



TPS Holders in Colorado

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The U.S. secretary of homeland security, in consultation with the U.S. secretary of state, has the discretion to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to individuals from countries where ongoing conflict, environmental disaster, or other extraordinary circumstances make it impossible to return without jeopardizing their lives. Today, an estimated 320,000 people hold TPS in the United States from 10 designated countries; more than 90 percent of these individuals are from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti. TPS is granted for set periods of time ranging from six to 18 months, and decisions as to whether to continue TPS for Honduras, Haiti, and El Salvador must occur by November 6, 2017, November 23, 2017, and January 8, 2018, respectively.¹

TPS recipients and their U.S.-born children live in Colorado

- 1,400 Salvadorans, Hondurans, and Haitians in Colorado are TPS holders
- 1,600 U.S.-born children in Colorado have parents who are TPS holders

Colorado's economy benefits from workers with TPS

- 1,400 workers in Colorado are Salvadoran, Honduran, or Haitian TPS holders
- \$78.2 million would be lost from state GDP annually without Salvadoran, Honduran, and Haitian workers who hold TPS

TPS holders are integral members of Colorado's social fabric

- Salvadoran, Honduran, and Haitian TPS holders in Colorado have lived in the United States for an average of 19 years

Endnotes

¹ TPS holders, U.S.-born children, workers with TPS, and length of time in United States derived from Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS) estimates of 2015 1-year American Community Survey (ACS) microdata, "Data Tables Offer Detailed Characteristics of Temporary Protection Status Recipients from El Salvador, Honduras and Haiti by State" available at <http://cmsny.org/tp-stablesbystate/> (last accessed October 2017). GDP loss is a CAP analysis of CMS estimates from previous citation. See Nicole Prchal Svajlenka, Angie Bautista-Chavez, Laura Muñoz Lopez, "Salvadoran, Honduran, and Haitian TPS Holders are Integral Members of the U.S. Economy and Society," Center for American Progress, October 20, 2017, available at <https://www.americanprogress.org/?p=440400>; Robert Warren and Donald Kerwin, "A Statistical and Demographic Profile of the US Temporary Protected Status Populations from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti," *Journal on Migration and Human Security* 5 (3) (2017): 577–592, available at <http://jmhs.cmsny.org/index.php/jmhs/article/view/99>.