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# 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) April 14, 2005

#### THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-9518

34-0963169

(State or other jurisdiction of Number)

incorporation)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6300 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code 440-461-5000

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):

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

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 14, 2005, The Progressive Corporation and Subsidiaries (the Company ) issued a News Release containing financial results of the Company for the month and year-to-date periods ended March 2005 (the News Release ). A copy of the News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

See exhibit index on page 4.

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#### **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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 14, 2005

THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Basch

Name: Jeffrey W. Basch Title: Vice President and

Chief Accounting Officer

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# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.

Under Reg. Form 8-K S-K Item Exhibit

No. Description

99 News Release dated April 14, 2005, containing financial results of The Progressive

Corporation and Subsidiaries for the month and year-to-date periods ended March 2005

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