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 Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 4, 2005 (February 3, 2005)

FEDERATED INVESTORS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction 001-14818 (Commission File Number) 25-1111467 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

Federated Investors Tower

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-3779

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(412) 288-1900

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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On February 3, 2005, Federated Investors, Inc. issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to report preliminary fourth quarter and year-end 2004 results.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.1 Preliminary earnings press release issued by Federated Investors, Inc. dated February 3, 2005

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.

FEDERATED INVESTORS, INC. (REGISTRANT)

Dated: February 4, 2005 By: /s/ Thomas R. Donahue

Thomas R. Donahue Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	
Number	Description
99.1	Preliminary earnings press release issued by Federated Investors, Inc. dated February 3, 2005