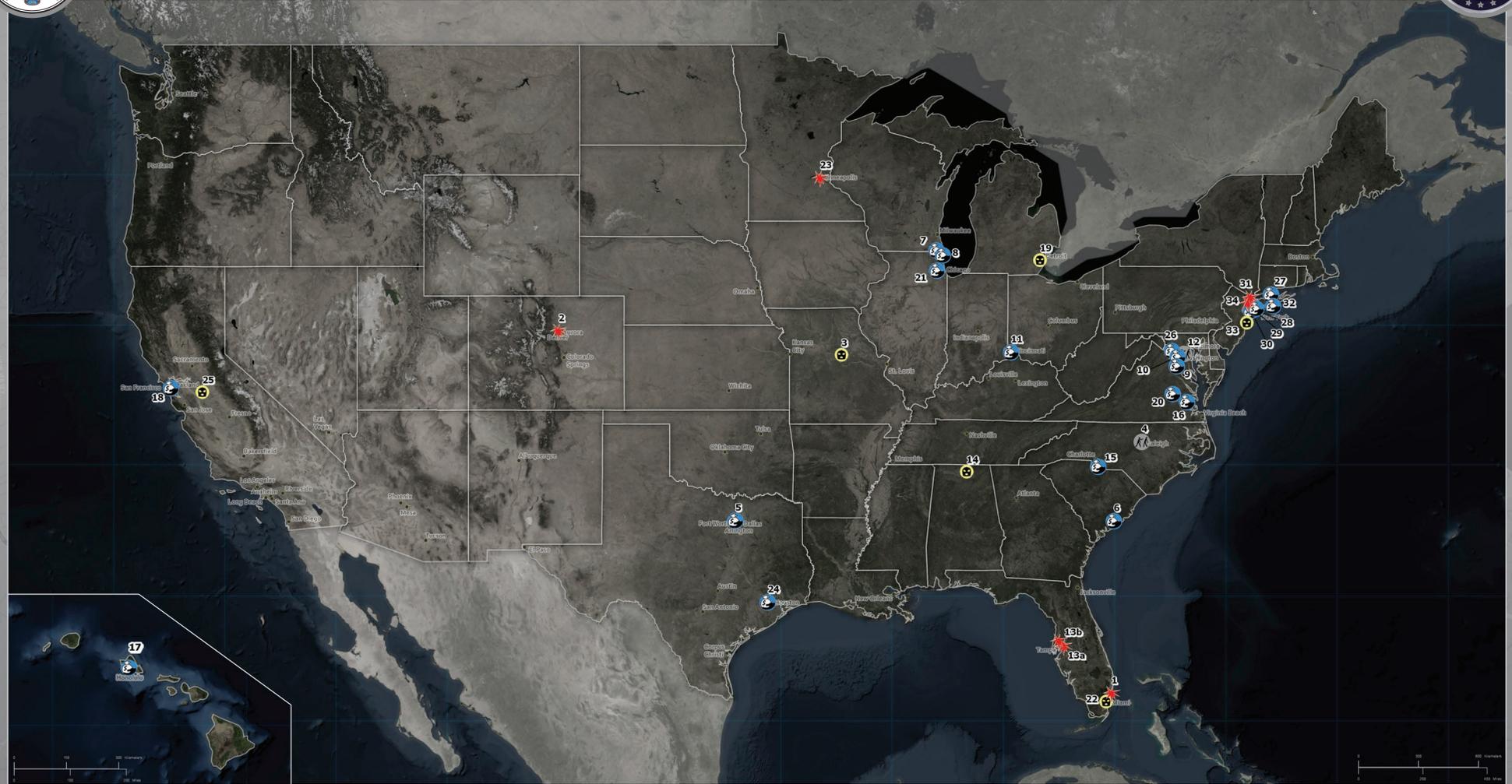




# Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs) in the US, 2017



**Extremist's Action:** ★ Attack 🗿 Plot 🌐 Material Support 👤 Threat  
**Traveler Type:** 🚫 Unsuccessful Attempt 🏠 Returned from Overseas

Like colors indicate individuals who acted in coordination, gray color indicates individuals who acted in coordination with others from previous years, and a white box signifies individuals who acted independently. The vast majority of HVEs were affiliated with ISIS in 2017.

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| 1. <b>ISIS</b> ★ 26 y/o<br>Esteban Santiago-Ruiz<br>Fort Lauderdale, FL<br>Arrested: 01/06/2017 | 2. <b>ISIS</b> ★ 37 y/o<br>Joshua Cummings<br>Denver, CO<br>Arrested: 01/31/2017                 | 3. <b>ISIS</b> 🗿 25 y/o<br>Robert Lorenzo Hester Jr.<br>Columbia, MO<br>Arrested: 02/17/2017 | 4. <b>Salafi-Jihadist</b> 👤 27 y/o<br>Garrett Grimsley<br>Cary, NC<br>Arrested: 02/19/2017        | 5. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 40 y/o<br>Said Azzam Mohamad Rahim<br>Richardson, TX<br>Arrested: 03/05/2017 | 6. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 18 y/o<br>Zakaryia Abdin<br>Charleston, SC<br>Arrested: 03/30/2017             |
| 7. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 35 y/o<br>Edward Schimenti<br>Zion, IL<br>Arrested: 04/12/2017                 | 8. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 35 y/o<br>Joseph D. Jones<br>Zion, IL<br>Arrested: 04/12/2017                   | 9. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 28 y/o<br>Michael Queen<br>Woodbridge, VA<br>Arrested: 04/18/2017           | 10. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 32 y/o<br>Soufian Amri<br>Falls Church, VA<br>Arrested: 04/18/2017              | 11. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 26 y/o<br>Laith Waleed Alebbini<br>Hebron, KY<br>Arrested: 04/26/2017       | 12. <b>ISIS</b> 👤 38 y/o<br>Clark Calloway<br>Washington, DC<br>Arrested: 05/04/2017            |
| 13a. <b>Salafi-Jihadist</b> ★ 18 y/o<br>Devon Arthurs<br>Tampa, FL<br>Arrested: 05/19/2017      | 13b. <b>Salafi-Jihadist</b> ★ 18 y/o<br>Devon Arthurs<br>Tampa, FL<br>Arrested: 05/19/2017       | 14. <b>ISIS</b> 🗿 22 y/o<br>Aziz Sayyed<br>Huntsville, AL<br>Arrested: 06/15/2017            | 15. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 29 y/o<br>Alexander Samuel Smith<br>Waxhaw, NC<br>Arrested: 06/21/2017          | 16. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 27 y/o<br>Shivam Patel<br>Williamsburg, VA<br>Arrested: 06/30/2017          | 17. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 34 y/o<br>Ikaika Erik Kang<br>Honolulu, HI<br>Arrested: 07/08/2017            |
| 18. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 22 y/o<br>Amer Sinan Alhaggagi<br>Oakland, CA<br>Arrested: 07/20/2017         | 19. <b>ISIS</b> 🗿 28 y/o<br>Yousef Mohammed Ramadan<br>Detroit, MI<br>Arrested: 08/25/2017       | 20. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 28 y/o<br>Casey Charles Spain<br>Richmond, VA<br>Arrested: 08/31/2017      | 21. <b>Salafi-Jihadist</b> 🌐 31 y/o<br>Dilshod Khusanov<br>Villa Park, IL<br>Arrested: 08/31/2017 | 22. <b>ISIS</b> 🗿 53 y/o<br>Vicente Adolfo Solano<br>Miami, FL<br>Arrested: 10/20/2017        | 23. <b>ISIS</b> ★ 20 y/o<br>Mahad Abdiyaz Abdurahman<br>Bloomington, MN<br>Arrested: 11/12/2017 |
| 24. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 18 y/o<br>Kaan Sercan Damlarkaya<br>Houston, TX<br>Arrested: 12/08/2017       | 25. <b>ISIS</b> 🗿 26 y/o<br>Everitt Aaron Jameson<br>Modesto, CA<br>Arrested: 12/22/2017         | 26. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 21 y/o<br>Sean Andrew Duncan<br>Sterling, VA<br>Arrested: 12/29/2017       | <b>HVEs in New York</b>   |   |   |
| 27. <b>Salafi-Jihadist</b> 🌐 26 y/o<br>Elvis Redzepagic<br>Commack, NY<br>Arrested: 03/03/2017  | 28. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 30 y/o<br>Saddam Mohamed Raishani<br>New York City, NY<br>Arrested: 06/21/2017 | 29. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 36 y/o<br>Mirsad Kandic<br>New York City, NY<br>Arrested: 08/17/2017       | 30. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 22 y/o<br>Parveg Ahmed<br>New York City, NY<br>Arrested: 08/28/2017             | 31. <b>ISIS</b> ★ 27 y/o<br>Akayed Ullah<br>New York City, NY<br>Arrested: 12/11/2017         | 32. <b>ISIS</b> 🌐 27 y/o<br>Zoobia Shahnaz<br>Brentwood, NY<br>Arrested: 12/13/2017             |

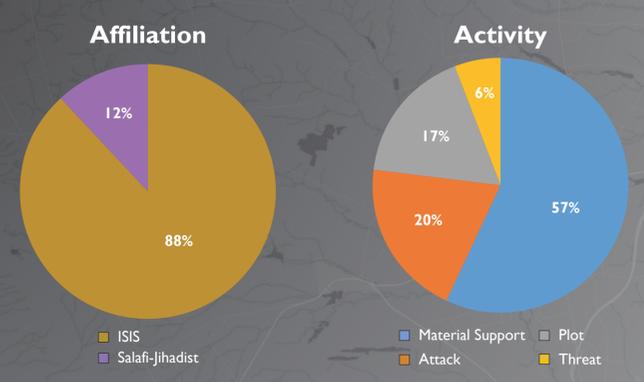
**HVE KEY POINTS**

HVEs are individuals inspired—as opposed to directed—by a foreign terrorist organization and radicalized in the countries in which they are born, raised, or reside.

While international terrorist organizations have encouraged HVEs to carry out attacks, in many instances, personal grievances influence their ideology, target selection, and violent acts.

HVEs can be radicalized using social media—including Facebook, YouTube, and Telegram—which encourages attacks in the West or support for terrorists overseas.

Some HVEs draw inspiration from multiple terrorist organizations and adhere to Salafi-jihadism, an extremist interpretation of Islam.



**STATUS of attack victims**

16 Killed 58 Wounded

**New Jersey HVE Arrests in 2017**

In 2017, there were 13 attacks and plots nationwide—two involving New Jersey residents—and 22 individuals were charged with material support or other related offenses nationwide.

**33. ISIS** 🗿 20 y/o

**Gregory Lepsky**  
Point Pleasant Borough, NJ  
Arrested: 02/21/2017

On February 21, a relative of Gregory Lepsky notified local law enforcement that Lepsky had a weapon and was going to kill the family dog. Officers arrested Lepsky after finding the dog with a large wound. According to the criminal complaint, Lepsky stated that he had stabbed the dog because, in his view of Islam, dogs are "dirty." He also planned to kill his mother and praised ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

During the investigation, officers found a pressure cooker in Lepsky's closet, as well as several books on jihad and suicide bombing. In addition to various radical photographs and messages recovered from his cell phone, Lepsky's internet history revealed many searches related to ISIS propaganda, terrorist attacks, and beheadings. Lepsky also read articles on how to make a pressure-cooker bomb, including "Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom," published in AQAP's English-language magazine, *Inspire*.

**34. ISIS** ★ 29 y/o

**Sayfullo Saipov**  
New York City, NY  
Arrested: 10/31/2017

On October 31, New Jersey resident Sayfullo Saipov drove a pickup truck down a bike path along the Hudson River in lower Manhattan—killing eight and injuring 11—before crashing into a school bus. Police shot Saipov as he exited the vehicle displaying a paintball and a pellet gun. The attack method followed the instructions in the November 2016 issue of ISIS's English-language magazine, *Rumiyah*, which specifically mentions using vehicles as weapons under a section titled, "Just Terror Tactics."

Saipov viewed several ISIS and al-Qa'ida videos, including some featuring al-Baghdadi, encouraging Muslims in the United States to retaliate for the killing of Muslims in Iraq, according to the criminal complaint. Authorities also discovered that he read other English-language propaganda, such as *Inspire* magazine.

