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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 15, 2019

**ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**001-15749**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**31-1429215**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700**  
**PLANO, TEXAS 75024**  
(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

**(214) 494-3000**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

**NOT APPLICABLE**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 15, 2019, Alliance Data Systems Corporation issued a press release providing an update on its Card Services segment. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit No.    Document Description**

[99.1](#)            Press release dated January 15, 2019 providing an update for the Card Services segment.

The information contained in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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**ALLIANCE DATA PROVIDES CARD SERVICES  
 PERFORMANCE UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2018**

**Plano, TX, January 15, 2019** – Alliance Data Systems Corporation (NYSE: ADS), a leading global provider of data-driven marketing and loyalty solutions, today provided an update on its Card Services segment.

In conjunction with the release of the Company's Master Trust Monthly Noteholder's Statement, the Company is releasing similar metrics for the overall total managed portfolio. The Master Trust data represents a subset of the Company's total managed portfolio, and the Company believes the information presented below provides a more complete view of the Card Services segment.

	<b>For the month ended December 31, 2018</b>	<b>For the year ended December 31, 2018</b>
	(dollars in thousands)	
Average receivables <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 17,418,255	\$ 17,412,062
Year over year change in average receivables <sup>(1)</sup>	(2)%	8%
Net charge-offs	\$ 77,702	\$ 1,067,200
Net charge-offs as a percentage of average receivables <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	5.4%	6.1%
Active clients - average receivables <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 17,081,098	\$ 15,557,428
Year over year change in active clients - average receivables <sup>(4)</sup>	13%	23%

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-strategic clients have been removed from average receivables. Note that these portfolios are included in the prior year comparative average receivables and constituted approximately \$2.7 billion of the portfolio at December 31, 2017. These excluded portfolios represent 100% of non-core files identified.

<sup>(2)</sup> Compares to 5.9% and 6.0% for the month and year ended December 31, 2017, respectively.

<sup>(3)</sup> Results are consistent with the net charge-off guidance as provided in the Company's second quarter earnings release issued July 19, 2018. Although the delinquency rate continues to be slightly elevated due to minor noise, an improving recovery rate mitigates the impact to net principal loss rates.

<sup>(4)</sup> Excludes non-strategic clients. Double-digit active growth is expected throughout 2019. As the non-core portfolios approach their anniversaries, reported average receivables growth will increase and eventually converge to the active clients – average receivables growth in late 2019.

	<b>As of December 31, 2018</b>	<b>As of December 31, 2017</b>
	(dollars in thousands)	
30 days + delinquencies - principal	\$ 954,504	\$ 902,444
Period ended receivables - principal	\$ 16,869,925	\$ 17,705,103
Delinquency rate <sup>(3)</sup>	5.7%	5.1%

## **About Alliance Data**

Alliance Data® (NYSE: ADS) is a leading global provider of data-driven marketing and loyalty solutions serving large, consumer-based industries. The Company creates and deploys customized solutions, enhancing the critical customer marketing experience; the result is measurably changing consumer behavior while driving business growth and profitability for some of today's most recognizable brands. Alliance Data helps its clients create and increase customer loyalty through solutions that engage millions of customers each day across multiple touch points using traditional, digital, mobile and emerging technologies. An S&P 500, FORTUNE 500 and FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work For company headquartered in Plano, Texas, Alliance Data consists of three businesses that together employ approximately 20,000 associates at more than 100 locations worldwide.

Alliance Data's card services business is a provider of market-leading private label, co-brand, and business credit card programs. Epsilon® is a leading provider of multichannel, data-driven technologies and marketing services, and also includes Conversant®, a leader in personalized digital marketing. LoyaltyOne® owns and operates the AIR MILES® Reward Program, Canada's most recognized loyalty program, and Netherlands-based BrandLoyalty, a global provider of tailor-made loyalty programs for grocers.

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## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements give our expectations or forecasts of future events and can generally be identified by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "project," "plan," "likely," "may," "should" or other words or phrases of similar import. Similarly, statements that describe our business strategy, outlook, objectives, plans, intentions or goals also are forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements we make regarding our expected operating results, future economic conditions including currency exchange rates and the guidance we give with respect to our anticipated financial performance.

We believe that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions. Forward-looking statements, however, are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the projections, anticipated results or other expectations expressed in this release, and no assurances can be given that our expectations will prove to have been correct. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, factors set forth in the Risk Factors section in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year, which may be updated in Item 1A of, or elsewhere in, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed for periods subsequent to such Form 10-K.

Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and we undertake no obligation, other than as required by applicable law, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, subsequent events, anticipated or unanticipated circumstances or otherwise.