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.

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