

Community Information

Hemet





HEMET

Hemet is a city located in the San Jacinto Valley in Riverside County, California. It covers a total area of 27.1 square miles, about half of the valley, which it shares with the neighboring city of San Jacinto. In 2009 the city's population was estimated to be 74,361 according to the California Department of Finance. Hemet was founded in 1887, predating the formation of Riverside County, and was incorporated on January 20, 1910.

Parks

The City of Hemet has again been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. It is the 20th year that Hemet has received this national recognition! Click [here](#) to find out more about this national honor!

When a group of 25 or more people wish to use one of the parks for a picnic, wedding, party, reunion, etc., a Park Use Request should be filled out and brought to the City of Hemet offices. The City maintains a calendar for the park usages at the parks listed below. If time allows, the requests are placed on the Park Commission agenda for approval. The Park Commission meets the last Monday of every month at 4:00p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

The City Hall address is 445 East Florida Avenue (at the corner of Buena Vista St.). To check on the Park calendar, call (951) 765-2360.

All developed parks are open daily between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Simpson Park is open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Summer and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Winter.

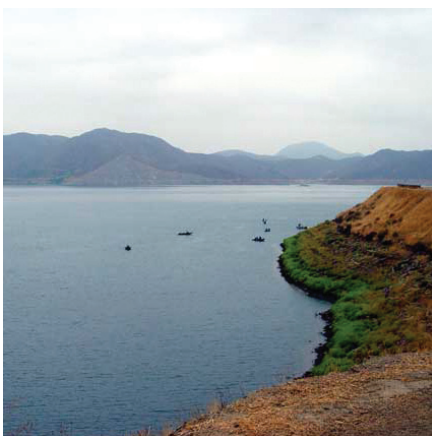
Organized recreational activities such as softball, tennis tournaments etc., are provided to the community by the Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District which is a separate entity from the City. Their offices are located at 901 West Esplanade Avenue in the City of San Jacinto, telephone number 654-1505.

Weston Park: Dedicated to John B. Weston, President of the Board of Trustees (Council) Hemet, 1914 to 1920. Weston Park contains shuffleboard courts, restrooms, playground, basketball court, and turf area for passive uses and games. Location: 700 E. Florida Ave. / Size: 4 acres / Established: 1921

Simpson Park: Dedicated to James Simpson, Hemet City Council 1947-48, Mayor 1950 to 1966. Simpson Park is a wilderness park located in the Santa Rosa Hills southeast of Hemet with sheltered picnic area and tables, barbecues, restrooms, and hiking trails. An excellent view of the San Jacinto Valley is to be found at Simpson Park, elevation 2,500. / Location: 28505 Rawlings Road (county) / Size: 483.48 acres / Established: 1964, rededicated 1988

Gibbel Park: Gibbel park contains a large children's play area, ball field, a half basketball court, restrooms, 2 lighted tennis courts, lawn bowling green, horseshoe pits, picnic areas and large turf area for passive uses. / Location: 2500 W. Florida Ave. / Size: 11 acres / Established: 1970

Welch Green: Dedicated to James H. Welch. The land was donated to the City of Hemet by his wife Stella. Welch Green contains seating area, turf and





specimen trees and is intended as a passive type of park. / Location: Northwest corner of Florida Avenue & Buena Vista Street. / Established: 1973

Spencer Park: Dedicated to Julis Hollister Spencer. Mr. Spencer was on the Hemet Fire Brigade August 7, 1908 and was Hemet's first Fire Chief. Spencer Park contains a large turf area and picnic facilities and is intended for passive uses. / Location: Palm Avenue, south of Stetson Avenue, behind Fire Station No. 2. / Size: .50 acres / Established: 1986

Rodeghier Green: Dedicated to Edward J. Rodeghier. Mr. Rodeghier served on Hemet Council 1971 to 1974 and was Hemet City Clerk from 1975 till his death in 1988. Rodeghier Green contains turf, trees and a bench. / Location: Northwest corner of Acacia Avenue and Palm Avenue / Established: 1988

Mary Henley Park: Dedicated to Mary Henley, born in Hemet and served as Hemet City Clerk from October 1951 to March 1975, and is the first Hemet Park named after a woman. Mary Henley still resides in Hemet. Mary Henley Park park contains a playground area, half basketball court, picnic tables, shade structures, a portable restroom and a large turf area. There is a 3/4 mile marked walking path/sidewalk around the perimeter of the park. Location: 801 S. Kirby / Size: 16 acres / Established: 1993



Brubaker Park: Dedicated to G. Roger Brubaker - Brubaker Park currently has five acres planted with grass and trees, a basketball court, playground, picnic tables. There is an adjacent softball field complex operated by Hemet Youth Baseball and several other softball fields in operation. / Location: 3703 W. Harrison / Size: 60 acres / Established: 1997

Hemet Public Library

300 E. Latham Ave / Hemet, CA 92543

Phone: (951)765-2440 / Fax: (951)765-2446 / www.hemetpubliclibrary.org

Hours: Monday & Tuesday- Closed

Wednesday & Thursday - Open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday - Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. / Sunday - Closed

James Simpson Memorial Center

Neighborhood/Senior Center

305 E. Devonshire Ave. / Hemet, CA 92543

Phone: (951) 765-2390 / Fax: (951) 765-2398

Hours of Operation: Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. except holidays / City Hall, Simpson Center & Covell Building closed Friday



Utilities

Metropolitan Water District & Diamond Valley Lake Info

P.O. Box 54153 / Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153 / (213) 217-6000

Eastern Municipal Water District

2270 Trumble Road / P.O. Box 8300 / Perris, CA 92572-8300

Tel. (951) 928-3777 / Fax. (951) 928-6177



Lake Hemet Municipal Water District
2480 E. Florida Ave. / Hemet, CA / (951) 658-3241

Southern California Edison
P.O. Box 6400 / Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729 / 1-800-655-4555

Southern California Gas Company
Centralized Correspondence: P.O. Box 3150 / San Dimas, CA 91773
1-800-427-2200

City of Hemet Water Department
SPECIFIC BOUNDARY WITHIN INCORPORATED CITY LIMITS - PLEASE CALL
3777 Industrial Ave / Hemet, CA 92545
Tel. (951) 765-3710 / Fax. (951) 765-2493

City of Hemet Integrated Waste Management Division
WITHIN HEMET INCORPORATED CITY LIMITS ONLY - 4 DIGIT ADDRESS
3777 Industrial Ave / Hemet, CA 92545
Tel. (951) 765-3777 / Fax. (951) 765-2493

Time Warner Cable
4077 West Stetson Ave / Hemet, CA 92545 / 1-888-TW-CABLE

Finance Department - Utility Billing:

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
City of Hemet - 445 E. Florida Ave. / Hemet, CA 92543
Phone: (951) 765-2350 / Fax: (951) 765-2336



Annual Events

YEAR AROUND

LAWN BOWLING: Meet local folks and international visitors enjoying an afternoon game of lawn bowling. Games are played on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday at 1pm. Join us at the Hemet-Joslyn Lawn Bowls Club, 2625 West Devonshire, Hemet. For more information regarding free lessons call Rob Robbins - 951-652-0981.

JANUARY

QUILTER'S SHOW: The last weekend in January brings a delightful display of quilts and a number of quilting supply vendors to the Valley Wide Recreation Center. (951) 654-1505

WINTER VISITOR RECEPTION: During the winter months the Tourism Council sponsors receptions to welcome our visitors who spend the winters in Hemet to enjoy the mild winter climate. 951-765-2537 or toll free 1-888-55 Hemet.

PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL: An annual event focusing on cinematic styles and accomplishments. Five days of premieres and celebrities. (760) 322-2930 or www.psfilmfest.org.

FEBRUARY

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIR & NATIONAL DATE FESTIVAL: Camel and ostrich races, Arabian Nights Pageant, arts and crafts, gem and mineral show, commercial exhibits, home arts, exotic foods and much, much more. Indio Chamber of Commerce (760) 347-0676 or www.datefest.org

MARCH

RAMONA COUNTRY WOODCARVERS SHOW: Valley Wide Regional Park (951) 654-1505

WINTER VISITOR RECEPTION: The Tourism Council welcomes winter visitors. 951-765-2537 or toll free 1-888-55 Hemet.

SPRING GALA PERFORMANCES: Mixed bill performances by the Repertoire Riverside Ballet Theater. (951) 787-7850

APRIL

RAMONA OUTDOOR PAGEANT: A romance of early California. Utilizing an entire mountain-side as a stage, the poignant love story of Ramona and her Indian hero, Alessandro, has a cast of more than 350. The play's worldwide fame has attracted an audience of nearly 2 million during the seven decades that it has annually been staged. Its beauty is unparalleled. A fascinating journey into the California yester-year. 800-645-4465 or visit ramonabowl.com



MAY

BALLOON & WINE FESTIVAL: Festivities include the ascension of an assortment of 60 hot air balloons, champagne balloon flights at dawn, a fine wine exhibit, country fair, jazz entertainment and children's activities. This event is to take place on the weekend of which the last Saturday in April falls. Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce. (951) 676-4713 or tvbwf.com.

CHERRY FESTIVAL: Cherry Valley Chamber of Commerce (951) 845-8466

PERRIS VALLEY ART FESTIVAL; City of Perris Chamber of Commerce (951) 657-3555

JUNE

LAKE ELSINORE MINI-GRAND PRIX: Historic downtown Lake Elsinore (951) 245-8848

JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE, FESTIVITIES IN THE PARK AND FIREWORKS (July 4th Celebrations): Valley Wide Recreation Center. (951) 654-1505

AUGUST

CAT SHOW: For information contact Valley Wide (951) 654-1505

SEPTEMBER

OLDLYMPICS; A great sporting event for seniors 55 or older! Competition includes bridge, horseshoe toss, swimming, track and field events, and much more! For more information please call (951) 487-9234

MORONGO POW WOW: The inter-tribal celebration of Native American culture brings dancers of all ages, dressed in fine regalia, dancing to native drums and singing. Vendors selling everything from silver jewelry to arts and crafts and clothing to ethnic foods add to the celebration of our Native American peoples. Morongo Casino (951) 849-3080





OCTOBER

BANNING STAGECOACH DAYS: Hollywood celebrities, rodeo, dancing, lots of food and carnival fun. For more information call the Banning Chamber of Commerce (951) 849-4695

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FAIR: Located at the Lake Perris Fairgrounds. Includes carnival attractions, local exhibits, livestock, food, commercial vendors, motorized events & headliner concerts. For more info call (951) 657-4221.

NOVEMBER

FALL FESTIVAL: At the Valley Wide Regional Park, San Jacinto (951) 654-1505

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PARADE: Downtown Hemet. For more info call (951) 765-3809

TINSEL TRIATHLON: Central County United Way - (951) 929-9691

TRAIN RIDES WITH SANTA: Orange Empire Railway Museum, Perris. (951) 657-2605

Local Attractions

Diamond Valley Lake & Visitor Center: First and foremost, Diamond Valley Lake is a lifeline for Southern California in times of drought. The lake holds enough water to meet the area's emergency and drought needs for six months and is an important component in Metropolitan's plan to provide a reliable supply of water to the 18 million people in Southern California who count on us.

Diamond Valley Lake is embarking on a substantial trail system that will allow visitors to hike and ride through the hill surrounding the reservoir. The first set of trails are along the north hills overlooking the lake, and another circumnavigates the lake.

Other amenities at the east dam area, including Metropolitan's partnership with the Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District to develop a positive recreational environment. This includes a swimming pool, soccer and other fields and more. (800) 308-6767.

The Clayton Record Jr. Viewpoint is located off of Winchester and Construction roads. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information please call (800) 308-6767.

Hemet Museum: State Street and Florida Avenue, downtown Hemet - (951) 929-4409 or (951) 925-5885: The exhibits at the Hemet Museum, housed in the historic Hemet Depot, showcase the area's colorful history. You'll see agricultural displays, Native American artifacts, railroading relics, rare historical photographs from the Ramona Pageant and more. One of the most recent additions to the collection here: a cream separator.

Fingerprints Youth Museum: 123 S. Carmalita St., Hemet - (951) 765-1223. Fingerprints is an interactive children's museum located in Hemet, California. With over 20 interactive exhibits, Fingerprints presents a rare opportunity for children to have fun—and learn—at the same time. For hours, admission and general information visit fingerprintsmuseum.com





The Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre: Home of the historic outdoor play Ramona, is located in the foothills of Hemet in the San Jacinto Valley. Ramona is America's longest running outdoor drama and the Official California State Outdoor Play. First discovered in 1923 by playwright Garnet Holme, the natural amphitheatre is a beautiful and unique venue for many theatre events and local traditions such as graduations, sunrise services and the Chamber of Commerce Fiesta. For more information visit www.ramonabowl.com or call 800-645-4465.

Western Science Center: 2345 Searl Pkwy., Hemet. (951) 791-0033 : Come share the excitement at this state-of-the-art museum complex! It is home to a fascinating array of history and Ice-Age beasts that were unearthed right here at Diamond Valley Lake. You'll be moved by 'Max', the largest mastodon found in the Western U.S., as well as 'Xena', a Columbian Mammoth.

Let your imagination run wild as you walk on tempered glass which houses 'Little Stevie', a large mastodon re-buried beneath the museum floor to re-create the actual dig site. Whether it's our dire wolves, saber-toothed cat or the many other fossils, local family history, or Native American artifacts, we have something for you! For information on the Western Science Center activities, hours and general info please visit westerncentermuseum.org or call (951) 791-0033



Patterson House Museum: 28030 Patterson Ave, - (951) 926-4039. The house is the oldest private residence still standing it what is now known as the community of Winchester. The Patterson family, John, wife Maria, daughters Tilla, Ida, and Jessie, and son Clarence arrived in what was known as Rockhouse in 1883. They had traveled from Yountville through Los Angeles to come to their new home. The area they settled in was soon to become known as Pleasant Valley and later in 1887 as Winchester. As they passed through Los Angeles Maria gathered pepper tree seeds which she planted at their new home. Some of these trees are still standing today. The family would soon become very influential in many aspects of the communities growth and prosperity . For hours and further information please call (951)926-4039 or visit winchestercahistory.homestead.com/museum.html

Temecula Valley Museum & Sam Hicks Park: Downtown Temecula. The Temecula Valley Museum reopened in October 1999 in their new building in Old Town Temecula. the museum is home to a host of treasures from the area's early history. Displays explore the culture of local native American tribes and show what life was like on the area's early ranches and in train-stop frontier towns. Visit the City of Temecula website for museum hours.

Ryan Field Museum: 4280 Waldon Weaver Rd, Hemet - (951) 925-9841. Call for current hours.

Estudillo Mansion & San Jacinto Valley Museum: Located at Estudillo Park off of Dillon St., San Jacinto. (951) 654-4952 The San Jacinto Museum has moved to a new location. It is now inside the Francisco Estudillo Heritage Park located along Dillon Street. The museum is open Friday to Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The admission is free.

Orange Empire Railway Museum: 2201 S. St. Perris - (951) 657-2605: All aboard for a visit to the Orange Empire Railway Museum - the largest operating railway museum in the Western United States. It's home to more than 225 different rail vehicles, some dating from as early as the 1870s. You'll see





stream and diesel locomotives, old City of Los Angeles trolley cars, and unusual passenger and freight cars. If you visit on the weekend, you can even take a ride on one of the vintage trains or trolleys.

Riverside Municipal Museum: 3580 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside (951) 782-5273: New at the Municipal Museum: The Desert in Bloom, celebrating the beauty of flowering desert plants. Also growing are the museum's anthropology, history and natural history collections. At the interactive nature Lab, guests handle specimens of local plants and animals; the Clark Herbarium is a highly regarded catalog of plant diversity.

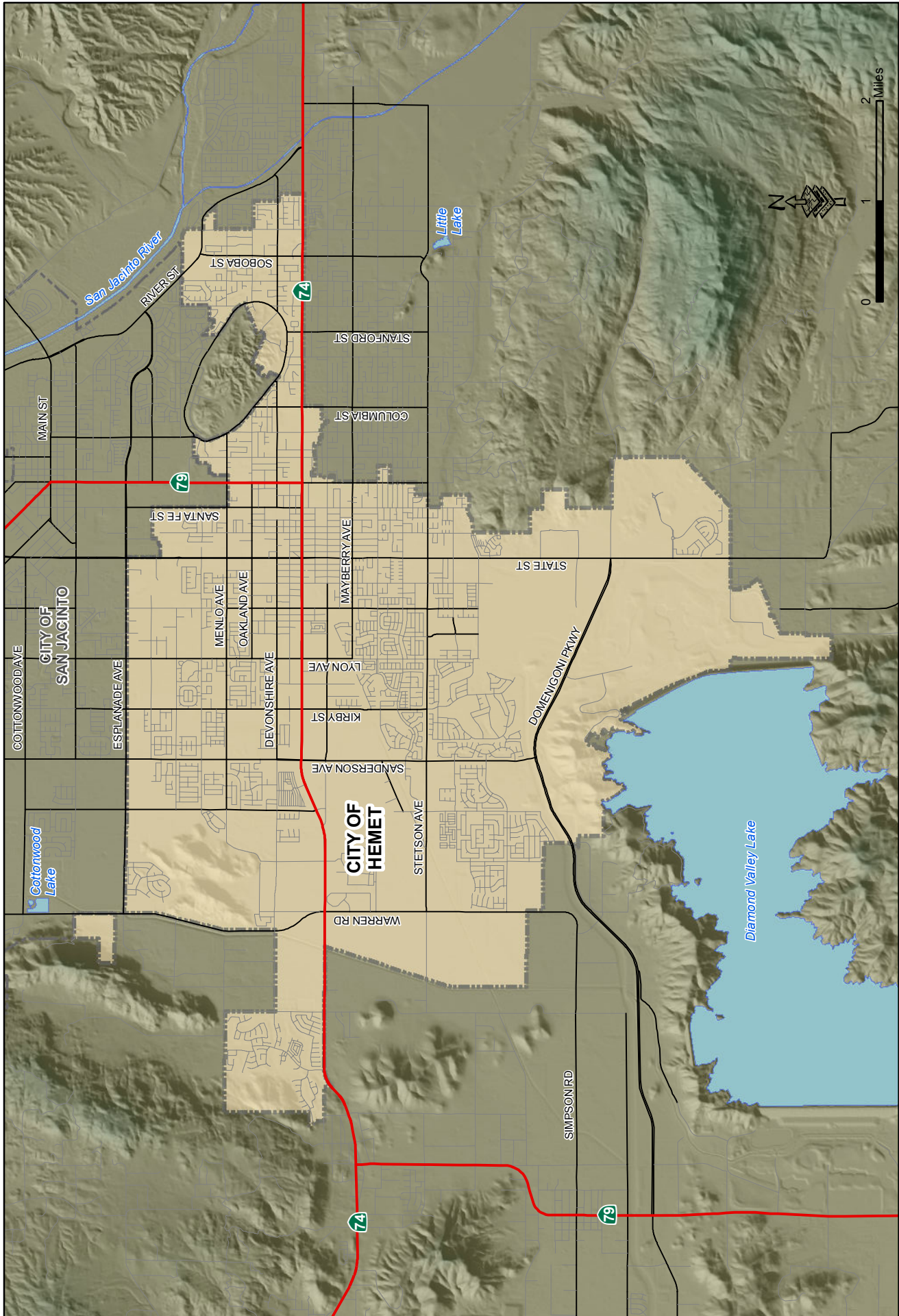
March Field Museum: 22550 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside (951) 697-6600: Among the newest additions at the March Field Museum: a recently restored P-59 fighter, the finest operational jet adopted by the U.S. Air Force over 50 years ago. The museum's 50-plus aircraft also include a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird and a B-29 Superfortress.

Education

Hemet Unified School District

1791 W. Acacia Ave. / Hemet, CA 92545
951-765-5100 / www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us





Census 2020 California Hard-to-Count Fact Sheet

Hemet City in Riverside County

(CA Census 2020 Region 7)

Race and Hispanic Origin	
Total population	83,604
Hispanic or Latino of any race	42.7%
Hispanic Exclusive Race:	
White alone	42.9%
Black or African-American alone	7.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.6%
Asian alone	3.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.3%
Some other race alone	0.1%

Top 3 Languages Spoken at Home	
Total Limited-English Population (Persons 5 years and older who do not speak English "very well")	8,912
Spanish	86.1%
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	4.6%
Other Asian and Pacific Island languages	2.7%

Hard-to-Count Characteristics	
The California Hard-to-Count (CA-HTC) Index is based on multiple demographic, housing and socioeconomic variables correlated with an area being difficult to enumerate. Census tracts with higher indexes are likely to be places that will pose significant challenges to enumerate in 2020.	
Percent of Total Housing Units:	
That are vacant (includes seasonal)	12.7%
With 3 or more units in a multi-unit structure	19.1%
Percent of Occupied Housing Units (or Households):	
That are renter-occupied	42.4%
That are overcrowded	1.6%
Without broadband Internet	28.8%
With limited-English speaking ability	4.7%
That are non-family	36.6%
Receiving public assistance income	5.9%
Percent of population:	
Under 5 years old	6.2%
That is foreign-born	15.3%
Who moved from outside county in past year	4.8%
With income below 150 percent of poverty level	36.0%
Age 16 or older that are unemployed	16.8%
Age 25 or older who are not high school graduates	19.8%

California Hard-to-Count Characteristics	
Median CA-HTC index all census tracts	52.0
Estimated Total Population in Census Tracts with above median CA-HTC	43,539
Leading HTC characteristics in those areas: Vacant housing units; Unemployed; Below 150 percent of poverty level	

Top 5 CA-HTC Census Tracts in Place	
Census Tract 433.09:	
Total Population	2,998
CA-HTC Index	91.0
Leading Hard-to-Count Reasons: Vacant housing units Children under 5 Below 150 percent of poverty level	
Census Tract 434.05:	
Total Population	3,770
CA-HTC Index	88.0
Leading Hard-to-Count Reasons: Unemployed Vacant housing units Non-family households	
Census Tract 433.08:	
Total Population	2,860
CA-HTC Index	80.0
Leading Hard-to-Count Reasons: Unemployed Moved recently Below 150 percent of poverty level	
Census Tract 435.03:	
Total Population	3,791
CA-HTC Index	80.0
Leading Hard-to-Count Reasons: Vacant housing units Non-family households Children under 5	
Census Tract 434.01:	
Total Population	6,904
CA-HTC Index	76.0
Leading Hard-to-Count Reasons: Households receiving public assistance Unemployed Vacant housing units	



For a detailed map of all census tracts, go to census.ca.gov/HTC-map

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013-2017 (5-year).

Geography Note: Census tracts do not cross county boundaries but a tract may be divided by city, district, and other boundaries. Also, the same tract number may be used in more than one county. "CDP" – A Census Designated Place is a unincorporated community.

To learn more about California's Census 2020 efforts, please visit census.ca.gov

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California Hard-to-Count Index by Census Tract

- 1 - 16
- 16 - 30
- 30 - 47
- 47 - 70
- 70 - 136

Tracts with highest indexes

CA-HTC Index is 0



0 0.425 0.85 1.7 Miles

