



TPS Holders in California

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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. Individuals from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti comprise more than 90 percent of those with TPS. 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 California

Salvadorans

- 49,100 Salvadorans in California are TPS holders
- 50,300 U.S.-born children in California have Salvadoran parents who are TPS holders

Hondurans

- 5,900 Hondurans in California are TPS holders
- 4,400 U.S.-born children in California have Honduran parents who are TPS holders

California's economy benefits from workers with TPS

Salvadorans

- 39,400 workers in California are Salvadoran TPS holders
- \$2.4 billion would be lost from state GDP annually without Salvadoran workers who hold TPS
- 14.5 percent of Salvadoran workers with TPS work in accommodation and food services; 14 percent work in construction; and 11.9 percent work in administrative and support and waste management services.



State statistics

- **55,000** people in California are TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti
- **54,700** U.S.-born children in California have parents from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti who have TPS
- **\$2.7 billion** would be lost from state GDP annually without TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti

Hondurans

- 5,100 workers in California are Honduran TPS holders
- \$307.3 million would be lost from state GDP annually without Honduran workers who hold TPS
- 21 percent of Honduran workers with TPS work in construction; 12.9 percent work in other services, except public administration; and 12.1 percent work in manufacturing

TPS holders are integral members of California's social fabric

Salvadorans

- Salvadoran TPS holders in California have lived in the United States for an average of 22 years
- 8,700 households of Salvadoran TPS holders in California have mortgages

Hondurans

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

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>.