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Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, commenting on Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures showing an increase in crime over the last year, said:

"These figures are a stark reminder of Theresa May's record of failure on policing and crime.

"Almost every force in the country recorded an increase in crime over the last year, with worrying rises in some of the most violent offences, including gun and knife crime and homicide.

"There is a real choice at this election on policing and crime.

"Theresa May recklessly cut police budgets as Home Secretary, with the loss of over 20,000 officers, and plans to cut even further if re-elected.

"Labour will stand up for the many by prioritising neighbourhood policing and bearing down on crime."