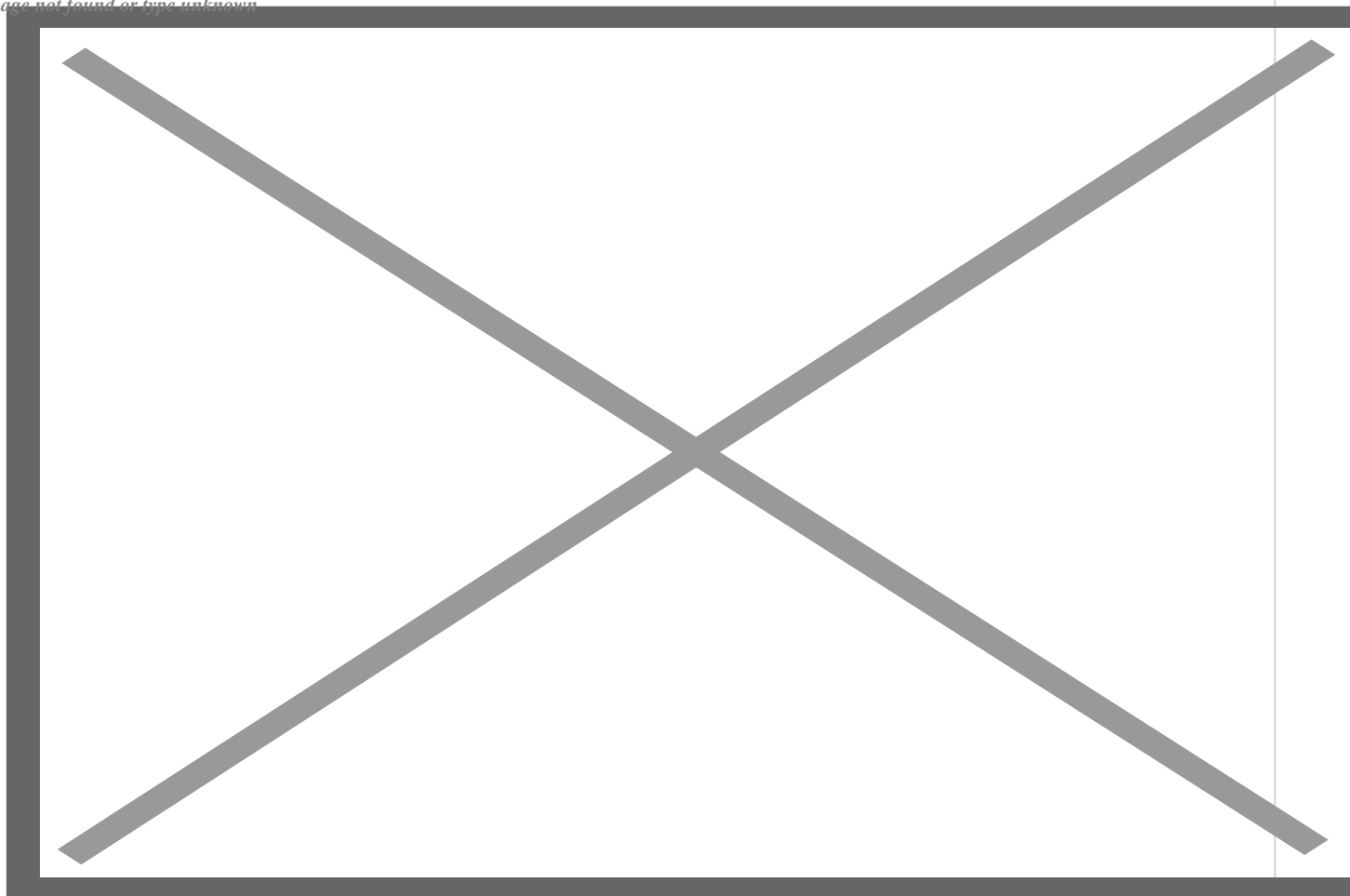


# *U.S. crime increases with fears of a long hot summer*

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**New York City police officers investigate the scene where a man was shot and killed in the Brooklyn borough, June 11, 2021 [Justin Lane/EPA-EFE]**

New York, June 23 (RHC)-- Fears of a bloody summer have become a focal point of New York City's mayoral race as residents go to the polls in primaries to choose Democratic and Republican candidates amid rising violent crime across the United States.

Homicides and other violent crimes that shot up in 2020 are continuing their national rise, and President Joe Biden will speak on Wednesday about what he "is going to do to help address" rising crime, especially gun violence, "as we've seen around the country it is a concern of many Americans", White

House press secretary Jen Psaki said on Monday.

Gun crime has seen a sharp rise in major metropolitan areas, and especially in the nation's largest city, New York. Shooting incidents rose 73 percent in May 2021 over the previous year, as the COVID-19 pandemic recedes and New York begins to reopen, according to New York Police Department numbers cited by CNN.

This is weighing on voters minds, according to an NY1/Ipsos poll released June 7 (PDF). The poll found that 46 percent of voters view crime as their primary concern, outpacing affordable housing at 45 percent and COVID-19 at 32 percent.

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