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One big caveat to these numbers: China has changed the way it presents its spending on public security, one of the country's biggest priorities amid rising public frustration over everything from pollution to the wealth gap to ethnic tension. In past years the number was even higher than defense spending. It isn't clear exactly how the figure has changed.

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