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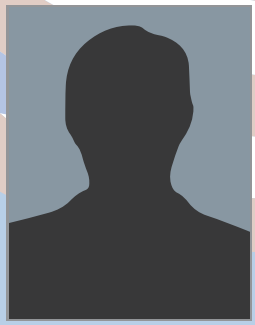

Identified American jihadist travelers* **69**

Average age at time of travel **27**

U.S. states of origin **19**

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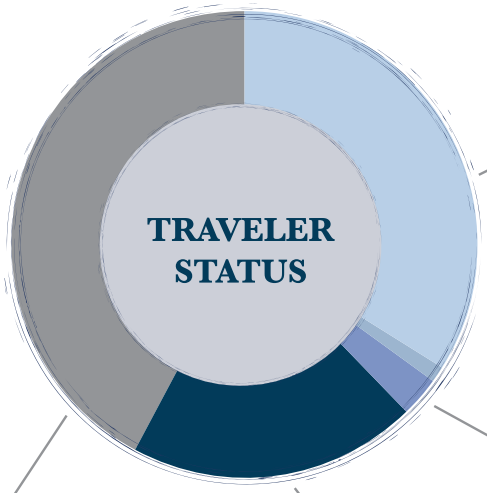
*DEFINED AS AMERICANS WHO TRAVELED TO SYRIA AND/OR IRAQ SINCE 2011 AND AFFILIATED WITH JIHADIST GROUPS ACTIVE IN THOSE COUNTRIES.



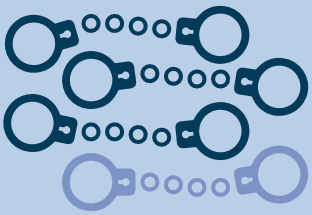
35% died overseas

Shared data point: 1 traveler returned to the U.S. but did not face public charges, then went back to Syria and conducted a suicide bombing operation.

4% returned to the U.S. without facing charges

42% are still at large or their status is publicly unavailable

20% were apprehended in the U.S. or overseas



75% of the 12 travelers who returned to the U.S. were arrested and charged.

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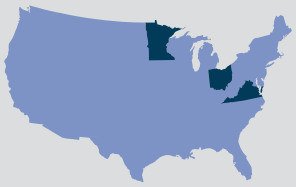
87% are male

More than **70%** were U.S. citizens or permanent residents

States with the highest rates of travel are:



1. Minnesota
2. Virginia
3. Ohio

80% affiliated with the Islamic State upon arrival

The remainder affiliated with other groups.