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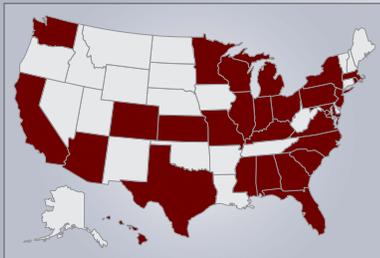
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168 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

The average age of those charged is **28**

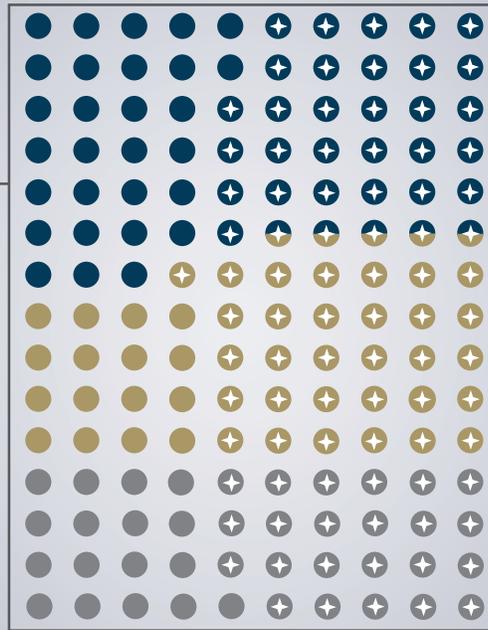
89% are male

Their activities were located in **28** states and the District of Columbia



The average length of sentence in years **13.2*** **121** HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

* Uses 470 months for life sentences per the practice of the U.S. Sentencing Commission¹



42% were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

33% were accused of being involved in plots to carry out attacks on U.S. soil.

56% were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

✦ indicates law enforcement operation

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)

AWS MOHAMMED YOUNIS AL-JAYAB

OCT 31 25 CA

Aws Mohammed Younis Al-Jayab, a 25-year-old resident of Sacramento, California, pleaded guilty to one count of providing material support to the terrorist organization Ansar al-Islam and one count of providing a false statement to federal agents in a matter involving international terrorism. In November 2013, Al-Jayab traveled to Syria where he joined and fought with Ansar al-Islam. Al-Jayab returned to the U.S. in January 2014. In October 2014, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services questioned Al-Jayab, in which he lied about

traveling to Syria, falsely stated he visited Turkey to see his grandmother, and denied any connections to terrorist organizations. Al-Jayab faces a maximum of 15 years in prison. Sources: [Al-Jayab Guilty Plea](#), [DOJ Press Release](#), [Associated Press](#)

AKAYED ULLAH

NOV 6 28 NY

A jury convicted Akayed Ullah, a 28-year-old resident of Brooklyn, New York, on six separate terrorism and explosives charges including providing material support to IS and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. On December 11, 2017, Ullah attempted a suicide bombing at the New York City Port Authority Bus Terminal. Ullah detonated an

improvised explosive device strapped to his body, injuring himself and at least one other person. After arrest, Ullah told authorities he conducted the attack on behalf of IS. Ullah faces a potential life sentence.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [New York Times](#)

AMOR M. FTOUHI

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A jury in Flint, Michigan, convicted Amor M. Ftouhi, a 51-year-old resident of Montreal, Canada, on charges of conducting an act of terrorism transcending national boundaries, conducting an act of violence at an airport, and interference with airport security while using a dangerous weapon. On June 21, 2017, Ftouhi stabbed a security officer at the Bishop International Airport in Flint. Ftouhi later told law enforcement that he was a “soldier of Allah” following the ideology of Al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, and intended to kill the security officer and other police officers at the airport. Ftouhi faces a potential life sentence. Sources:

[Ftouhi Verdict Form](#), [DOJ Press Release](#), [Reuters](#), [The Detroit News](#)

ADAM “SADDAM MOHAMED” RAISHANI

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Adam “Saddam Mohamed” Raishani, a 32-year-old resident of the Bronx, New York, pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to provide material support to IS and one count of conspiring to provide material support to IS. In October 2015, Raishani supported a co-conspirator’s travel to Syria to join IS. In 2017, Raishani attempted travel himself, repeatedly conveying his interest in joining IS to NYPD and FBI undercover sources. Authorities arrested Raishani on June 21, 2017 when he attempted to board a flight to Turkey and ultimately join IS in Syria. Raishani faces a maximum of 25 years in prison. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [NBC New York](#)

ADEL DAOUD

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Adel Daoud, a 25-year-old resident of Hillside, Illinois, requested to file an Alford plea on his three charges for attempting to detonate a bomb outside a Chicago bar in 2012, soliciting the murder of the undercover FBI agent involved in the operation against him and stabbing another inmate while awaiting trial in the Metropolitan Correctional Center. The Alford plea allows the defendant to plead guilty in court without admitting to committing the crime. On November 26, Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman accepted Daoud’s Alford plea request. Daoud faces a maximum penalty of life in prison. Sources: [Daoud Order Accepting Alford Plea](#), [Chicago Tribune](#), [AP News](#)

ZOOBIA SHAHNAZ

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Zoobia Shahnaz, a 27-year-old resident of Brentwood, New York, pleaded guilty to providing material support to IS. Between March and July 2017, Shahnaz conducted a money laundering scheme to deliver money to IS. Shahnaz made several fraudulent loan and credit card applications, using the money to purchase Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. Shahnaz then laundered over \$150,000 through several wire transactions to people and entities acting as fronts for IS. Authorities arrested Shahnaz on July 31, 2017 when she attempted to board a flight to Turkey and ultimately join IS in Syria. Shahnaz faces a maximum of 20 years in prison. Sources: [Criminal Cause for Guilty Plea](#), [DOJ NSD Press Release](#), [DOJ EDNY Press Release](#), [New York Times](#), [CNN](#)