

State Auto Financial CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 20, 2011 (October 17, 2011)**

**STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-19289**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**31-1324304**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**518 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (614) 464-5000**

**43215-3976**

(Zip Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference is a press release issued by State Auto Financial Corporation on October 17, 2011.

**Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description                                                                   |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1        | Press release issued by State Auto Financial Corporation on October 17, 2011. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: October 20, 2011

By: /s/ James A. Yano  
Vice President and General Counsel

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