

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 22, 2013

**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 22, 2013

**MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**001-33898**  
(Commission File No.)

**20-4652200**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**10 Meridian Street, East Boston, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 567-1500

**02128**  
(Zip Code)

**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)
- ☐ 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))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On January 22, 2013, Meridian Interstate Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing earnings for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this report.

The press release attached as an exhibit to this Current Report pursuant to this Item 2.02 is being furnished to, and not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

(a) Not Applicable.

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) Not Applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
99	Press release dated January 22, 2013

**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.

**MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.**

DATE: January 22, 2013

By: /s/ Mark L. Abbate  
Mark L. Abbate

Senior Vice President, Treasurer and  
Chief Financial Officer