WELLPOINT INC Form SC 13G February 14, 2006

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities exchange Act of 1934

WELLPOINT INC

(NAME OF ISSUER)

COM

(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

94973V107

(CUSIP NUMBER)

December 31, 2005

(Date of event which requires filing of this Statement)

NOTE: A MAJORITY OF THE SHARES REPORTED IN THIS SCHEDULE 13G ARE HELD BY UNAFFILIATED THIRD-PARTY CLIENT ACCOUNTS MANAGED BY ALLIANCE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT L.P., AS INVESTMENT ADVISER. (ALLIANCE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT L.P. IS A MAJORITY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF AXA FINANCIAL, INC.)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

X Rule 13d-1(b) Rule 13d-1(c) Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be 'filed' for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ('Act') or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERS S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIF	ON CICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON				
	AXA Assurances I.A.	R.D. Mutuelle				
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE	BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP *	(A) [X] (B) []			
3.	SEC USE ONLY					
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE C France	OF ORGANIZATION				
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	5. SOLE VOTING POWER	25,961,585			
		6. SHARED VOTING POWER	602,305			
	BY EACH REPORTING	7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	37,420,284			
		8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	9,111			
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 37,429,395 REPORTING PERSON (Not to be construed as an admission of beneficial ownership)					
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGRE SHARES *	GATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES	CERTAIN			
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRE	SENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	6.1%			
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	AXA Financial, Inc. 13-3623351						
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE	BOX I	F A MEMBER OF A GROUP *	(A) [] (B) []			
3.	SEC USE ONLY						
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE O State of Delaware	F ORG	ANIZATION				
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	25,845,557			
		6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	582,083			

	BY EACH	7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	37,218,103
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	REPORTING PERSON (Not to be construe	ed as an admission of beneficial o	wnership)
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Item	1(a) Name of Issuer WELLPOINT INC	c:	
Item	1(b) Address of Iss	suer's Principal Executive Offices	:
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Item	2(a) and (b) Name of Persor	n Filing and Address of Principal	Business Office:
	AXA Assurances	s I.A.R.D Mutuelle, and s Vie Mutuelle,	
	26, rue Drouot 75009 Paris, F		
		Assurance Mutuelle	
	26, rue Drouot 75009 Paris, F		
	as a group (co	ollectively, the 'Mutuelles AXA').	
	AXA		
	25, avenue Mat 75008 Paris, F	-	
	AXA Financial, 1290 Avenue of New York, New	f the Americas	
(P)	lease contact Dean D	Dubovy at (212) 314-5528 with any	questions.)

- Item 2(c) Citizenship: Mutuelles AXA and AXA - France AXA Financial, Inc. - Delaware
- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

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- Item 2(e) Cusip Number: 94973V107
- Item 3. Type of Reporting Person: AXA Financial, Inc. as a parent holding company, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G).

The Mutuelles AXA, as a group, acting as a parent holding company.

AXA as a parent holding company.

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No. of Shares

0

0

Subtotals

AXA

AXA Entity or Entities

Common Stock acquired solely for investment purposes:	
AXA Investment Managers Paris (France)	3,946
AXA Investment Managers Den Haag	20,222

AXA Rosenberg Investment Management LLC 178,013

AXA Financial, Inc.

Subsidiaries:

Alliance Capital Management L.P. acquired solely for investment purposes on behalf of client discretionary investment advisory accounts:

Common Stock	36,532,577
Shares which may be acquired/(disposed of)	28,200
upon exercise of options	

36,560,777

AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company acquired solely for investment purposes:

Common Stock	666,437
	666,437
Total	37,429,395
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Each of the Mutuelles AXA, as a group, and AXA expressly declares that the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that it is, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Schedule 13G.

Each of the above subsidiaries of AXA Financial, Inc. operates under independent management and makes independent decisions.

(b) Percent of Class:

6.1%

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ITEM 4. Ownership as of December 31, 2005 (CONT.)

(c) Deemed Voting Power and Disposition Power:

	to have Sole Power to Vote or to Direct	(ii) Deemed to have Shared Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote	to have Sole Power to Dispose or to Direct the	to have Shared Power to Dispose or to Direct the
The Mutuelles AXA,				
as a group	0	0	0	0
AXA	0	0	0	0
AXA Entity or Entities: AXA Investment Managers Paris (France) AXA Investment Managers Den Haag	3,946 0	0 20,222	3,946 20,222	0 0
AXA Rosenberg Investment Management LLC		0	178,013	0
AXA Financial, Inc.	0	0	0	0
Subsidiaries:				
Alliance Capital	25,664,702	582,083	36,551,666	9,111

Management L.P.

AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company	180,855	0	666 , 437	0
	25,961,585	602,305	37,420,284	9,111

Each of the above subsidiaries of AXA Financial, Inc. operates under independent management and makes independent voting and investment decisions.

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class: If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following.

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- Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on behalf of Another Person. N/A
- Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reporting on by the Parent Holding Company:

This Schedule 13G is being filed by AXA Financial, Inc.; AXA, which owns AXA Financial, Inc.; and the Mutuelles AXA, which as a group control AXA:

- (X) in the Mutuelles AXAs' capacity, as a group, acting as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following AXA entity or entities:
- (X) in AXA's capacity as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following AXA entity or entities:

AXA Investment Managers Paris (France)

AXA Investment Managers Den Haag AXA Rosenberg Investment Management LLC

- (X) in AXA Financial, Inc.'s capacity as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of the following subsidiaries:
- (X) Alliance Capital Management L.P. (13-3434400), an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- (X) AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company (13-5570651), an insurance company and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- (X) Frontier Trust Company, FSB (Advest Trust) (45-0373941), an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group. N/A Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 14, 2006 AXA FINANCIAL, INC.*

/s/ Alvin H. Fenichel

Alvin H. Fenichel Senior Vice President and Controller

*Pursuant to the Joint Filing Agreement with respect to Schedule 13G attached hereto as Exhibit I, among AXA Financial, Inc., AXA Assurances I.A.R.D Mutuelle, AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle, AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle, and AXA, this statement Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of them.