

# Transnational Volunteers Against ISIS

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As of 1 August 2019, this database has details of 500 individuals, making it one of the largest of its kind.

**60%**

of the individuals in the database volunteered in Syria with the YPG or its female equivalent, the Women's Protection Units (YPJ).

**173**

The vast majority of the individuals are American.

**126**

(25%) individuals in the dataset have military experience.

**61**

of these volunteers have been killed.

**45**

have been killed in engagements with ISIS.

**150 of 214**

stored individuals fall within the category of Moral Outrage / Wanting To Do Good / Search For Meaning / Kurdish Solidarity.

There appears to have been a spike of new joiners during the battle for Kobane (Sept 2014 - Mar 2015).  
The waves they came in:

**1** 2013

**72** 2015

**19** 2014

**25** 2016

**21** 2017

**5** 2018