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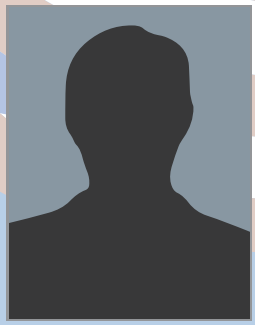

Identified American jihadist travelers* **79**

Average age at time of travel **27**

U.S. states of origin **20**

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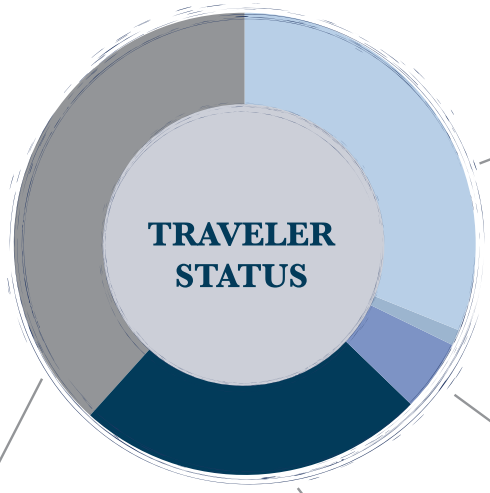
*DEFINED AS AMERICANS WHO TRAVELED TO SYRIA AND/OR IRAQ SINCE 2011 AND AFFILIATED WITH JIHADIST GROUPS ACTIVE IN THOSE COUNTRIES.



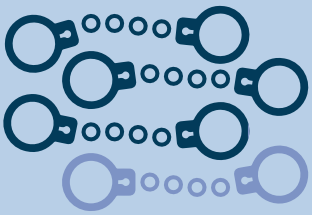
31%
died overseas

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.

5%
returned to the U.S. without facing charges

39%
are still at large or their status is publicly unavailable

25%
were apprehended in the U.S. or overseas



72%
of the 18 travelers who returned to the U.S. were arrested and charged.

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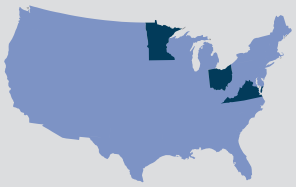
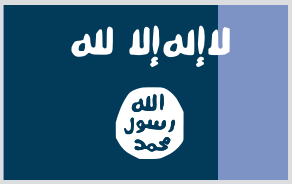
81%
are male

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

States with the highest rates of travel are:



1. Minnesota
2. Virginia
3. Ohio



75%
affiliated with the Islamic State upon arrival

The remainder affiliated with other groups.