



# ASSESSED THREAT LEVEL TO NEW JERSEY IN 2016



## HIGHEST

### Homegrown Violent Extremists (HVEs)

HVEs are individuals inspired by foreign terrorist organizations and radicalized in the countries in which they are born, raised, or reside.

## MODERATE (IN ORDER OF THREAT)

### Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)

ISIS, also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, Islamic State, or Daesh, split from al-Qa'ida in 2014 and established its self-proclaimed "caliphate," claiming authority over all Muslims.

### Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)

AQAP is an Islamic extremist organization based in Yemen. It is al-Qa'ida's most active global affiliate.

### Militia Groups

Militia groups are paramilitary organizations that view the federal government as an existential threat to the rights and freedoms of Americans. They judge armed resistance to be necessary to preserve these rights.

### Sovereign Citizens

Sovereign citizens view all forms of government, including law enforcement, as illegitimate.

### White Supremacists

White supremacists are extremists who believe in the inherent superiority of the white race. They seek to establish dominance over non-whites through violence.

## LOWEST

(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

### Al-Shabaab

Al-Shabaab is an Islamic extremist organization seeking to establish an austere version of Islam in Somalia. In addition to Somalia, the group operates in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Tanzania.

### Al-Qa'ida and its Other Affiliates

Al-Qa'ida's core leadership is based in the Afghanistan/Pakistan region and affiliates al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb, al-Qa'ida in the Indian Subcontinent, and the Nusrah Front are based in North Africa, South Asia, and Syria, respectively.

### Anarchists

Anarchists are individuals or groups that violently reject contemporary capitalism and all forms of government.

### Animal Rights Extremists

Animal rights extremists are individuals or groups that believe that all animals – human and non-human – have equal rights of life and liberty. They are willing to conduct criminal activity to advance this ideology.

### Black Separatists

Black separatists are individuals or groups that seek to establish an independent nation for people of African descent.

### Boko Haram

Boko Haram is an Islamic extremist organization based in northeastern Nigeria, which pledged allegiance to ISIS in March 2015.

### Environmental Rights Extremists

Environmental rights extremists are individuals or groups that believe manmade threats to the environment are so severe that violence and property damage are justified to prevent further destruction.

### Hizballah

Hizballah is an Islamic militant group and political party based in Lebanon and allied with Iran.

### Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT)

LeT is an Islamic extremist organization focused on attacking and expelling Indians from Kashmir, a northern state in India that borders Pakistan and is home to a Muslim-majority population.

### Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)

TTP is an Islamic extremist organization seeking to overthrow Pakistan's government and expel US forces from Afghanistan.