



TPS Holders in Massachusetts

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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 Massachusetts

Salvadorans

- 5,000 Salvadorans in Massachusetts are TPS holders
- 4,200 U.S.-born children in Massachusetts have Salvadoran parents who are TPS holders

Haitians

- 2,700 Haitians in Massachusetts are TPS holders
- 1,000 U.S.-born children in Massachusetts have Haitian parents who are TPS holders

Massachusetts's economy benefits from workers with TPS

Salvadorans

- 4,800 workers in Massachusetts are Salvadoran TPS holders
- \$426 million would be lost from state GDP annually without Salvadoran workers who hold TPS
- 30.8 percent of Salvadoran workers with TPS work in accommodation and food services; 16.1 percent work in administrative and support and waste management services; and 10.8 percent work in retail trade



State statistics

- **7,800** people in Massachusetts are TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti
- **5,300** U.S.-born children in Massachusetts have parents from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti who have TPS
- **\$645.8 million** would be lost from state GDP annually without TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti

Haitians

- 2,300 workers in Massachusetts are Haitian TPS holders
- \$203.8 million would be lost from state GDP annually without Haitian workers who hold TPS

TPS holders are integral members of Massachusetts's social fabric

Salvadorans

- Salvadoran TPS holders in Massachusetts have lived in the United States for an average of 22 years
- 1,000 households of Salvadoran TPS holders in Massachusetts have mortgages

Haitians

- Haitian TPS holders in Massachusetts have lived in the United States for an average of 15 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 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>.