



TPS Holders in Pennsylvania

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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 live in Pennsylvania

Haitians

- 1,400 Haitians in Pennsylvania are TPS holders

TPS holders are integral members of Pennsylvania's social fabric

Haitians

- Haitian TPS holders in Pennsylvania have lived in the United States for an average of 11 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>.



State statistics

- **2,500** people in Pennsylvania are TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti
- **2,100** U.S.-born children in Pennsylvania have parents from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti who have TPS
- **\$85 million** would be lost from state GDP annually without TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti