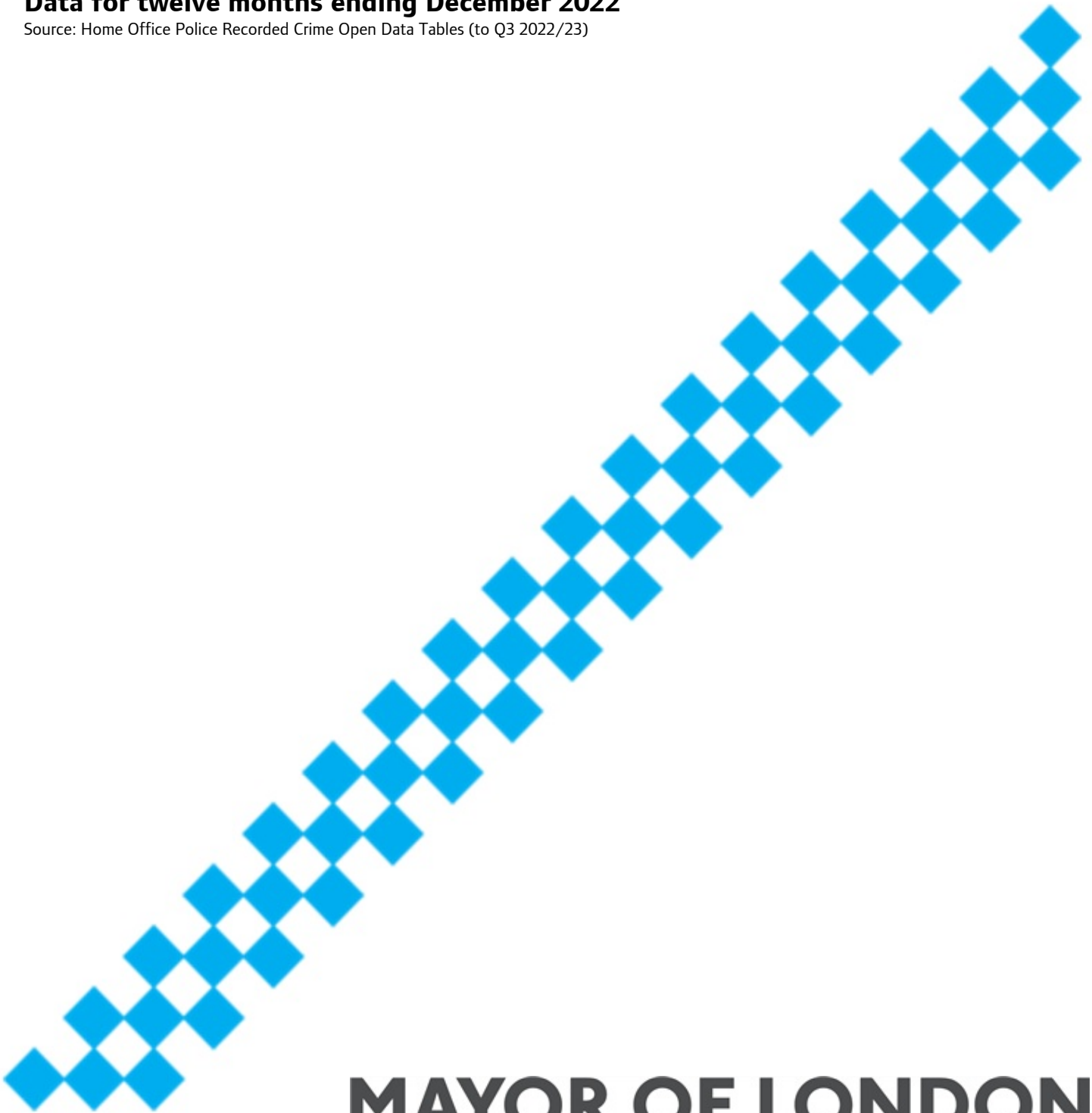


# Crime in England and Wales

## April 2023 Release

**Data for twelve months ending December 2022**

Source: Home Office Police Recorded Crime Open Data Tables (to Q3 2022/23)



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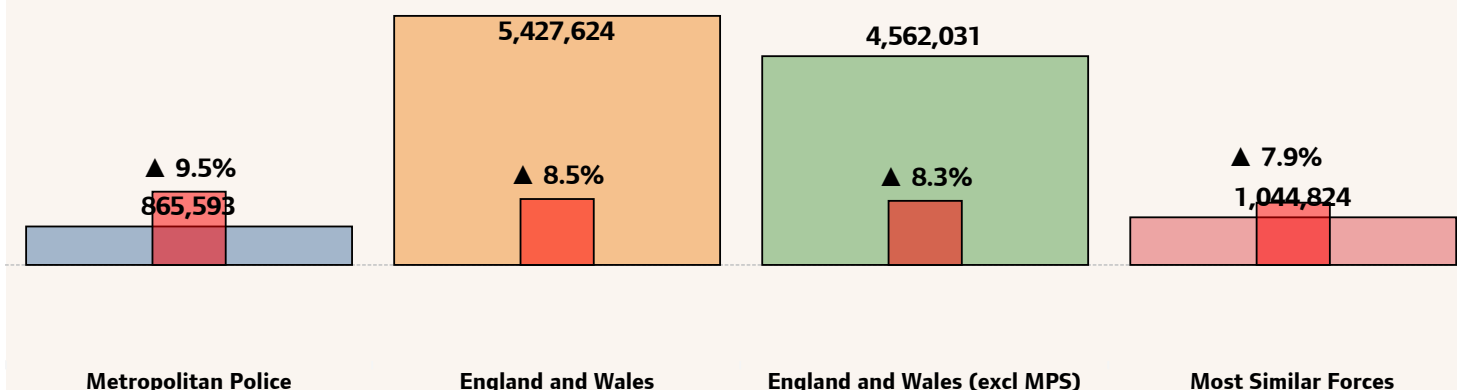
**The ONS Report states** - "Patterns of crime over recent years have been substantially affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and government restrictions on social contact. "

"Police recorded crime in England and Wales in the year ending December 2022 exceeded pre-coronavirus pandemic levels. The 5.5 million crimes recorded were 8% higher compared with the year ending December 2020 (4.7 million offences). This overall increase was largely driven by increases in the offence categories, which are most subject to changes in reporting and recording practices. Therefore, these estimates should be treated with caution as they may not reflect a genuine increase in crime."

Please note that following the implementation of a new IT system in November 2022, Devon and Cornwall Police have been unable to supply data for the period October 2022 to December 2022 inclusive. Figures for Devon & Cornwall are not included in the National totals – therefore England and Wales figures do not include Devon and Cornwall.

# Crime in England and Wales Quarterly Release - Summary Report

## Total Recorded Crime (excluding fraud)

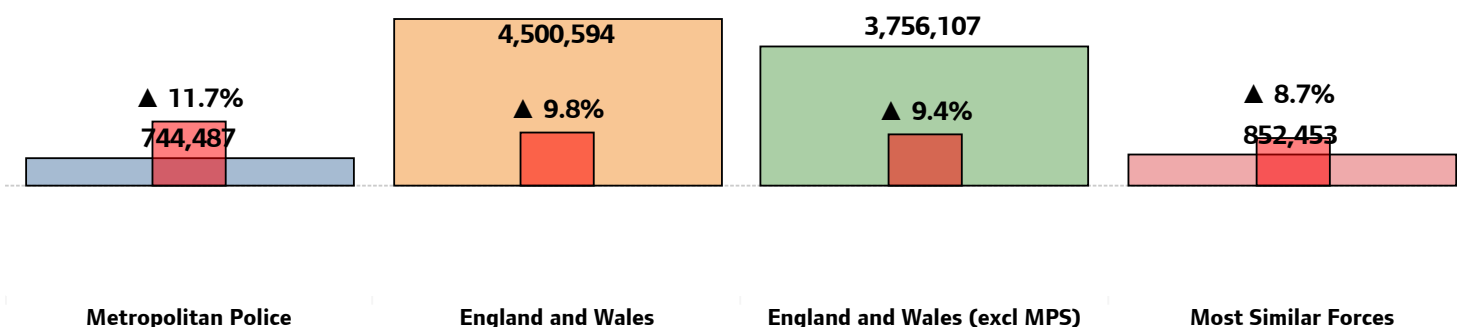


For the 12-month period ending December 2022 the MPS recorded 865,593 offences - an increase of **+9.5%** as compared to the previous year.

England and Wales (excl. MPS) increased by **8.3%**, with the Most Similar Group also recording an increase (MSG **+7.9%**).

The MPS had the 9th highest rate of offending in England and Wales for total recorded crime (excluding fraud) at **96.27 offences per 1,000 population** (weighted by mid-year 2020 population).

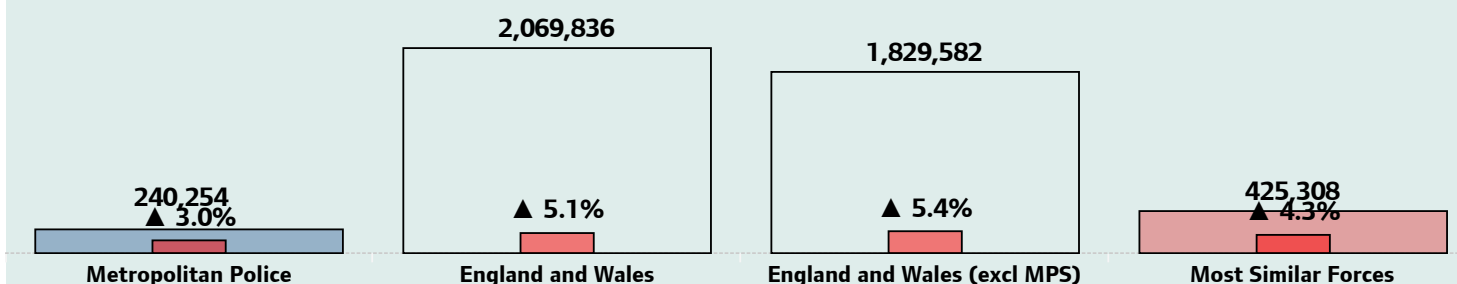
## Victim Based Crime



Victim Based Crimes accounted for **86%** of all recorded crime (excluding fraud) and **increased** in the twelve months to December 2022 compared to the previous year (**+11.7%**).

Victim Based Crimes **increased by 9.4%** across the rest of England and Wales whilst there was a **8.7% increase in the MSG**.

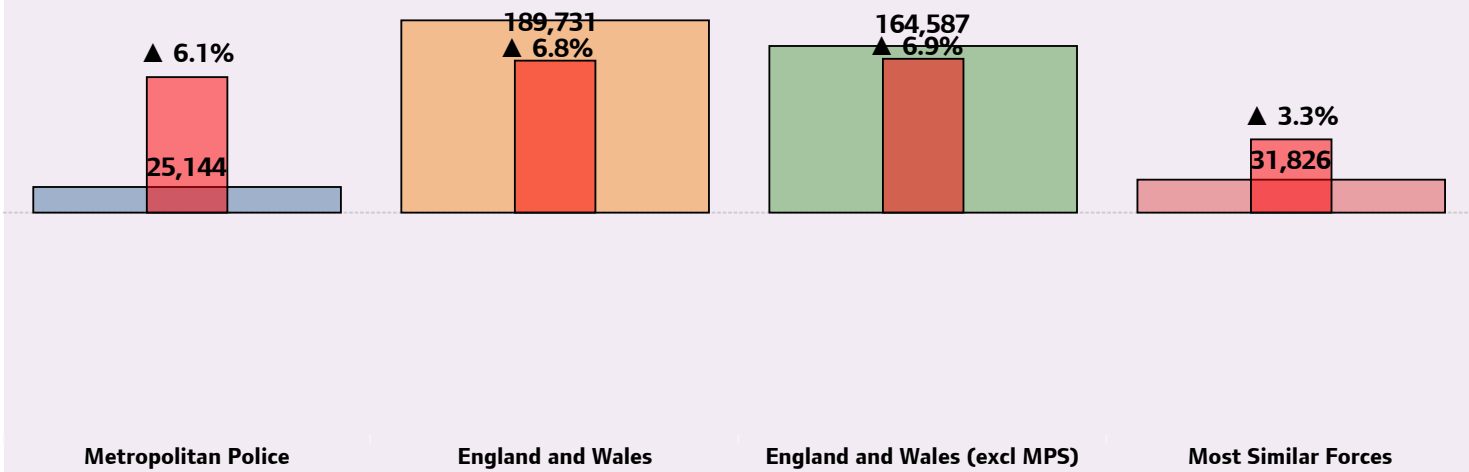
## Violence Against the Person



Violence against the person offences increased (**+3%**). The rest of England and Wales **increased by 5.4%** and the MSG recorded a **4.3% increase**.

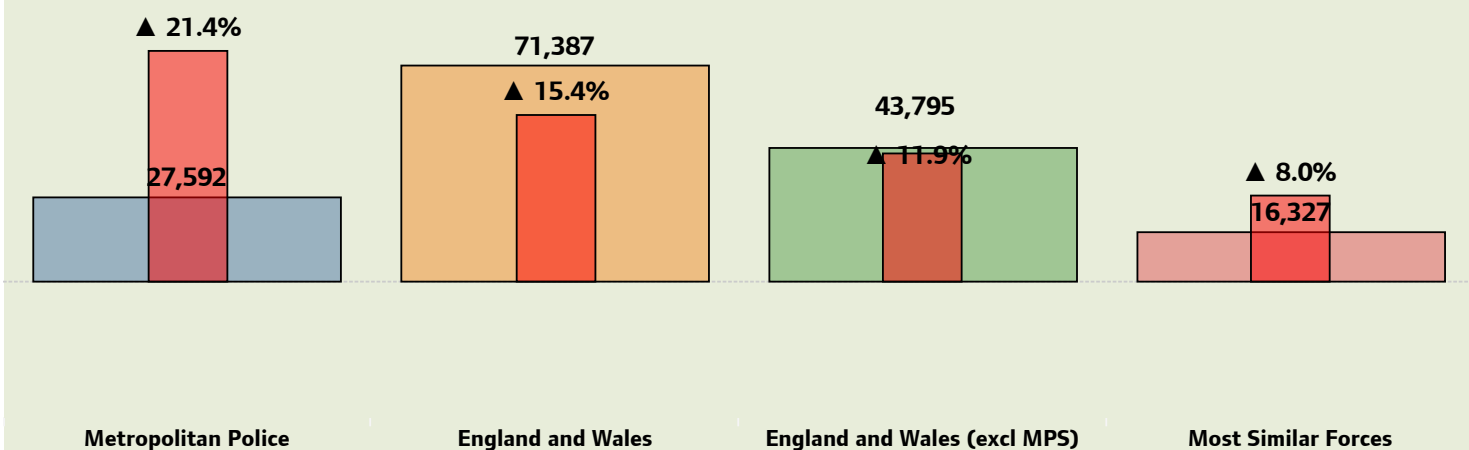
Violence with injury and Violence without injury also **increased**. However, Stalking and Harassment decreased in the MPS, with the rest of England and Wales and the MSG remaining stable.

## Sexual Offences



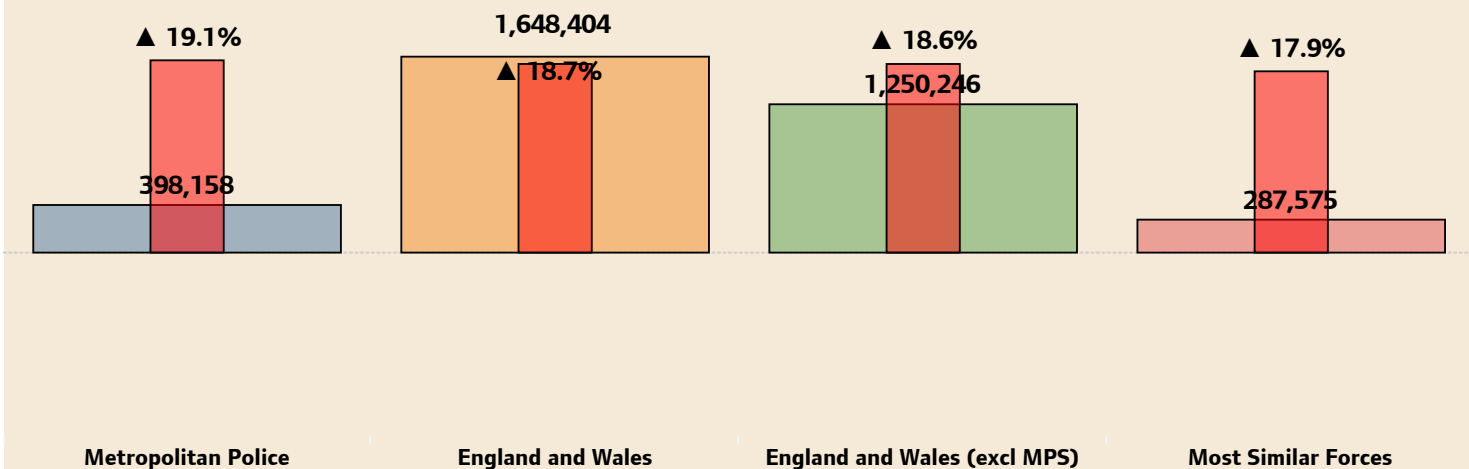
Recorded sexual offences **increased by 6.1%**, compared to **+6.9%** for the rest of England and Wales and **+3.3%** for the MSG.

## Robbery Offences



There was a **21.4%** increase in Robbery in the MPS. The rest of England and Wales also **increased (+11.9%)** and the MSG recorded a **8%** increase.

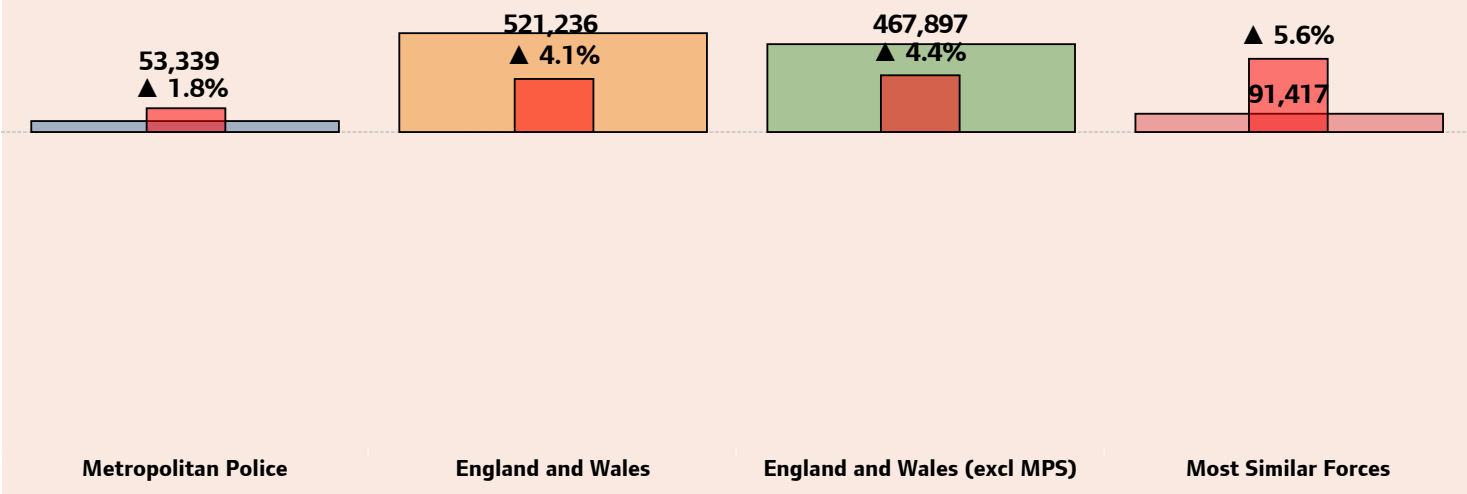
## Theft Offences



Total Theft Offences **increased by 19.1%**, while the rest of England and Wales increased by **18.7%** and the MSG by **17.9%**.

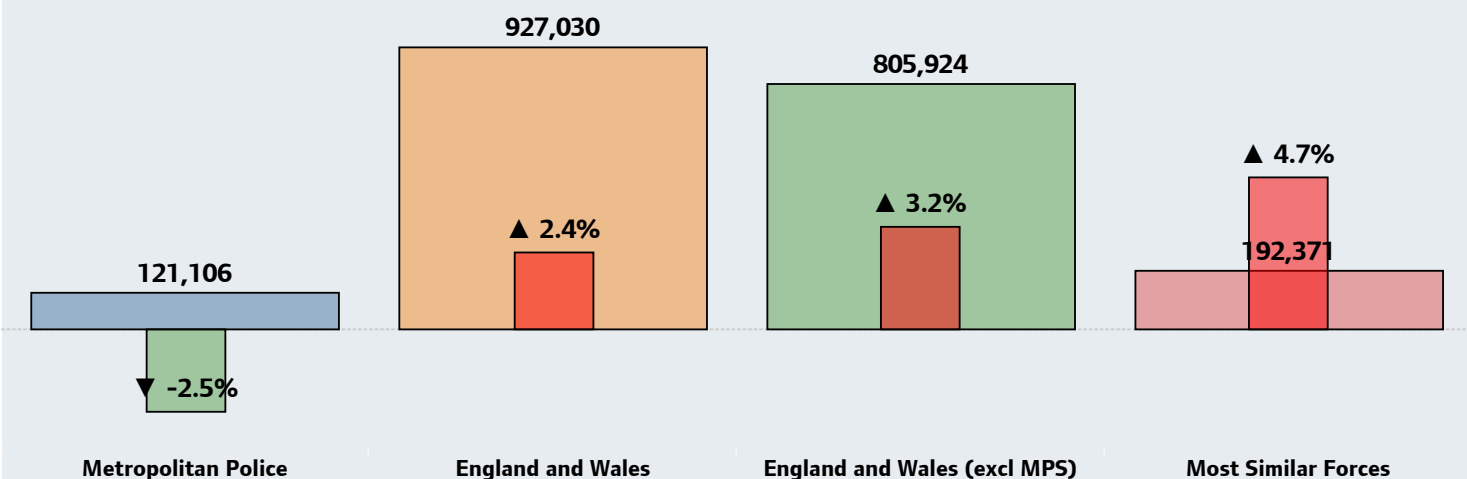
Shoplifting, Theft from the Person and Vehicle Offences increased, while Bicycle Theft decrease. Burglary remained stable.

## Criminal Damage and Arson



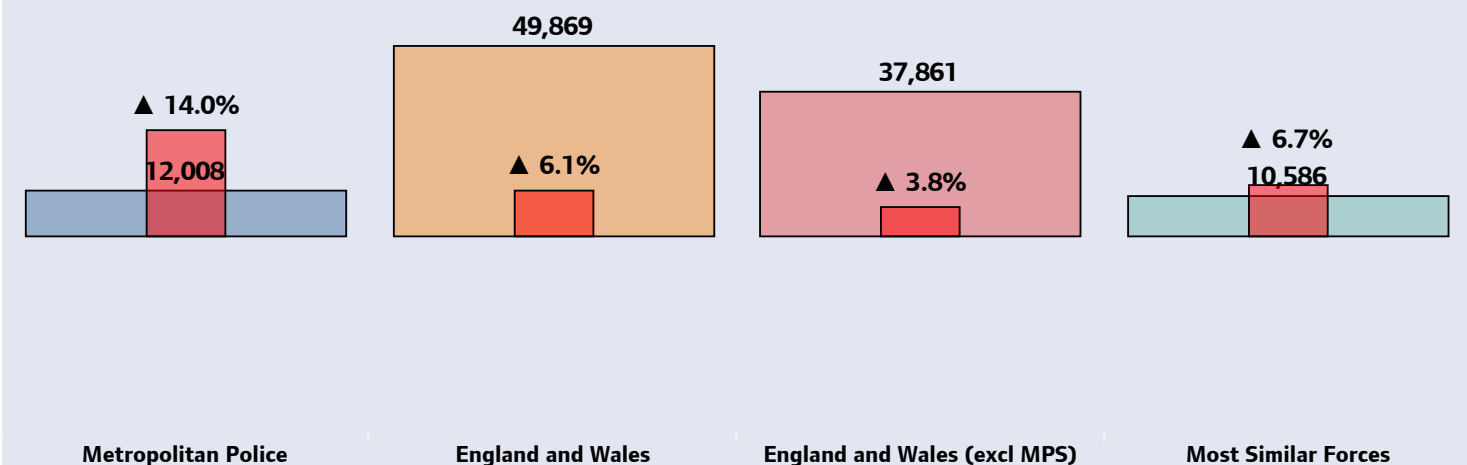
Criminal Damage and Arson **remained stable (1.8%)**. The rest of England and Wales saw a **small increase (4.4%)** with the MSG recording an **increase (+5.6%)**.

## Other Crimes Against Society



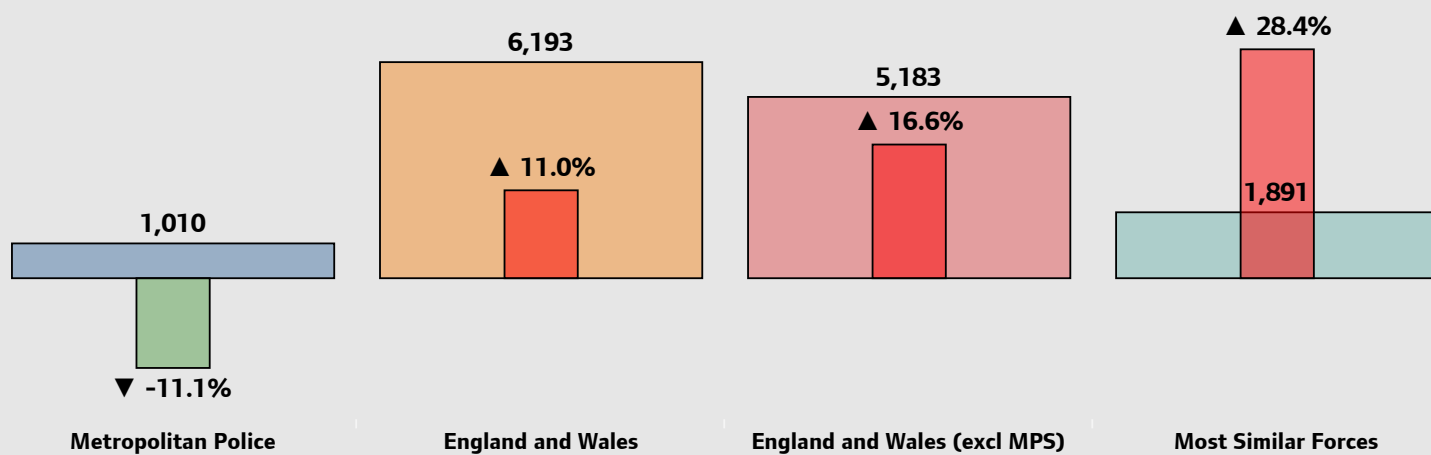
Other Crimes Against Society **recorded a small decrease (-2.5%)**, with a small increase across the rest of England and Wales (+3.2%) and the MSG (+4.7%).

## Knife Crime



In the year to December 2022 there was an **increase of 14%** in knife crime. The rest of England and Wales **recorded a small increase (3.8%)**, the MSG recorded an increase (+6.7%).

## Firearms Offences



In the year to December 2022 there was a **decrease** of **11.1%** in firearms offences. The rest of England and Wales recorded an **increase** of **16.6%** with the MSG recording an **increase** (**28.4%**).

# ONS Quarterly Release - Percentage Change and Volume of Crime

Volume of Offences	Metropolitan Police Service	England and Wales	England and Wales (excl MP5)	Most Similar Forces
Total Recorded Crime (excl fraud)	▲ 9.5% - (865,593)	▲ 8.5% - (5,427,624)	▲ 8.3% - (4,562,031)	▲ 7.9% - (1,044,824)
<b>VICTIM BASED CRIME</b>	▲ 11.7% - (744,487)	▲ 9.8% - (4,500,594)	▲ 9.4% - (3,756,107)	▲ 8.7% - (852,453)
<b>Violence Against the Person</b>	▲ 3.0% - (240,254)	▲ 5.1% - (2,069,836)	▲ 5.4% - (1,829,582)	▲ 4.3% - (425,308)
Homicide	▼ -17.2% - (111)	▼ -5.1% - (632)	▼ -2.1% - (521)	▼ -6.5% - (115)
Violence with injury	▲ 7.4% - (77,044)	▲ 8.3% - (558,886)	▲ 8.4% - (481,842)	▲ 5.8% - (100,069)
Violence without injury	▲ 8.4% - (100,865)	▲ 7.5% - (811,873)	▲ 7.3% - (711,008)	▲ 5.8% - (164,101)
Stalking and harassment	▼ -8.8% - (62,183)	▲ 0.2% - (697,632)	▲ 1.1% - (635,449)	▲ 1.8% - (160,841)
Death or serious injury caused by illegal driving	▲ 2.0% - (51)	▲ 0.6% - (813)	▲ 0.5% - (762)	▼ -9.9% - (182)
<b>Sexual Offences</b>	▲ 6.1% - (25,144)	▲ 6.8% - (189,731)	▲ 6.9% - (164,587)	▲ 3.3% - (31,826)
<b>Robbery</b>	▲ 21.4% - (27,592)	▲ 15.4% - (71,387)	▲ 11.9% - (43,795)	▲ 8.0% - (16,327)
<b>All other theft offences</b>	▲ 36.6% - (122,143)	▲ 25.7% - (490,269)	▲ 22.5% - (368,126)	▲ 25.9% - (78,331)
Bicycle theft	▼ -12.4% - (18,315)	▲ 4.4% - (77,201)	▲ 11.0% - (58,886)	▲ 2.0% - (7,778)
<b>Burglary</b>	▲ 0.5% - (53,523)	▲ 6.7% - (271,519)	▲ 8.3% - (217,996)	▲ 7.4% - (57,461)
<b>Shoplifting</b>	▲ 15.0% - (38,088)	▲ 22.9% - (309,511)	▲ 24.1% - (271,423)	▲ 27.2% - (50,203)
<b>Theft from the person</b>	▲ 52.2% - (57,369)	▲ 45.1% - (106,267)	▲ 37.6% - (48,898)	▲ 32.6% - (14,274)
<b>Vehicles offences</b>	▲ 8.7% - (108,720)	▲ 14.0% - (393,637)	▲ 16.2% - (284,917)	▲ 13.0% - (79,528)
<b>Criminal Damage and Arson</b>	▲ 1.8% - (53,339)	▲ 4.1% - (521,236)	▲ 4.4% - (467,897)	▲ 5.6% - (91,417)
<b>Other Crimes Against Society</b>	▼ -2.5% - (121,106)	▲ 2.4% - (927,030)	▲ 3.2% - (805,924)	▲ 4.7% - (192,371)
<b>Drugs Offences</b>	▼ -4.8% - (44,235)	▼ -3.7% - (174,203)	▼ -3.3% - (129,968)	▲ 14.7% - (26,271)
<b>Miscellaneous crimes against society</b>	▲ 0.5% - (11,986)	▲ 3.3% - (114,125)	▲ 3.6% - (102,139)	▲ 1.2% - (22,807)
<b>Possession of weapons offences</b>	▲ 2.7% - (6,181)	▲ 19.0% - (54,100)	▲ 21.5% - (47,919)	▲ 23.5% - (14,636)
<b>Public order offences</b>	▼ -1.9% - (58,704)	▲ 2.8% - (584,602)	▲ 3.3% - (525,898)	▲ 1.7% - (128,657)

# 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 = 9	96.27	90.88	89.93	128.46
VICTIM BASED CRIME	Rank = 8	82.80	75.36	74.04	104.81
Violence Against the Person	Rank = 36	26.72	34.66	36.07	52.29
Homicide	Rank = 13	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Violence with injury	Rank = 29	8.57	9.36	9.50	12.30
Violence without injury	Rank = 30	11.22	13.59	14.02	20.18
Stalking and harassment	Rank = 38	6.92	11.68	12.53	19.78
Death or serious injury caused by illegal driving	Rank = 33	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
Sexual Offences	Rank = 34	2.80	3.18	3.24	3.91
Robbery	Rank = 1	3.07	1.20	0.86	2.01
All other theft offences	Rank = 1	13.58	8.21	7.26	9.63
Bicycle theft	Rank = 3	2.04	1.29	1.16	0.96
Burglary	Rank = 6	5.95	4.55	4.30	7.06
Shoplifting	Rank = 30	4.24	5.18	5.35	6.17
Theft from the person	Rank = 1	6.38	1.78	0.96	1.75
Vehicles offences	Rank = 2	12.09	6.59	5.62	9.78
Criminal Damage and Arson	Rank = 41	5.93	8.73	9.22	11.24
Other Crimes Against Society	Rank = 25	13.47	15.52	15.89	23.65
Drugs Offences	Rank = 2	4.92	2.92	2.56	3.23
Miscellaneous crimes against society	Rank = 35	1.33	1.91	2.01	2.80
Possession of weapons offences	Rank = 26	0.69	0.91	0.94	1.80
Public order offences	Rank = 33	6.53	9.79	10.37	15.82