

FIRST DATA CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 14, 2004

**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): October 14, 2004**

# **FIRST DATA CORPORATION**

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(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-11073**  
(Commission File Number)

**47-0731996**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6200 South Quebec Street, Greenwood Village, Colorado**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**80111**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(303) 967-8000**

**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)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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 14, 2004, First Data Corporation issued a press release relating to the Company's earnings for the third quarter of fiscal year 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99. The information furnished under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99 attached hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) The following is a list of the Exhibits furnished herewith.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99	Press Release issued by the Company on October 14, 2004.

**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.

FIRST DATA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Stanley J. Andersen  
Stanley J. Andersen  
Assistant Secretary

Date: October 14, 2004

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