TPS Holders in Illinois
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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 Illinois
Salvadorans
• 1,300 Salvadorans in Illinois are TPS holders
• 1,000 U.S.-born children in Illinois have Salvadoran parents who are TPS holders

Illinois’s economy benefits from workers with TPS
Salvadorans
• 1,100 workers in Illinois are Salvadoran TPS holders
• $69.3 million would be lost from state GDP annually without Salvadoran workers who hold TPS

TPS holders are integral members of Illinois’s social fabric
Salvadorans
• Salvadoran TPS holders in Illinois have lived in the United States for an average of 18 years

Endnotes