TPS Holders in New Jersey

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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 New Jersey

**Salvadorans**
- 6,800 Salvadorans in New Jersey are TPS holders
- 3,900 U.S.-born children in New Jersey have Salvadoran parents who are TPS holders

**Hondurans**
- 3,700 Hondurans in New Jersey are TPS holders
- 3,700 U.S.-born children in New Jersey have Honduran parents who are TPS holders

**Haitians**
- 3,400 Haitians in New Jersey are TPS holders
- 1,100 U.S.-born children in New Jersey have Haitian parents who are TPS holders

New Jersey’s economy benefits from workers with TPS

**Salvadorans**
- 5,400 workers in New Jersey are Salvadoran TPS holders
- $448.3 million would be lost from state GDP annually without Salvadoran workers who hold TPS
- 18.9 percent of Salvadoran workers with TPS work in manufacturing; 12.3 percent work in administrative and support and waste management services; and 12.2 percent work in accommodation and food services

State statistics

- **13,900** people in New Jersey are TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti
- **8,800** U.S.-born children in New Jersey have parents from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti who have TPS
- **$872.6 million** would be lost from state GDP annually without TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti
Hondurans
• 3,100 workers in New Jersey are Honduran TPS holders
• $256.6 million would be lost from state GDP annually without Honduran workers who hold TPS
• 17.4 percent of Honduran workers with TPS work in construction, and 14.8 percent work in retail trade

Haitians
• 2,000 workers in New Jersey are Haitian TPS holders
• $167.7 million would be lost from state GDP annually without Haitian workers who hold TPS

TPS holders are integral members of New Jersey’s social fabric

Salvadorans
• Salvadoran TPS holders in New Jersey have lived in the United States for an average of 21 years
• 1,500 households of Salvadoran TPS holders in New Jersey have mortgages

Hondurans
• Honduran TPS holders in New Jersey have lived in the United States for an average of 25 years

Haitians
• Haitian TPS holders in New Jersey have lived in the United States for an average of 12 years

Endnotes