

POPULAR INC  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2010  
**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, 2010**

**POPULAR, INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

<b>COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO</b>	<b>001-34084</b>	<b>66-0667416</b>
<i>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)</i>	<i>(Commission File Number)</i>	<i>(IRS Employer Identification Number)</i>

**209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVENUE**  
**HATO REY, PUERTO RICO**      **00918**  
*(Address of principal executive offices)      (Zip code)*

**(787) 765-9800**  
*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**NOT APPLICABLE**

*(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)*

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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 21, 2010, Popular, Inc. issued a news release announcing its unaudited operational results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2009, 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 Corporation's filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated January 21, 2010

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**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.

**POPULAR, INC.**

(Registrant)

Date: January 21, 2010 By: /s/ Ileana Gonzalez

Ileana Gonzalez

Senior Vice President and Comptroller