PROGRESSIVE CORP/OH/ Form 8-K January 20, 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) January 20, 2005

## THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

	(Exact name of registran	t as specified in its charter)	
Ohio	1-9518		34-0963169
(State or other	(Commission File		(IRS Employer
jurisdiction of	Number)		Identification
incorporation)			No.)
	6300 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield		
	Village, Ohio	44143	
	(Address of principal executive		
	offices)	(Zip Code)	

Not Applicable

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

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 20, 2005, The Progressive Corporation and Subsidiaries (the Company ) issued a News Release containing financial results of the Company for the month, quarter and year-to-date periods ended December 2004 (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: January 20, 2005

## THE PROGRESSIVE CORPORATION

By : /s/ Jeffrey W. Basch Name: Jeffrey W. Basch Title: Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer -3-

# EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit No. Under Reg.	Exhibit	
S-K Item 601	No.	Description
99	99	News Release dated January 20, 2005, containing financial results of The
		Progressive Corporation and Subsidiaries for the month, quarter and
		year-to-date periods ended December 2004

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