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STAGE STORES INC Form 8-K January 07, 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

January 6, 2005

(Date of Report, date of earliest event reported)

Stage Stores, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### 1-14035

(Commission File Number)

NEVADA 91-1826900

(State or other jurisdiction

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

of incorporation)

10201 Main Street, Houston, Texas

77025

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(713) 667-5601

(Registrant's telephone number, including area 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 6, 2005, Stage Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a news release reporting its sales for December 2004. A copy of the news release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

This information shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
- 99.1 News release issued by Stage Stores, Inc. on January 6, 2005, reporting its sales for December 2004.

#### **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.

STAGE STORES, INC.

January 6, 2005 /s/ Michael E. McCreery

(Date) Michael E. McCreery

Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

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