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HUSKY EMPLOYERS

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You asked for an update of [2009-R-0217](#), which reported the top 25 employers of people who receive, or whose kids receive, HUSKY A (Medicaid) benefits.

Table 1 lists the top 25 individual employers whose employees' children, and in some case the employees, were receiving HUSKY A as of May 24, 2011. It also compares the total enrollments with those reported in February 2005 and 2009. (DSS reports that local boards of education, the self-employed, housekeepers, and day laborers, in the aggregate, have total enrollments that would fall in the Top 25. For purposes of this report, we look only at individual employers.)

The number of child recipients may be overstated as some may be counted twice. That is because a child conceivably could be living in a two-parent household in which one caretaker is receiving HUSKY A and the other is not.

Table 1: Adults and Children Covered by HUSKY A and Top 25 Individual Employers as of May 24, 2011

Employer	Child Recipients Whose Parents Do Not Receive HUSKY A	Caretaker Recipients Receiving HUSKY A [1]	Caretaker HUSKY A Recipients' Children	May 2011 Total Recipients	April 2009 Total Recipients	2005 Total Recipients [2]	% Change 2005-2011
Walmart	439	1,189	2,026	3,654	3,741	2,232	63.7
Dunkin Donuts	420	1,103	1,663	3,186	3,153	1,438	121.6
Stop and Shop	414	940	1,474	2,828	2,372	1,996	41.7
McDonald's	628	519	784	1,931	1,915	1,290	49.7
First Student (transit co.)	86	623	1,236	1,945	1,471	565	244.2
Mohegan Sun Casino	204	359	626	1,189	843	762	56.0
Companions and Homemakers	107	375	619	1,101	892	419	162.8
Home Depot	105	303	527	935	696	571	63.7
Care 4 Kids	128	286	484	898	1,021	457	96.5
Burger King	173	239	362	774	725	632	22.5
Macy's	86	247	426	759	626	487	55.9
CVS	98	263	396	757	732	579	30.7
Foxwoods Casino	133	207	374	714	572	501	42.5
Shop Rite [3]	64	240	375	679	Not in Top 25	Not in Top 25	NA
Walgreen's	101	223	329	653	568	306	113.3
Family Care Visiting Nurse	89	201	354	644	Not in Top 25	377	70.8
Hartford Hospital	101	172	350	623	483	401	55.4
Subway	127	199	290	616	679	341	80.6
Friendly's	78	212	319	609	Not in Top 25	422	44.3
State of Connecticut	137	155	291	583	Not in Top 25	Not in Top 25	NA
Kohl's	76	185	290	551	577	Not in Top 25	(4.5) since 2009
Monroe Staffing	77	171	301	549	Not in Top 25	Not in Top 25	NA
JC Penney	60	182	302	544	Not in Top 25	Not in Top 25	NA
Almost Family	74	167	297	538	Not in Top 25	Not in Top 25	NA
Bank of America [4]	73	169	285	527	550	498	(5.5)

Source: DSS; OLR reports [2005-R-0281](#), [2009-R-0217](#)

[1] The income limit for adult caretaker relatives in the HUSKY A program increased from 150% to 185% of the federal poverty level in 2007.

[2] In 2005, OLR did not have exact child recipient numbers. It used a multiplier of 1.37 children per adult to arrive at an approximate number of child enrollees. The multiplier was based on the average size of a HUSKY A “assistance unit” or family receiving HUSKY A coverage in February 2005.

[3] Shop Rite took over several Shaws supermarkets in 2010. Shaws was in the Top 25 in 2005 and 2009. In 2005, it had 754 employees and their children enrolled in HUSKY A.

[4] In 2005, Bank of America was Fleet Bank in Connecticut.

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