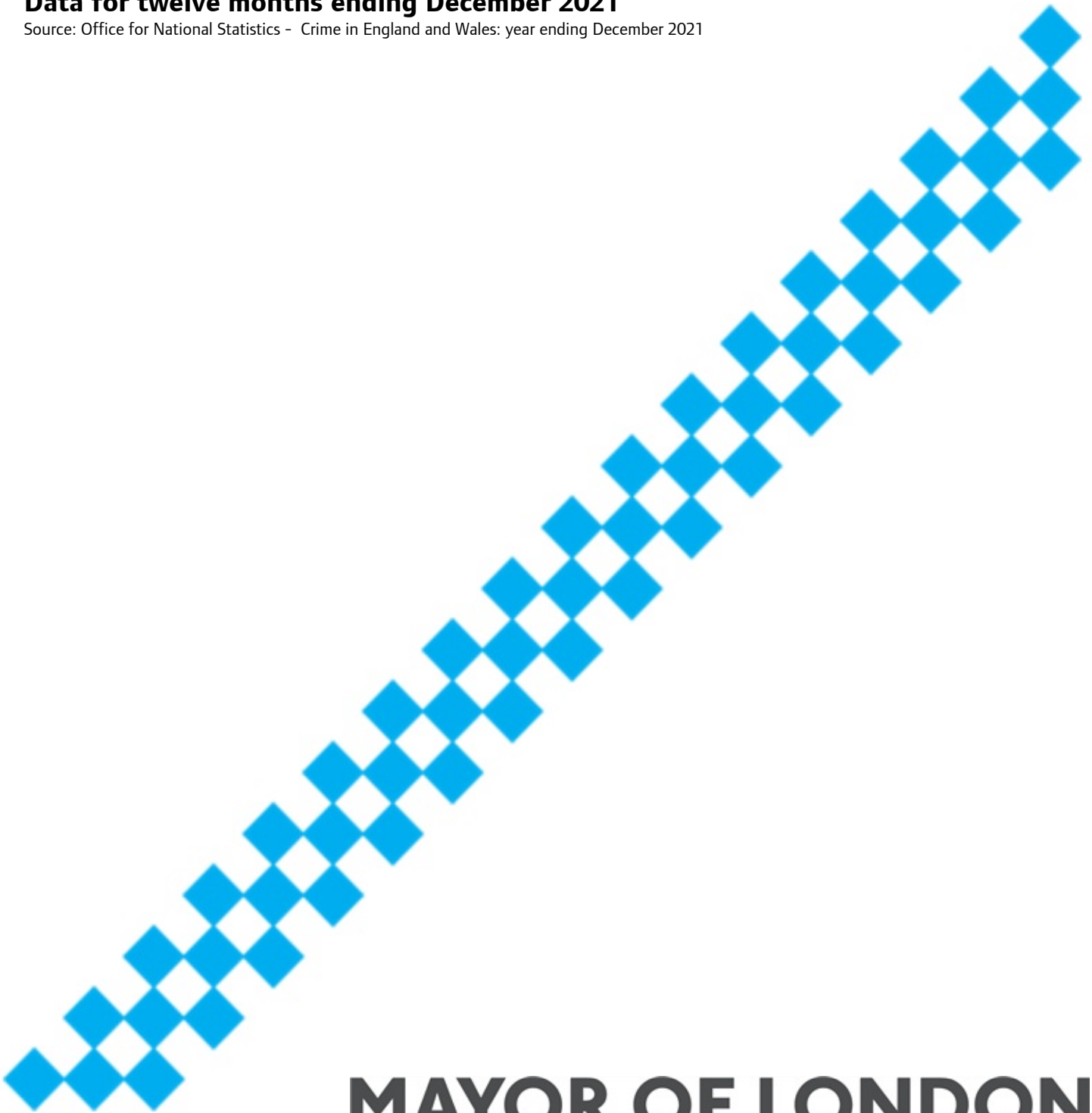


Crime in England and Wales

April 2022 Release

Data for twelve months ending December 2021

Source: Office for National Statistics - Crime in England and Wales: year ending December 2021



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NOTES

The ONS Report states - "Patterns of crime over the last two years have been substantially affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and government restrictions on social contact. While periods of national lockdown have seen decreases in the incidence of many types of crime, fraud and computer misuse offences have not followed a lockdown-related pattern and have increased substantially."

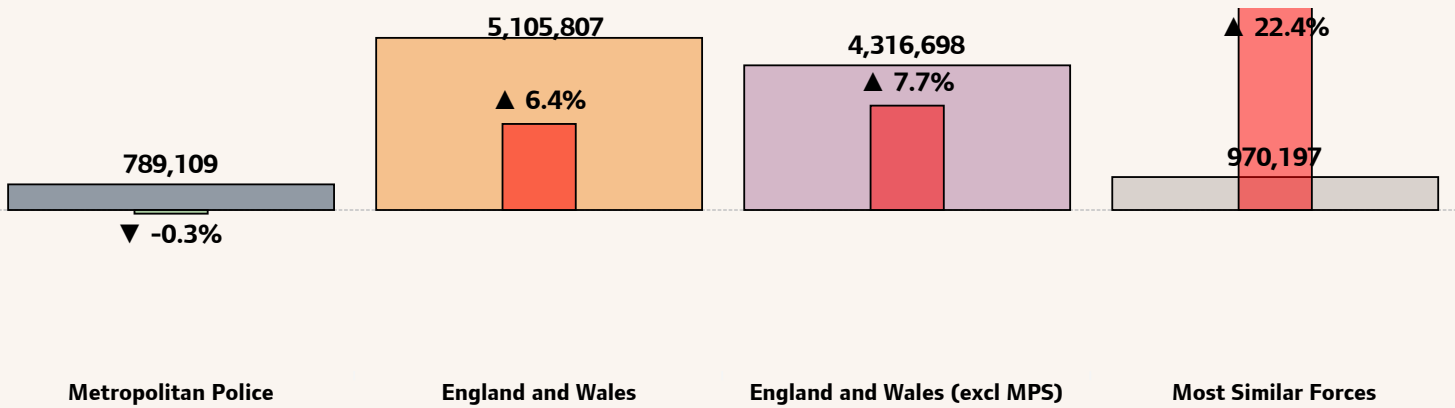
"Since restrictions were lifted following the third national lockdown in early 2021, police recorded crime data show indications that certain offence types are returning to or exceeding the levels seen before the pandemic. While violence and sexual offences recorded by the police have exceeded pre-pandemic levels, theft offences and robbery remain at a lower level despite increases over the last nine months."

Knife/Sharp Instrument NDQIS information:

There has been a recent change in knife or sharp instrument data collection practices. At present, 36 forces have switched to the implementation of the new National Data Quality Improvement Service (NDQIS) methodology. These are: Avon and Somerset, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, City of London, Cleveland, Cumbria, Derbyshire, Devon and Cornwall, Durham, Dyfed-Powys, Essex, Greater Manchester, Gwent Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Humberside, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Merseyside, Metropolitan, Norfolk, North Wales, Northamptonshire, Northumbria, Nottinghamshire, South Wales, South Yorkshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Thames Valley, West Midlands and West Yorkshire Police. Remaining police forces are still submitting knife and sharp instrument offences data via a special collection. It is therefore not possible to make fair comparisons to Non-NDQIS Forces. The latest knife crime data will only be compared with NDQIS Forces.

ONS Quarterly Release - Summary Report

Total Recorded Crime (excluding fraud)

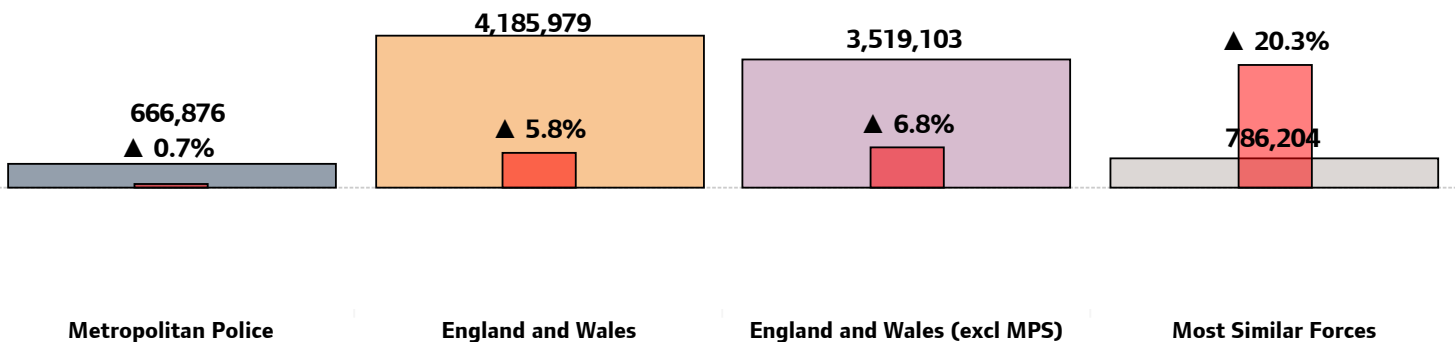


The number of MPS recorded offences in the twelve months to December 2021 was 789,109 - remaining stable compared to the previous year.

England and Wales (excl. MPS) increased by **7.7%**, with the **Most Similar Group** also recording an increase (MSG **+22.4%**).

The MPS had the 12th highest rate of offending in England and Wales for total recorded crime (excluding fraud) at **87.8 offences per 1,000 population** (Weighted by Mid-year 2020 population).

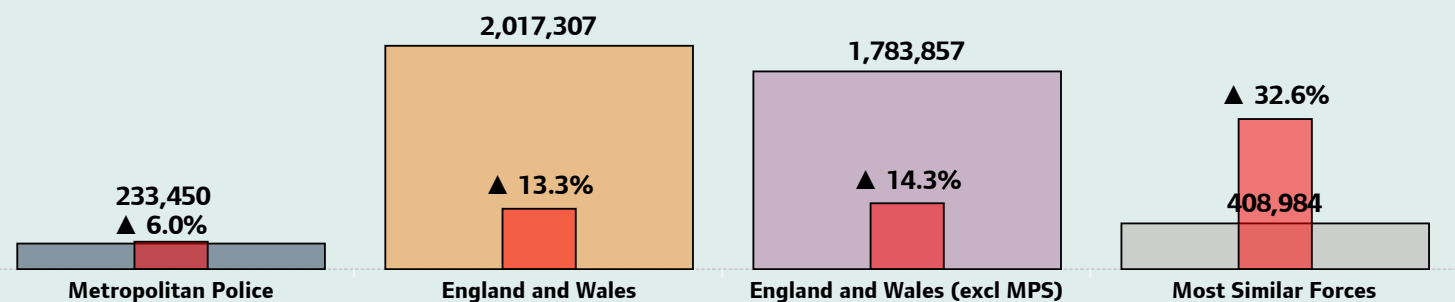
Victim Based Crime



Victim Based Crimes accounted for **85%** of all recorded crime (excluding fraud) and **remained stable** in the twelve months to December 2021 compared to the previous year.

Victim Based Crimes **increased by 7%** across the rest of England and Wales whilst there was a **20% increase in the MSG**.

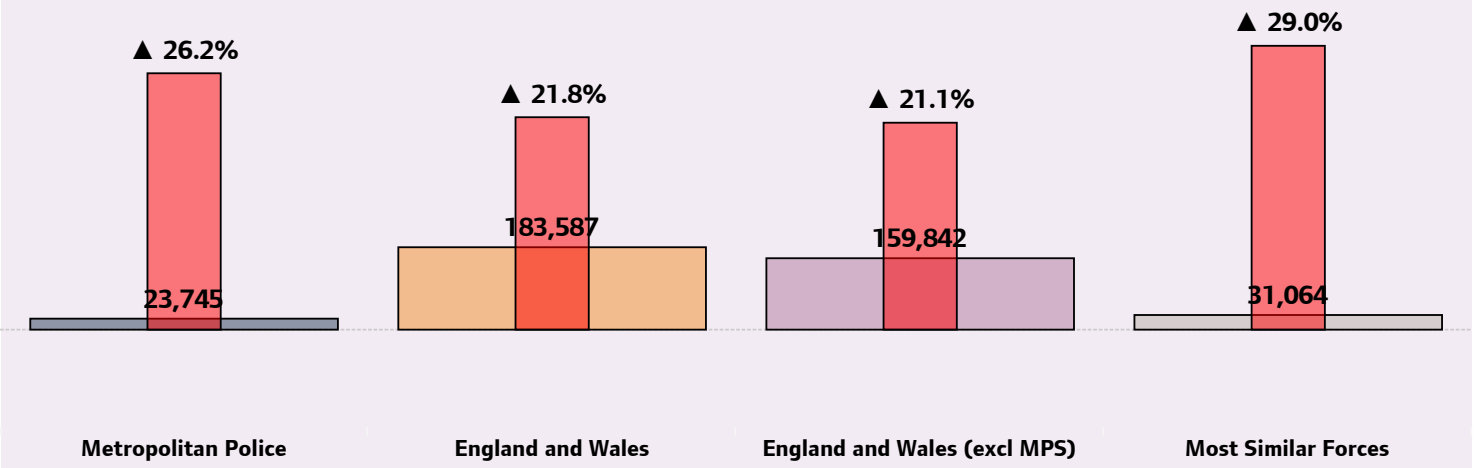
Violence Against the Person



Violence against the person offences increased (**+6%**). The rest of England and Wales **increased by 14%** and the MSG recorded a **33% increase**.

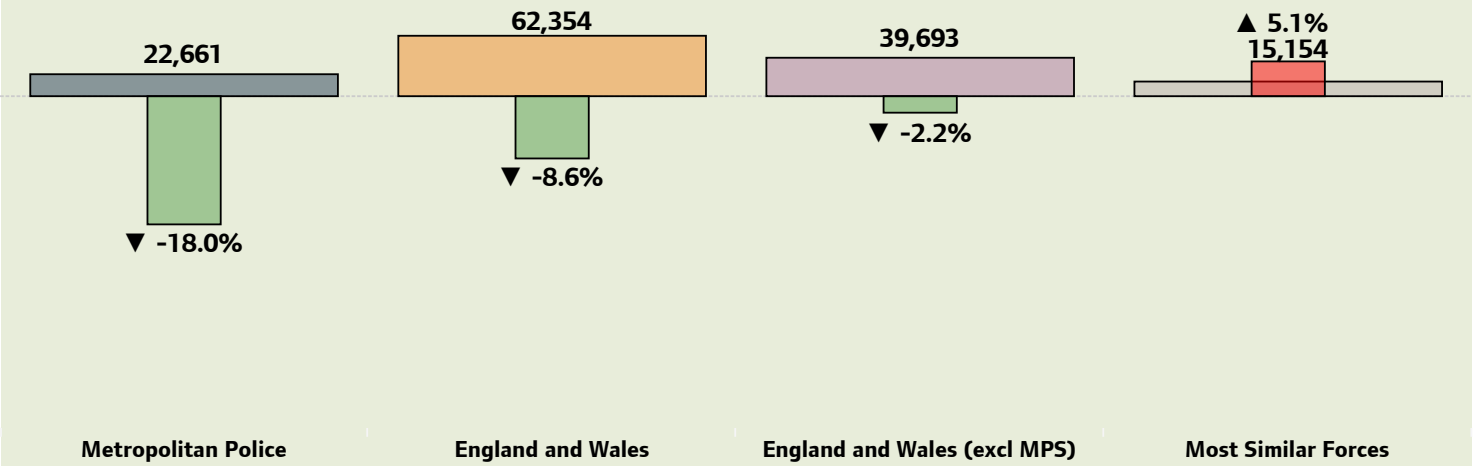
Violence with injury and Violence without injury **remained stable**. However, there was a **12% increase** in Stalking and Harassment in the MPS, with higher increases in the rest of England and Wales and the MSG.

Sexual Offences



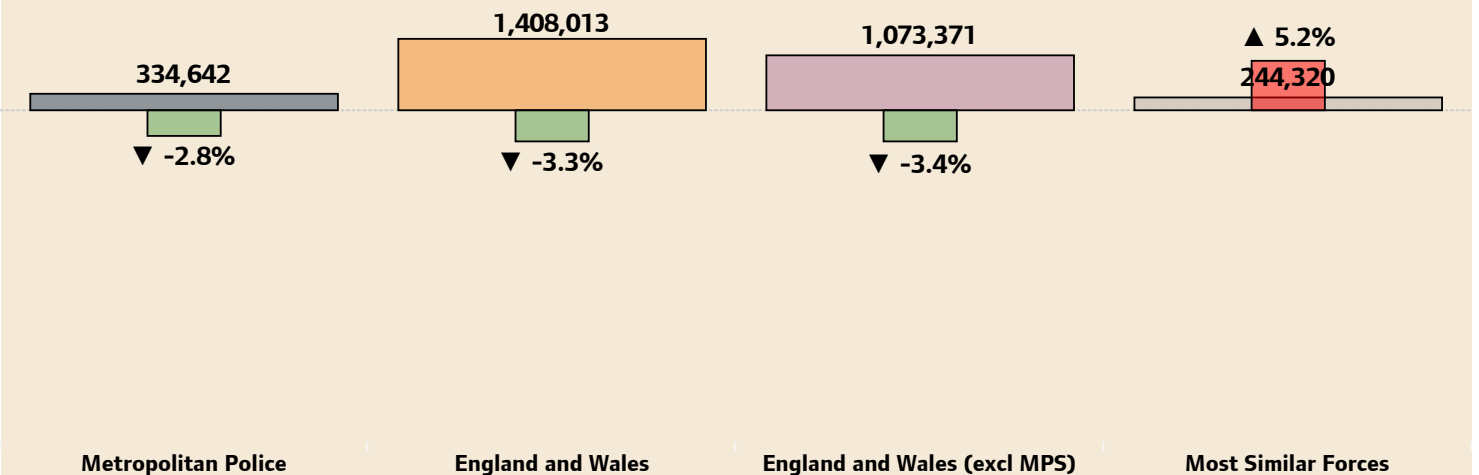
Recorded sexual offences **increased by 26%**, compared to **+21%** for the rest of England and Wales and **+29%** for the MSG.

Robbery Offences



There was a **18%** reduction in Robbery in the MPS, which **remained stable** in the rest of England and Wales but **increased by 5%** in the MSG.

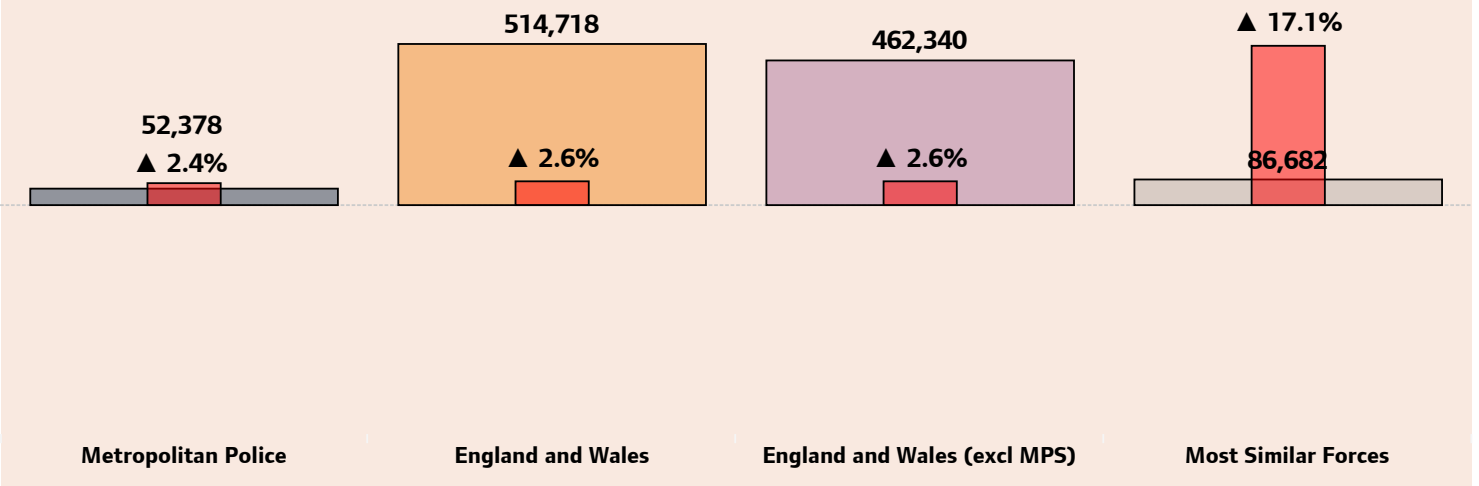
Theft Offences



Total Theft Offences **remained stable**, in line with the rest of England and Wales, however this increased in the MSG (**+5%**).

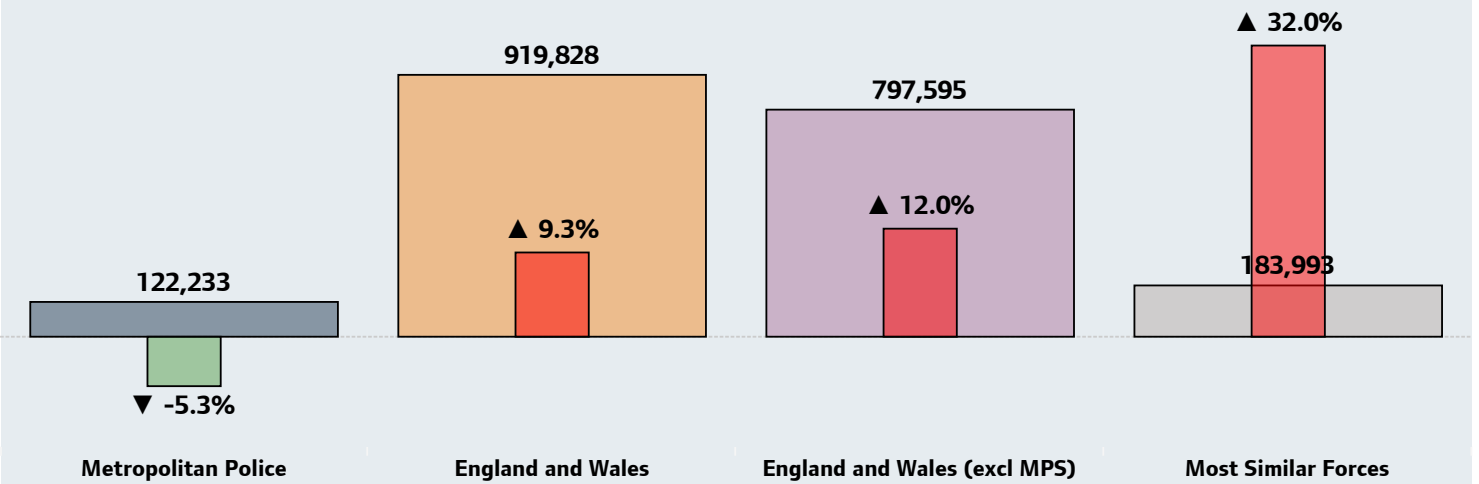
Bicycle theft, Burglary, Shoplifting, and Vehicles offences have all decreased. Theft from the person and All Other Theft offences have increased compared to the previous year.

Criminal Damage and Arson



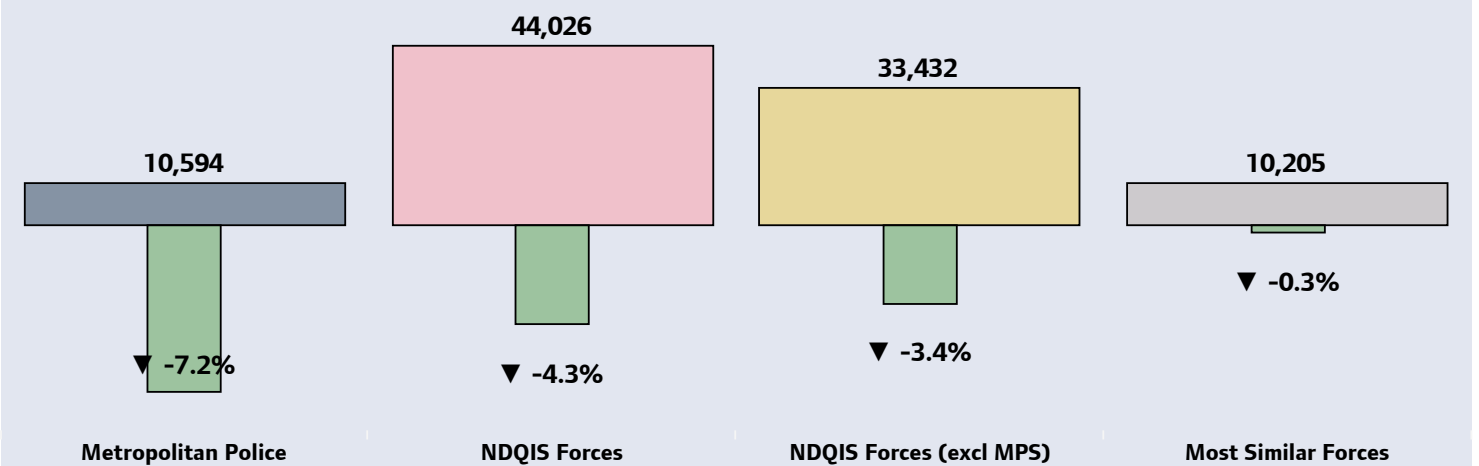
Criminal Damage and Arson remained stable (**-2%**), with the rest of England and Wales also remaining stable (**-3%**) while the MSG increased (**+17%**).

Other Crimes Against Society



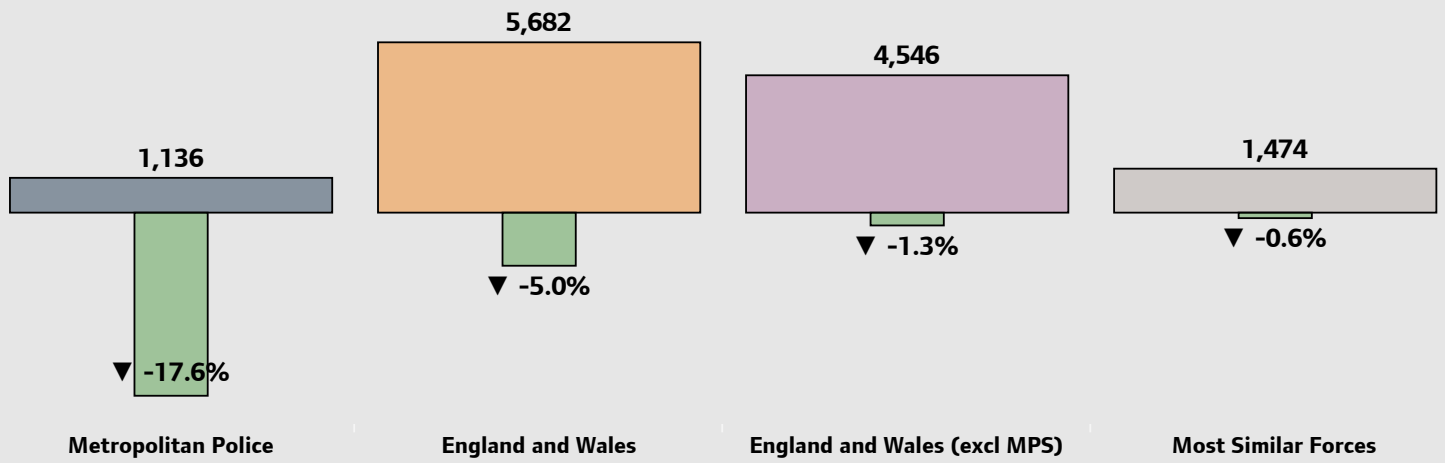
Other Crimes Against Society decreased (**-5%**), unlike the rest of England and Wales (**+12%**) and the MSG (**+32%**).

Knife Crime



In the year to December 2021 there was a reduction of **7%** in knife crime. This is more than the other NDQIS Forces and MSG - both remained stable.

Firearms Offences



In the year to December 2021 there was a reduction of **18%** in firearm offences. This is a larger decrease than the rest of England and Wales and MSG, which both remained stable.

ONS Quarterly Release - Percentage Change and Volume of Crime

Volume of Offences	Metropolitan Police Service	England and Wales	England and Wales (excl MPS)	Most Similar Forces
Total Recorded Crime (excl fraud)	▼ -0.3% - (789,109)	▲ 6.4% - (5,105,807)	▲ 7.7% - (4,316,698)	▲ 22.4% - (970,197)
VICTIM BASED CRIME	▲ 0.7% - (666,876)	▲ 5.8% - (4,185,979)	▲ 6.8% - (3,519,103)	▲ 20.3% - (786,204)
Violence Against the Person	▲ 6.0% - (233,450)	▲ 13.3% - (2,017,307)	▲ 14.3% - (1,783,857)	▲ 32.6% - (408,984)
Homicide	▲ 8.2% - (132)	▲ 14.4% - (691)	▲ 16.0% - (559)	▲ 5.7% - (130)
Violence with injury	▲ 3.6% - (71,686)	▲ 7.7% - (530,374)	▲ 8.4% - (458,688)	▲ 17.0% - (94,639)
Violence without injury	▲ 3.8% - (93,269)	▲ 10.5% - (773,878)	▲ 11.5% - (680,609)	▲ 27.9% - (155,416)
Stalking and harassment	▲ 12.0% - (68,363)	▲ 21.3% - (711,644)	▲ 22.4% - (643,281)	▲ 50.0% - (158,596)
Death or serious injury caused by illegal driving	- (0)	▼ -8.9% - (720)	▼ -8.9% - (720)	▲ 43.0% - (203)
Sexual Offences	▲ 26.2% - (23,745)	▲ 21.8% - (183,587)	▲ 21.1% - (159,842)	▲ 29.0% - (31,064)
Robbery	▼ -18.0% - (22,661)	▼ -8.6% - (62,354)	▼ -2.2% - (39,693)	▲ 5.1% - (15,154)
All other theft offences	▲ 8.3% - (89,641)	▲ 4.8% - (396,736)	▲ 3.9% - (307,095)	▲ 13.6% - (62,288)
Bicycle theft	▼ -12.4% - (20,900)	▼ -8.4% - (74,393)	▼ -6.8% - (53,493)	▼ -3.8% - (7,625)
Burglary	▼ -13.1% - (53,245)	▼ -13.9% - (258,185)	▼ -14.1% - (204,940)	▼ -7.0% - (53,654)
Shoplifting	▼ -5.7% - (33,075)	▼ -1.1% - (256,004)	▼ -0.4% - (222,929)	▲ 8.1% - (39,481)
Theft from the person	▲ 19.9% - (37,736)	▲ 11.9% - (74,214)	▲ 4.6% - (36,478)	▲ 23.3% - (10,811)
Vehicles offences	▼ -8.9% - (100,045)	▼ -6.1% - (348,481)	▼ -4.9% - (248,436)	▲ 5.8% - (70,461)
Criminal Damage and Arson	▲ 2.4% - (52,378)	▲ 2.6% - (514,718)	▲ 2.6% - (462,340)	▲ 17.1% - (86,682)
Other Crimes Against Society	▼ -5.3% - (122,233)	▲ 9.3% - (919,828)	▲ 12.0% - (797,595)	▲ 32.0% - (183,993)
Drugs Offences	▼ -18.8% - (45,203)	▼ -11.0% - (183,463)	▼ -8.1% - (138,260)	▲ 0.5% - (22,984)
Miscellaneous crimes against society	▲ 0.4% - (11,598)	▲ 1.7% - (112,292)	▲ 1.8% - (100,694)	▲ 12.0% - (22,589)
Possession of weapons offences	▼ -14.5% - (5,747)	▲ 1.5% - (46,472)	▲ 4.2% - (40,725)	▲ 33.0% - (11,870)
Public order offences	▲ 8.4% - (59,685)	▲ 20.6% - (577,601)	▲ 22.2% - (517,916)	▲ 44.8% - (126,550)

ONS Quarterly Release - Rate per 1,000 population and MPS Rank

Rate per 1,000 population	Metropolitan Police Service	England and Wales	England and Wales (excl MPS)	Most Similar Forces	
Total Recorded Crime (excl fraud)	Rank = 12	87.76	85.50	85.09	119.29
VICTIM BASED CRIME	Rank = 11	74.17	70.09	69.37	96.66
Violence Against the Person	Rank = 35	25.96	33.78	35.17	50.28
Homicide	Rank = 10	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Violence with injury	Rank = 27	7.97	8.88	9.04	11.64
Violence without injury	Rank = 29	10.37	12.96	13.42	19.11
Stalking and harassment	Rank = 37	7.60	11.92	12.68	19.50
Death or serious injury caused by illegal driving	Rank = 40	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02
Sexual Offences	Rank = 34	2.64	3.07	3.15	3.82
Robbery	Rank = 2	2.52	1.04	0.78	1.86
All other theft offences	Rank = 1	9.969	6.643	6.054	7.658
Bicycle theft	Rank = 2	2.324	1.246	1.055	0.937
Burglary	Rank = 5	5.92	4.32	4.04	6.60
Shoplifting	Rank = 29	3.68	4.29	4.39	4.85
Theft from the person	Rank = 1	4.20	1.24	0.72	1.33
Vehicles offences	Rank = 1	11.13	5.84	4.90	8.66
Criminal Damage and Arson	Rank = 42	5.83	8.62	9.11	10.66
Other Crimes Against Society	Rank = 24	13.59	15.40	15.72	22.62
Drugs Offences	Rank = 2	5.03	3.07	2.73	2.83
Miscellaneous crimes against society	Rank = 33	1.29	1.88	1.98	2.78
Possession of weapons offences	Rank = 21	0.64	0.78	0.80	1.46
Public order offences	Rank = 32	6.64	9.67	10.21	15.56