

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2005

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### 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 19, 2005

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# VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

1-11277  
(Commission File Number)

22-2477875  
(I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification Number)

1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07470  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (973) 305-8800

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- .. 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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 19, 2005, Valley National Bancorp ( Valley or Company ) issued a press release reporting 2005 third quarter results of operations.

A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

The information disclosed in this Item 2.02 shall be considered furnished but not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The Company's 2005 third quarter press release contains a discussion of intangible purchase accounting adjustments arising from the Company's two acquisitions in the first half of 2005. The return on average tangible equity ratio contained therein is a non-GAAP financial measure as defined by SEC Regulation G. This non-GAAP financial measure has been reconciled to GAAP as presented below. In the Company's view, in order to better analyze the Company's most important financial measurements, it is important for investors to be provided with return on equity ratios that have been adjusted for goodwill, core deposit intangibles and other intangibles. In addition, management feels that the non-GAAP financial measure is an important indication of the core business performance of the Company. Thus, the inclusion of this non-GAAP measure is intended to provide an additional metric for reviewing performance that management internally uses to evaluate performance on a comparative period-to-period basis in terms of absolute performance and trend performance. Such information is supplemental to information presented in accordance with GAAP, is not intended to represent a presentation in accordance with GAAP, and should not be considered as a substitute for, or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP.

	Average for the Quarter		Average for the Nine Months	
	Ended September 30,		Ended September 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	(in thousands)			
Net income	\$ 41,942	\$ 39,386	\$ 119,201	\$ 114,547
Shareholders' equity	\$ 921,977	\$ 666,169	\$ 828,993	\$ 669,929
Less: Goodwill and identifiable intangible assets	(221,124)	(46,984)	(142,972)	(49,006)
Tangible shareholders' equity	\$ 700,853	\$ 619,185	\$ 686,021	\$ 620,923
Annualized return on average tangible equity	23.94%	25.44%	23.17%	24.60%

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99 Press Release dated October 19, 2005

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The Press Release disclosed in this Item 9.01 as Exhibit 99 shall be considered furnished but not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**SIGNATURE**

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 20, 2005

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow

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Alan D. Eskow  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
99	Press Release