



TPS Holders in Florida

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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 Florida

Salvadorans

- 4,500 Salvadorans in Florida are TPS holders
- 4,200 U.S.-born children in Florida have Salvadoran parents who are TPS holders

Hondurans

- 7,800 Hondurans in Florida are TPS holders
- 5,100 U.S.-born children in Florida have Honduran parents who are TPS holders

Haitians

- 32,500 Haitians in Florida are TPS holders
- 18,800 U.S.-born children in Florida have Haitian parents who are TPS holders

Florida's economy benefits from workers with TPS

Salvadorans

- 3,100 workers in Florida are Salvadoran TPS holders
- \$167.1 million would be lost from state GDP annually without Salvadoran workers who hold TPS
- 23.1 percent of Salvadoran workers with TPS work in construction; 17 percent work in administrative and support and waste management services; and 16.5 percent work in accommodation and food services



State statistics

- **44,800** people in Florida are TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti
- **28,000** U.S.-born children in Florida have parents from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti who have TPS
- **\$1.7 billion** would be lost from state GDP annually without TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti

Hondurans

- 6,400 workers in Florida are Honduran TPS holders
- \$340 million would be lost from state GDP annually without Honduran workers who hold TPS
- 28.8 percent of Honduran workers with TPS work in construction; 19.8 percent work in other services, except public administration; and 11.1 percent work in administrative and support and waste management services

Haitians

- 21,900 workers in Florida are Haitian TPS holders
- \$1.2 billion would be lost from state GDP annually without Haitian workers who hold TPS
- 32.7 percent of Haitian workers with TPS work in the accommodation and food services; 13.1 percent work in retail trade; and 10.6 percent work in health care and social assistance

TPS holders are integral members of Florida's social fabric

Salvadorans

- Salvadoran TPS holders in Florida have lived in the United States for an average of 19 years
- 1,000 households of Salvadoran TPS holders in Florida have mortgages

Hondurans

- Honduran TPS holders in Florida have lived in the United States for an average of 23 years

Haitians

- Haitian TPS holders in Florida have lived in the United States for an average of 12 years
- 4,000 households of Haitian TPS holders in Florida have mortgages

Endnotes

- 1 TPS holders, U.S.-born children, workers with TPS, length of time in United States, and number of households with mortgages 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/tpstablesbystate/> (last accessed October 2017). GDP loss is a CAP analysis of CMS estimates from previous citation. Industry data is Tom K. Wong's analysis of 2011-2015 5-year ACS microdata on file with the authors. 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>.