest of the 10 University of California campuses, with 5,200 acres, second in total expenditures and third in enrollment. UC Davis' three undergraduate colleges offer students more than 100 undergraduate major programs. In addition to more than 80 minors and graduate programs, the university has four professional programs: the Graduate School of Management (ranked as one of the best business schools in the country), the School of Law, the School of Medicine, and the School of Veterinary Medicine, the latter being the only such school in California.

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The UC Davis campus's reputation has attracted a distinguished faculty of scholars and scientists in all fields. The faculty is ranked 16th in quality among comprehensive public universities nationwide. UC Davis stands 12th in research funding among universities in the United States, according to the most recent statistics from the National Science Foundation. Several years ago, UCD was admitted into the prestigious Association of American Universities. Membership in this group of 62 institutions of higher learning is by invitation only.

More than 150 new varieties of fruits, grains and vegetables have sprung from agricultural research at UC Davis. The university's viticulture and enology department has influenced winemakers around the world. The University Arboretum is home to one of the best collections of dry lands plants in the country, and occupies about 200 acres along the north fork of Putah Creek. The Arboretum contains 2,000 trees, flowers and bushes, including more than a dozen rare or endangered species, and serves as an important teaching and research resource as well as a campus and community open space amenity.

UC Davis--home of the Aggies--offers a variety of intercollegiate athletic programs, club sports and recreation for everyone from the dedicated competitor to the casual enthusiast. UC Davis is two-time winner of the Sears Directors' Cup for National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II schools. UC Davis has a wide range of diverse offerings in music, drama, dance, the visual arts and design throughout the year. The Department of Music sponsors nearly 100 concerts each year, including those by the University Symphony, Chorus, Chamber Singers, Early Music Ensemble, Concert Band and Electronic Music Studio. The Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts has been open since April 2002. The Mondavi Center boasts an intimate, state-of-the-art, 1,800 seat performance hall, a versatile 250 seat studio theater each with superior acoustics and all the amenities you could ask for.

SPRING 2013 ENROLLMENT	
Undergraduate Colleges	23,439
Agriculture & Environmental Sciences	5,500
Engineering	3,502
Letters and Science	9,378
Biological Sciences	5,059
Graduate Studies	
Professional Schools	3,307
Graduate School of Management	475
School of Law	597
School of Medicine	1,407
School of Nursing	51
School of Veterinary Medicine	777
Campus Total	30,532

Area

CITY OF DAVIS MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

General
Date of Incorporation
Form of Government

March 28, 1917 Council / Manager 10.5 square miles

City Manager's Office

Council Commissions/Committees/ Task Forces Public Records Act Requests City Council & Planning Commission Agendas assembled, distributed, and posted	22 200+ n 50	City Council Commission Applicants State/Federal/Private Grants Hours of live, original programming, Produced for PEG Channels	46
Administrative Services			
Utility Accounts Annual Business Licenses Businesses in DBID (Davis Business Improvement Dis Parking Citations processed	16,259 5,920 762 strict) 16,570	Annual City Payroll: \$34 Direct Deposit/Payroll Checks <i>(*Calendar Year 201</i>	,377,436* 15,838* 1)

Community Services

Hours of Reasonable Accommodation # of meals served at Davis Sr. Center		Davis Community Transit Rides Enrollees in Recreation Classes	16,025 15,556
through Meals on Wheels	14,294	Unique Enrollees in Recreation	,
Children Receiving Child Care		Classes	3,241
Subsidy	1736	Facilities & Fields Reservations	12,398
Davis Community Transit Trips	16,025		

Fire Protection	Fire F	Prote	ction
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Fire Population Served	68,894	Fire Area Served	133 sq. miles
Stations	3	Calls for Service (2011):	
Firefighters and Officers	46	-Fire Calls	255
Chief Officers	3	-Medical Calls	2845
Fire Insurance Protection Rating Fire Inspections Conducted (2010)	Class 4 1,806	-Other Emergencies	1,210

Police Protection			
Stations Sworn Personnel Property Loss Property Recovered Calls for Service 911 Calls Cases Written Part I Offenses (homicide, rape Calendar Year 2012 Pre		Driving Under Influence Arrests Warrants Processed Animal Related Calls Citizen Complaints Noise Complaints Moving Violations Parking Citations ated assault, burglary, larceny, motor v 73	253 742 327 15 2,011 5,019 16,570 ehicle the
Department of Commun	ity Developmen	t & Sustainability	
Planning Permits Processed Number of Resale Inspections Originals Exemptions	135 444 45	All Permits Issued Code Enforcement Complaints	2,546 581
Public Works			
Miles of Streets Miles of On-Street Bike Lanes Miles of Off-Street Bike Paths Street and Pathway Lights All Other PW Permits Miles of Greenbelts Open Space Acres Maintained Total acres of landscaping mai City Trees		Street & Pathway Lights Traffic Signals Fire Hydrants Encroachment Permits City Buildings Maintained Square Footage City Buildings Neighborhood & Community Parks Swimming Complexes Tennis Courts	5,710 55 1,708 397 91 305,093 32 4 32
Water Utility			
Water Service Connections Gallons of Water Pumped Water Meters Read Every 60 [16,572 5.0 billion Days 16,579	Miles of Water Mains Water Wells	187.8 20
Sewer			
Miles of Sewer Mains Miles of Storm Drainage Line	164 127	Gallons of Wastewater Treated: 1.	681 billion
Refuse			
Tons of Solid Waste: 37,369	9 tons were gener	ated; 20,964 tons were diverted from la	andfill. Pata for FY 11/12

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