

REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â Arnold Robert J                         |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | REPUBLIC BANCORP INC /KY/ [RBCAA]                  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| 601 WEST MARKET STREET                    |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
| LOUISVILLE,Â KYÂ 40202                    |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
|   |         |                                      | SVP, COO Commercial Lending                        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock            | 1,500   | D  | Â   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 443.653   | I  | By ESOP   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 2,197.186   | I  | By 401(k)   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
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|                                      | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title  | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/01/2011       | 08/31/2012      | Class A Common Stock | 5,250                      | \$ 20.84                     | D  | Â          |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/01/2012       | 08/31/2013      | Class A Common Stock | 5,250                      | \$ 20.84                     | D  | Â          |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 11/19/2013       | 11/18/2014      | Class A Common Stock | 3,000                      | \$ 19.89                     | D  | Â          |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 11/19/2014       | 11/18/2015      | Class A Common Stock | 3,000                      | \$ 19.89                     | D  | Â          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Arnold Robert J<br>601 WEST MARKET STREET<br>LOUISVILLE, KY 40202 | Â             | Â         | Â SVP, COO Commercial Lending | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Robert J. Arnold  
01/21/2010

Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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