

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
August 14, 2009

**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): **August 13, 2009**

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**New Jersey**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-11277**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-2477875**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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

**07470**  
**(973) 305-8800**

**07470**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 13, 2009, Valley National Bancorp, the holding company for Valley National Bank, announced today that it has completed its previously announced at-the-market common equity offering program. Valley issued 5,670,000 shares (including unsettled trades as of August 13, 2009) of common stock pursuant to the offering at a weighted average price per share of \$12.89.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit

99 Press Release dated August 13, 2009.

**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: August 13, 2009

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow  
Alan D. Eskow  
Senior Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)