



## Lie of the day

*Daniel Dale, CNN:*

**The legal status of immigrants in Springfield, Ohio:** Trump falsely claimed, “They just dropped 30,000 illegal aliens in Springfield, Ohio.”

This is false in more than one way. While we don’t know the immigration status of each and every Haitian immigrant in Springfield, the community is, on the whole, in the country lawfully. The Springfield city website [says](#), “YES, Haitian immigrants are here legally, under the Immigration Parole Program. Once here, immigrants are then eligible to apply for Temporary Protected Status (TPS).” Republican Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine [wrote in a New York Times op-ed about Springfield in September](#) that the Haitian immigrants “are there legally” and that, as a Trump-Vance supporter, he is “saddened” by the candidates’ disparagement of “the legal migrants living in Springfield.”

Second, nobody “dropped” the immigrants in Springfield; the city’s Haitian residents were [not sent there by a government resettlement program](#). Rather, they [independently decided to move to the city](#) because of employment opportunities, affordable housing and the presence of a Haitian community, among other factors.

And while there is no official tally of the number of immigrants in Springfield, Trump’s “30,000” figure exceeds local estimates. The website for the city of Springfield [says](#) there are an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 immigrants in the county that includes Springfield, where the total population is [about 138,000](#). Chris Cook, the county’s health commissioner, [said](#) in July that his team estimated the best number was 10,000 to 12,000 Haitian residents in the county.

