



Wal-Mart's Cost to Taxpayers

Your tax dollars pay for Wal-Mart's greed

- A 2004 estimate by the U.S. House Committee on Education and Workforce found that Wal-Mart's low wages cost taxpayers up to \$2.5 billion a year in the form of federal public assistance programs.¹
- In 21 of 23 states where data is available, Wal-Mart forces more employees to rely on taxpayer-funded health care than any other employer.²

Your local Wal-Mart costs your community up to \$420,000 per year

- These costs come in the form of many public assistance programs. A 2004 study found that one Wal-Mart store cost taxpayers \$108,000/year for children's health care and \$42,000 per year for low-income housing assistance—per store!¹

Note: As of 2008, Wal-Mart had over 4,000 stores nationwide.

Your tax dollars subsidize Wal-Mart's growth

- Wal-Mart has received over \$1.2 billion in subsidies from state and local governments.³
- A Wal-Mart official stated that "it is common" for the company to request subsidies in "about 1/3 of all [retail] projects." This suggests that over a thousand Wal-Mart stores have received taxpayer subsidies, despite their \$12 billion in profits in 2007.²
- Through a loophole in many state tax codes, Wal-Mart avoided paying \$2.3 billion in state income taxes between 1999 and 2005 alone.⁴

What you can do

1. Sign-Up

Join our exciting movement to change Wal-Mart:

www.wakeupwalmart.com

2. Adopt-A-Store

Become a local volunteer and help us build a local community group at every Wal-Mart store in America. Community groups meet once per month to take action to educate others about Wal-Mart's negative impact on our communities.

3. Tell Others

Call your friends and family and let them know why Wal-Mart needs to change and ask them to sign up.

¹ "Everyday Low Wages: The Hidden Price We All Pay for Wal-Mart," A Report by the Democratic Staff of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 16 February 2004

² "Disclosures of Employers Whose Workers and Their Dependents are Using State Health Insurance Programs," Good Jobs First June 26, 2007

³ "How Wal-Mart Has Used Public Money in Your State," Good Jobs First, 2007

⁴ "New Research Shows Wal-Mart Rigs the System to Skip Out on \$2.3 Billion in State Taxes," Citizens for Tax Justice, 4/16/07