



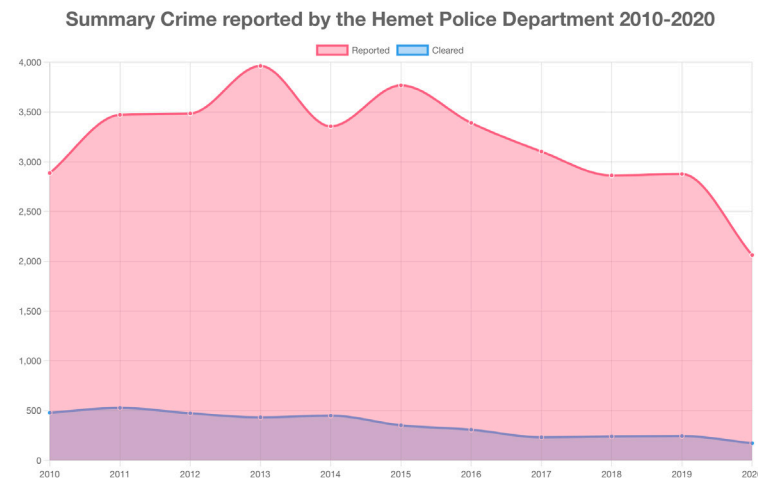
Information regarding Measure H
on the November 8 ballot

Impacts of Measure U (2016).

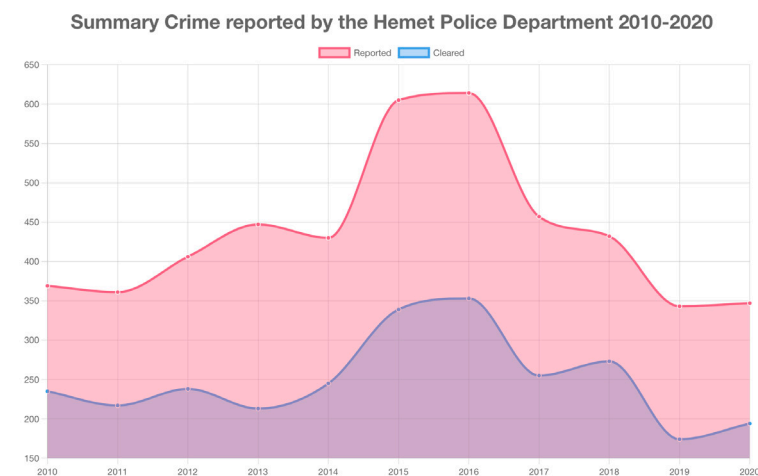
In 2016, in response to a significant increase in local crime — up 21% overall, with violent crime up 50% from previous years — Hemet voters approved Measure U, which established a Transaction and Use Tax of 1 percent. The City Council used these funds to increase police, fire and paramedic services, re-open a fire station, purchase new equipment and upgrade emergency communications.

Since voters approved Measure U, property crime declined from nearly 4,000 incidents per year in 2015 to approximately 2,000 in 2020, and violent crime declined from 600 in 2015 to just over 300 in 2020.

Property Crime Data for the City of Hemet over a 10-year period, 2010-2020



Violent Crime Data for the City of Hemet over a 10-year period, 2010-2020



The tax approved by Measure U is slated to expire.

Without the funds from Measure U, the city could be forced to cutback police and fire services to pre-2016 levels.

Because recruitment, training and retention of public safety professionals takes time, and there is competition from other cities for these trained professionals, **the City Council has determined that continuation of the tax is necessary to retain current staff and maintain improvements in public safety services. To that end, the City Council has placed Measure H on the November 8 ballot.**

Measure H - Hemet Transactions and Use Tax Continuation Measure.

<p>HEMET TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX CONTINUATION MEASURE.</p> <p>To continue providing general governmental revenues which are used for public safety services, including but not limited to, police, fire, and emergency medical services, and other essential government services, shall Ordinance No 2001 be adopted continuing without increase the existing, voter-approved one percent Hemet Transactions and Use Tax which provides approximately \$15,000,000 annually, until ended by the voters?</p>	Yes
	No



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Measure U-funded public safety improvements

- ▶ Increased Police Department staffing to improve response times, reduce crime, and increase neighborhood police patrols.
- ▶ Increased Fire Department staffing to improve response times, and opening of much-needed Fire Station #5.
- ▶ Purchased much-needed firefighter personal protective equipment, including helmets and protective clothing.
- ▶ Improved rapid response to gang violence.
- ▶ Reducing homelessness through partnerships with service providers to increase outreach, sheltering, and provide contracted services.
- ▶ Expanded youth interaction and School Resource Officer Program
- ▶ New improved public safety technology, including Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems, Fire management software, Body Worn Camera/ Taser integration, auto-tagging of officer video, and Flock automatic license plate reader to aid in solving crimes.
- ▶ New improved radio communication technology to improve response times, reduce liability and permit City safety personnel to communicate with other local agencies.
- ▶ Emergency medical services technology to optimize patient care.
- ▶ Development of innovative community and targeted response teams for our public safety departments, including community homeless outreach team and nuisance team to improve quality of life in our business and residential communities, collaboration and supervision of multi-agency tasks forces housed in the city, Medic patrol for all medical responses.
- ▶ Upgraded equipment to improve efficiency and effectiveness for overall community safety, including response vehicles for the Fire Department and Police Department. Purchasing new equipment to effectively deploy resources, incident response vehicle for wildfires, traffic motorcycles, drones, Fire training center and Police range and training facility.

Safeguards

As with Measure U, Measure H maintains the Citizen Advisory Committee to ensure these funds are spent as intended. As with Measure U, Measure H excludes food and prescription drug purchases from the tax.

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