

POPULAR INC  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2006

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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):

January 17, 2006

Popular, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Puerto Rico

0-13818

66-0667416

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVE, POPULAR  
CENTER BUILDING, HATO REY , Puerto  
Rico

00918

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

787-765-9800

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
 Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)  
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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 January 17, 2006, Popular, Inc. issued a news release announcing its unaudited operational results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2005 a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into any of the Corporations's filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit

99.1 News release dated January 17, 2006

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Popular, Inc.

*January 18, 2006*

By: *Ileana Gonzalez*

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*Name: Ileana Gonzalez*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Controller*

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