

What companies do HUSKY parents work for?

The top five employers of HUSKY families are Walmart, Stop n Shop, Dunkin Donuts, McDonald's and Laidlaw. The state pays \$20,845,303 annually in health care costs for almost 10,000 workers at those companies and their family members. If these five companies honored their responsibility to workers, the state could save most of what is needed to keep 13,000 HUSKY parents on the program after April 1st.

#1 -- Walmart	\$5,664,799 state HUSKY costs/year
Number of Walmart workers on HUSKY	824
Number of children of Walmart workers on HUSKY ¹	1683
HUSKY parents who work over 20 hours/week at Walmart ²	92%
HUSKY parents who work over 30 hours/week at Walmart ²	76%

About Walmart: Walmart is the world's largest retailer. In 2004, Walmart's total revenue was \$288.19 billion. Walmart's annual net profit reached more than \$10 billion for the first time in 2004. On Jan. 31 of this year, shares of Walmart stock were up 19% from a year ago. Walmart employs more than 1.5 million people worldwide. Two weeks ago it was revealed that Walmart has been cited by the US Dept of Labor for child labor law violations in Connecticut among other states allowing nearly 70 teenagers to operate dangerous machinery. One child was reportedly injured using a chainsaw. The CT Attorney General is investigating.

#2 --- Stop n Shop	\$5,146,038 state HUSKY costs/year
Number of Stop n Shop workers on HUSKY	741
Number of children of Stop n Shop workers on HUSKY ¹	1543
HUSKY parents who work over 20 hours/week at Stop n Shop ²	80%
HUSKY parents who work over 30 hours/week at Stop n Shop ²	38%

About Stop n Shop: Stop n Shop, based in Quincy, MA, is the region's largest supermarket chain with 2003 sales of over \$11 billion and annual growth of 6.1%. Stop n Shop has 57,000 employees in its network of stores across Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

¹ Estimate from DSS conversion ratio and OLR reports 2005-R-0129 and 0017

² Among non-recipient HUSKY parent workers, from OLR reports above

# 3 -- Dunkin Donuts	\$3,615,537 state HUSKY costs/year
Number of Dunkin Donuts workers on HUSKY	530
Number of children of Dunkin Donuts workers on HUSKY ¹	1067
HUSKY parents who work over 20 hours/week at Dunkin Donuts ²	90%
HUSKY parents who work over 30 hours/week at Dunkin Donuts ²	62%

About Dunkin Donuts: Dunkin Donuts is the world's largest coffee and baked goods chain, serving over 2.7 million customers per day. There are over 6,000 Dunkin Donuts franchises in 29 countries, over 4,400 in the US across 39 states. Worldwide sales in 2004 grew 13% to \$4.8 billion -- \$4.1 billion in the US.

#4 – Laidlaw	\$3,226,876 state HUSKY costs/year
Number of Laidlaw workers on HUSKY	460
Number of children of Laidlaw workers on HUSKY ¹	973
HUSKY parents who work over 20 hours/week at Laidlaw ²	88%
HUSKY parents who work over 30 hours/week at Laidlaw ²	44%

About Laidlaw: Laidlaw International is a holding company for North America's largest provider of school and inter-city bus transport, public transit services, patient transportation and emergency department management for hospitals. In the first quarter of fiscal 2005, Laidlaw's net income was \$30.4 million, a 34.5% increase in profits over the same period last year. That profit was earned on total revenues of \$1.2 billion for the quarter. Earnings per share of stock were up 32% over the same period last year. Laidlaw brands include not only Laidlaw school buses, but also American Medical Response, Greyhound Bus Line, and EmCare. American Medical Response is the largest private provider of emergency and non-emergency ambulance services in the US. EmCare is the largest provider of outsourced emergency department management services in the US.

#5 – McDonald's	\$3,192,053 state HUSKY costs/year
Number of McDonald's workers on HUSKY	460
Number of children of McDonald's workers on HUSKY ¹	945
HUSKY parents who work over 20 hours/week at McDonald's ²	86%
HUSKY parents who work over 30 hours/week at McDonald's ²	56%

About McDonald's: McDonald's has more than 30,000 restaurants in over 100 countries serving more than 48 million people each day. In 2004, McDonald's profited a record \$3.9 billion in cash from operations, up \$600 million over 2003's profit.

Bottom Line:

Some companies with significant resources are shifting their responsibility to workers' families onto Connecticut taxpayers.

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