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# Temporary Protected Status (TPS): Fact Sheet

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- Eligible for travel authorization.

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As of September 23, 2024, the U.S. provides TPS protections to about **863,880** individuals from the following six countries.

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2	Haiti	200,005
3	El Salvador	180,375

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As of March 31, 2025, the U.S. provided TPS protections to about **1,297,635 individuals** from the following 17 countries.

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#	Designated Country	Approved Individuals
1	Venezuela	605,015
2	Haiti	330,735
3	El Salvador	170,125
4	Ukraine	101,150
5	Honduras	51,225
6	Afghanistan	8,105
7	Nepal	7,160
8	Cameroon	4,920
9	Ethiopia	4,540
10	Syria	3,860
11	Burma	3,670
12	Nicaragua	2,910
13	Sudan	1,790
14	Yemen	1,380
15	Somalia	705
16	South Sudan	210
17	Lebanon	140

## When do TPS designations expire?

The DHS Secretary can extend TPS after a review of country conditions. A decision concerning an extension should typically be made at least 60 days

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TPS designation for a six, 12 or 18-month period or decide to cancel the designation.

TPS extensions only apply to those who already have TPS status. Foreign nationals who arrive after the designated start date (i.e. “required arrival date”) are only made eligible for status if TPS is newly re-designated for their country.

The number of TPS holders in the chart below may differ from the number of approved applicants in our previous chart (i.e. *designation by country*), because DHS provides updated TPS data when it posts notices in the Federal register.

Designated Country	Required Arrival Date	Secretary’s Decision Due	Expiration Date	TPS Holders	TPS Eligible
<b>Venezuela (2023)</b>	07/31/2023	02/01/2025	<b>Termination</b> effective on <b>May 19, 2025*</b>	352,190	472,000
<b>Afghanistan</b>	09/20/2023	03/21/2025	<b>Termination</b> effective on <b>July 22, 2025</b>	11,700 (~ May 2025)	17,700
<b>Cameroon</b>	10/05/2023	04/08/2025	<b>Termination</b> effective on <b>August 5, 2025</b>	5,200 (~ June 2025)	10,000
<b>Nepal</b>	06/24/2015	04/25/2025	<b>Termination</b> effective on <b>August 20, 2025</b>	12,700 (~ June 2025)	~ 14,500
<b>Honduras</b>	12/30/1998	05/06/2025	<b>Termination</b> effective on <b>September 8, 2025</b>	72,000 (~ July)	~ 76,000

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<b>Nicaragua</b>	12/30/1998	05/06/2025	<b>Termination effective on September 8, 2025</b>	4,000 (~ July 2025)	~ 4,000
<b>Venezuela (2021)</b>	03/08/2021	07/12/2025	<b>Termination effective on November 7, 2025*</b>	252,825	323,000
<b>Syria</b>	01/25/2024	08/01/2025	<b>Sept. 30, 2025</b> (termination <b>paused</b> per court order)	6,132 (~ Sept. 2025)	8,200
<b>South Sudan</b>	09/02/2023	09/03/2025	<b>Jan. 6, 2026</b> (termination <b>paused</b> per court order)	210 (~ 200)	~ 280
<b>Burma</b>	03/21/2024	09/26/2025	<b>Nov. 25, 2025</b> (termination <b>paused</b> per court order)	3,670	7,300
<b>Ethiopia</b>	04/11/2024	10/13/2025	<b>February 13, 2026</b> (termination <b>paused</b> per court order)	5,001	12,800
<b>Haiti</b>	06/03/2025	06/04/2025	<b>Feb. 3, 2026</b> (termination <b>paused</b> per court order)	348,187 (~ June 2025)	474,000
<b>Yemen</b>	07/02/2024	01/02/2026	<b>March 3, 2026</b> (termination effective date is pending)	1,380	4,000
<b>Somalia</b>	07/12/2024	01/16/2026	<b>March 17, 2026</b> (termination effective on <b>March 17, 2026</b> )	705	4,900
<b>Lebanon</b>	10/16/2024	03/28/2026	<b>May 27, 2026</b>	140	11,000
<b>El Salvador</b>	07/11/2025	01/16/2026	<b>March 17, 2026</b>		

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<b>Sudan</b>		08/20/2026	<b>Oct. 19, 2026</b>	1,790	3,950
	03/01/2022				
<b>Ukraine</b>	04/11/2022	08/20/2026	<b>Oct. 19, 2026</b>	101,150	103,700

**\*Note:** TPS recipients from Venezuela who received an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) on or before February 5, 2025 with a “Card Expires” date of October 2, 2026 will maintain work authorization until October 2, 2026.

### *Venezuela 2023 and 2021 TPS Designations*

On February 5, 2025, DHS Secretary Kristi Noem **decided to terminate** TPS protections for Venezuela under the 2023 designation. This move overturned a decision by the Biden administration to extend protections until October 2, 2026. On March 31, U.S. District Judge Edward Chen in San Francisco **temporarily blocked** DHS’ attempt to end TPS protections for Venezuelans under the 2023 designation, extending those TPS protections until the Biden administration’s original date of October 2, 2026 (*NTPSA v. Noem*). The Trump administration appealed the court’s decision. On May 19, the U.S. Supreme Court **ruled** in a procedural decision that the administration could proceed with ending TPS for Venezuela under the 2023 designation while legal challenges to the decision continue in the lower courts. Following the Supreme Court’s decision, the district court ordered on May 30 that TPS beneficiaries who received an extension of their status on or before February 5 – when DHS announced it would end

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the 2023 designation – continue to maintain their status pending resolution of the litigation.

DHS **announced** on September 3 that the department plans to terminate TPS protections for Venezuela under the 2021 designation. The termination will be effective on November 8, 2025, 60 days after publication of the termination notice in the Federal Register.

On September 5, Judge Chen issued a final order on the merits of the case (*NTPSA v. Noem*). The judge’s decision **blocked the Trump administration** from ending TPS for Venezuela and Haiti, restoring the Biden-era TPS extension date of October 2, 2026 for Venezuela and February 3, 2026 for Haiti. The Trump administration filed an emergency appeal for a temporary pause of the order. On October 3, 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court **issued an unsigned order** through the emergency docket that paused Judge Chen’s decision, effectively allowing the terminations to take effect while litigation on the merits continues in the appeals court.

Following the court decision, USCIS **clarified** that Venezuelan TPS recipients who received a work permit on or before February 5, 2025 with an expiration date of October 2, 2026 will maintain work authorization until that date (October 2, 2026).

### *Haiti TPS Designation*

DHS **announced** on February 20 that Secretary Noem decided to amend the period of extension and redesignation of Haiti for TPS from 18 months to 12 months, with a new end date of August 3, 2025. Noem **stated** that the decision restores TPS to its “original status as temporary” and criticized

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the extension of Haiti and other countries at the end of the Biden administration as attempts to “tie the hands” of the Trump administration.

On July 1, DHS announced that it would **terminate TPS protections for Haiti**, with an effective termination date of September 2, 2025. On July 15, a federal judge in New York **issued a decision** blocking the termination of TPS protections for Haiti until February 3, 2026 – effectively restoring the Biden-era TPS extension date for Haiti. In a separate case (*NTPSA v. Noem*), Judge Chen issued a final order that blocks the Trump administration from ending TPS for Haiti until February 3, 2026. Judge Chen’s decision was blocked by the U.S. Supreme Court, but the decision from federal court in New York remained in place.

DHS **published a federal notice** on November 28, 2025 announcing a new termination date of TPS protections for Haiti, with the new end date of February 4, 2026. In the notice, DHS concedes that, “in compliance with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York’s final judgement, the current [TPS] designation period for Haiti ends February 3, 2026.” While DHS complied with the federal court’s order, the department moved to terminate TPS protections for Haiti as soon as possible under the ruling.

On February 2, 2026, two days before it was set to expire, a federal judge in Washington, D.C. **issued an order** indefinitely pausing the termination of TPS for Haiti. The judge found that the decision to terminate TPS for Haiti was “arbitrary and capricious” and violated the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) by failing to fully consider dangerous conditions in Haiti.

### ***Nepal, Honduras & Nicaragua TPS Designations***

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On June 6, DHS announced that it **would terminate TPS protections** for Nepal. Separately, on July 7, DHS announced that it would terminate TPS protections for **Honduras** and **Nicaragua**. The terminations will impact approximately 12,700 TPS holders from Nepal, 72,000 from Honduras, and 4,000 from Nicaragua.

A federal judge on July 31 **ordered** DHS to pause the termination of TPS protections for Nepal, Honduras and Nicaragua at least until a hearing on the merits could be held on November 18, 2025. On August 20, a three-judge panel from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals **allowed** the Trump administration to stay (pause) the district court order and move ahead with the termination of TPS status for the three countries.

However, on December 31, 2025, the federal judge in the case issued a summary judgment, *National TPS Alliance et al. v. Noem et al.*, finding that the effort to end TPS status for Nepal, Honduras, and Nicaragua is unlawful. The court's decision **restored TPS protections** for the three nations, extending the validity of the recipients' work permit and protection from deportation. On February 9, 2026, a three-judge panel from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals once again **stayed (paused)** the district court's order. The Ninth Circuit's decision restores the termination of TPS status for Nepal, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

### ***Syria TPS Designation***

On September 19, DHS announced it **would terminate TPS protections** for Syria. The effective termination date for Syria was November 21, 2025. Approximately 6,100 individuals were set to lose their TPS protections.

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However, on November 19, a federal judge in New York **issued an order** pausing the TPS termination for Syria (*Dahlia Doe v. Noem*).

### ***Afghanistan, Cameroon, South Sudan, Burma, Ethiopia, Somalia, & Yemen TPS Designations***

DHS announced on April 11, 2025 that it **would terminate TPS protections** for Afghanistan and Cameroon, making more than 17,000 individuals ineligible to work legally in the U.S. and susceptible to deportation. The effective TPS termination date for Afghanistan was July 15, 2025, and for Cameroon was August 4, 2025.

On November 5, DHS announced it **would terminate TPS protections** for South Sudan. The effective termination date for South Sudan is January 5, 2026. On December 30, 2025, a federal judge in Massachusetts issued an order pausing the termination of TPS status for South Sudan (*African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*).

DHS announced on November 25 it **would terminate TPS status** for Burma, with an effective termination date of January 26, 2026. This move would make about 3,670 individuals ineligible to work legally in the U.S. and susceptible to deportation. On January 26, 2026, a federal judge in Chicago **issued an order** indefinitely pausing the termination of TPS for Burma.

On December 12, DHS **announced** it would end TPS protections for Ethiopia. The effective termination date will be February 13, 2026. The move impacts about 5,000 individuals. On January 30, 2026, a federal district court judge in Massachusetts **stayed (paused)** the termination of

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DHS announced on January 13, 2026 that it would **terminate TPS status** for Somalia. The decision will impact about 700 individuals. The decision **follows** the Trump administration's deployment of federal immigration officers to Minnesota and focus on reviewing Somali immigrants in the region.

On February 13, 2026, DHS **announced** it would terminate TPS status for Yemen. The effective termination date will be 60 days after the termination notice is published in the federal register.

## **What will happen to TPS holders whose countries' designations were terminated?**

Once TPS protection ends, a TPS holder **will revert back** to his or her previous immigration status. For those without legal status in the U.S., they will return to an undocumented status and potentially be subject to removal proceedings.

## **Did President Trump attempt to end TPS designations in his first term?**

Yes. President Trump attempted to end TPS designations in his first administration for several countries, including El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, and Sudan. These decisions faced legal challenges. While the court cases were ongoing, federal courts generally permitted TPS holders to maintain their protections. On September 14, 2020, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit **allowed the termination** of TPS for El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Sudan to proceed. That decision was appealed

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settlement talks were initiated. On June 13, 2023, the Biden administration **announced** it was rescinding the Trump-era terminations.

## Where do TPS holders live?

TPS holders reside all over the United States. As of March 31, 2025, the largest **populations of TPS holders** live in Florida (403,965), Texas (147,080), New York (98,250), California (79,320), and Georgia (50,110).

TPS Holders by State of Residence					
#	State	TPS Holders	#	State	TPS Holders
1	Florida	403,965	27	Oregon	5,670
2	Texas	147,080	28	Oklahoma	5,610
3	New York	98,250	29	Wisconsin	5,245
4	California	79,320	30	Missouri	5,095
5	Georgia	50,110	31	Delaware	4,840
6	Illinois	46,510	32	Iowa	4,055
7	New Jersey	46,360	32	Louisiana	4,055
8	Massachusetts	44,825	34	Kansas	3,620
9	Indiana	34,575	35	Washington, D.C.	3,550
10	Maryland	33,680	36	Arkansas	3,490
11	North Carolina	32,420	37	Nebraska	2,730
12	Virginia	29,970	38	Rhode Island	2,265
13	Ohio	26,490	39	Mississippi	1,080

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15	Tennessee	20,200	41	New Mexico	1,025
16	Utah	20,100	42	North Dakota	940
17	Washington	18,065	43	New Hampshire	880
18	Colorado	16,570	44	Maine	715
19	South Carolina	10,655	45	South Dakota	670
20	Connecticut	9,460	46	West Virginia	510
21	Minnesota	8,460	47	Alaska	475
22	Michigan	8,095	48	Hawaii	400
23	Arizona	6,530	49	Montana	390
24	Kentucky	5,915	50	Vermont	215
25	Alabama	5,830	51	Wyoming	210
26	Nevada	5,825	#	Other/Unknown	5,805

## How do TPS holders contribute to our economy?

TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti **contribute a combined \$4.5 billion** in pre-tax wages or salary income annually, as of April 2017. The total Social Security and Medicare contributions of those individuals is estimated at more than \$6.9 billion over a ten-year span.

An **estimated 130,000** TPS holders work as “essential critical infrastructure workers,” with more than **94 percent** of TPS holders in the labor force as of 2017.

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