

State Auto Financial CORP  
Form 8-K  
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**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): May 4, 2016 (April 28, 2016)**

**STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Ohio**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**518 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio**

**000-19289**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**31-1324304**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**43215-3976**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (614) 464-5000

**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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. 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))

## Section 2. Financial Information

### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 28, 2016, State Auto Financial Corporation (the **Company**) issued a press release disclosing the Company's results of operations for the three-month period ended March 31, 2016 (the **Release**). The full text of the Release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The Release included a non-GAAP financial measure, net income (loss) from operations per diluted share. Net income (loss) from operations differs from GAAP net income (loss) only by the exclusion of realized capital gains (losses), net of applicable taxes, on investment activity for the periods being reported. For the three-month periods ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, GAAP net income (loss) was \$0.07 per diluted share and \$0.60 per diluted share, respectively, while net income (loss) from operations was \$0.05 per diluted share and \$0.54 per diluted share for the same respective periods. For the three-month periods ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, realized capital gains, net of applicable taxes, increased the GAAP net income per diluted share by \$0.02 and \$0.06, respectively.

Management uses net income (loss) from operations because it believes this calculation better indicates the Company's operating performance than GAAP net income (loss) in that net income (loss) from operations excludes the sometimes volatile realized capital gains/losses, net of applicable federal income taxes, that can produce inconsistent results.

## Section 7. Regulation FD

### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company's management conducted a conference call on April 28, 2016, at approximately 11:00 a.m., ET, to review the Company's financial results for the three-month period ended March 31, 2016, and to respond to questions from interested investors and financial analysts. A transcript of the conference call is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

In addition to the Consolidated Statements of Income and reconciliation schedules included with the Release, the Company makes available on its website additional supplemental schedules containing financial information for the Company. This information is available at [www.stateauto.com](http://www.stateauto.com) by clicking **News & Events - Press Releases** under the **Investors** tab.

**Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
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| 99.1        | Press release issued by State Auto Financial Corporation on April 28, 2016, regarding results of operations for the three-month period ended March 31, 2016 . |
| 99.2        | Transcript of conference call held by management of State Auto Financial Corporation on April 28, 2016.   |

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.

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: May 4, 2016

By /s/ Steven E. English  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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