

PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/

Form 8-K

October 12, 2005

**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 12, 2005**

**THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Ohio   | 1-9518                   | 34-0963169                        |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (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):

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  - 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 October 12, 2005, The Progressive Corporation and Subsidiaries (the Company ) issued a News Release containing financial results of the Company for the month of, and quarter and year-to-date periods ended, September 2005 (the News Release ). A copy of the News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

See exhibit index on page 4.

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.

Dated: October 12, 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.<br>Under Reg.<br>S-K Item 601<br>99 | Form 8-K<br>Exhibit No.<br>99 | Description  |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
|   |                               | News Release dated October 12, 2005, containing financial results of The Progressive Corporation and Subsidiaries for the month of, and quarter and year-to-date periods ended, September 2005 |

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