SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Schedule 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 H&R BLOCK INC (Name of Issuer) Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities) 093671105 (CUSIP Number) December 31, 2005 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement) Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: [X] Rule 13d-1(b) *The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior page. The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes). CUSIP No. 093671105 ______ (1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, NA., 943112180 (2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group* (a) (b) /X/ ______ (3) SEC Use Only ______ (4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Number of Shares (5) Sole Voting Power Beneficially Owned 12,595,247 by Each Reporting Person With (6) Shared Voting Power (7) Sole Dispositive Power 12,595,247 _____ (8) Shared Dispositive Power (9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 12,595,247 ______ (10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*

| (11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 3.84% |
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| (12) Type of Reporting Person* BK |
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| CUSIP No. 093671105 |
| (1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). |
| BARCLAYS GLOBAL FUND ADVISORS |
| <pre>(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group* (a) / / (b) /X/</pre> |
| (3) SEC Use Only |
| (4) Citizenship or Place of Organization U.S.A. |
| Number of Shares (5) Sole Voting Power Beneficially Owned 1,157,030 by Each Reporting |
| (7) Sole Dispositive Power 1,157,030 |
| (8) Shared Dispositive Power |
| (9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 1,157,030 |
| (10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares* |
| (11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 0.35% |
| (12) Type of Reporting Person* IA |
| CUSIP No. 093671105 |
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| BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, LTD |
| <pre>(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group* (a) / / (b) /X/</pre> |
| (3) SEC Use Only |

(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

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| Number of Shares (5) Sole Voting Power Beneficially Owned 1,684,910 by Each Reporting |
| Person With (6) Shared Voting Power |
| (7) Sole Dispositive Power 2,177,762 |
| (8) Shared Dispositive Power |
| (9) Aggregate 2,177,762 |
| (10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares* |
| (11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 0.66% |
| (12) Type of Reporting Person* BK |
| CUSIP No. 093671105 |
| (1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). |
| BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JAPAN TRUST AND BANKING COMPANY LIMITED |
| <pre>(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group* (a) / / (b) /X/</pre> |
| (3) SEC Use Only |
| (4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Japan |
| Number of Shares (5) Sole Voting Power Beneficially Owned 667,060 by Each Reporting |
| Person With (6) Shared Voting Power |
| (7) Sole Dispositive Power 667,060 |
| (8) Shared Dispositive Power |
| (9) Aggregate 667,060 |
| (10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares* |
| (11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 0.20% |
| (12) Type of Reporting Person* BK |
| ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER H&R BLOCK INC |

ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

4410 MAIN STREET

KANSAS CITY MO 64111 TTEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, NA _____ ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE 45 Fremont Street San Francisco, CA 94105 ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP U.S.A -----ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES Common Stock ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER 093671105 ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A (a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o). (b) /X/ Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8). (e) // Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E). (f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). (g) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). (h) // A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813). (i) // A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15U.S.C. 80a-3). (j) // Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J) ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER H&R BLOCK INC ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES 4410 MAIN STREET KANSAS CITY MO 64111 ______ ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS GLOBAL FUND ADVISORS ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE 45 Fremont Street San Francisco, CA 94105 ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP U.S.A ______ ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES Common Stock TTEM 2(E). CUSTP NUMBER 093671105 -----ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A (a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780). (b) // Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).

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  BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, LTD
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ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE
   Murray House
          1 Royal Mint Court
          LONDON, EC3N 4HH
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BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JAPAN TRUST AND BANKING COMPANY LIMITED
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ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE
  Ebisu Prime Square Tower 8th Floor
          1-1-39 Hiroo Shibuya-Ku
          Tokyo 150-0012 Japan
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The shares reported are held by the company in trust accounts for the economic benefit of the beneficiaries of those accounts. See also Items 2(a) above.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY Not applicable

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP Not applicable

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP Not applicable

(a) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to section 240.13d-1(b):

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

(b) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to section 240.13d-1(c):

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

| January 31, 2006 |
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| Date |
| Signature |
| Mei Lau Financial Reporting Manager |
| Name/Title |