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Law Enforcement Leaders Comment on Decline in U.S. Crime Reported by FBI

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New York, N.Y. – The FBI [released its data](#) from 2017 showing that crime nationwide went down between 2016 and 2017. **Ronal Serpas, Executive Director of [Law Enforcement Leaders](#)** and former Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department, issued the following statement:

“We are encouraged that crime has gone down across the country in the last year. We urge the nation to go farther to reduce crime by making commonsense changes to our justice system. Our country locks up too many Americans for far too long, without the chance of rehabilitation or benefit to public safety. This blind reliance on unnecessary incarceration has devastated millions of Americans, their families, and their communities. Congress must put back this crisis back on its agenda, starting with sentencing and prison reform.”

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[Law Enforcement Leaders](#) unites over 200 current and former police chiefs, sheriffs, federal and state prosecutors, and attorneys general from all 50 states to urge for a reduction in both crime and incarceration. We believe that the country can reduce incarceration while keeping down crime, and we support changes to our criminal justice system to achieve that goal. See a full list of members [here](#).

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