

REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/

Form 8-K

January 21, 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 21, 2005**

REPUBLIC BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-24649
(Commission File Number)

61-0862051
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

601 West Market Street, Louisville, Kentucky
(Address of principal executive offices)

40202
(zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(502) 584-3600**

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 21, 2005, Republic Bancorp, Inc. announced its declaration of a five percent stock dividend. The public announcement was made by means of a news release, the text of which is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

99.1 Republic Bancorp, Inc. News Release dated January 21, 2005.

The information in this Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99 attached hereto, is being furnished under Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of such section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing of Republic Bancorp, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference in such filing.

SIGNATURES

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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.

Republic Bancorp, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: January 21, 2005

By: /s/ Kevin Sipes
Kevin Sipes
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer & Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | News Release dated January 21, 2005. Filed herewith. |