

NUVEEN DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND 3
Form N-Q
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-10345

Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 10/31

Date of reporting period: 1/31/06

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3 (NZF)

January 31, 2006

**Principal
Amount (000) Description (1)**

**Option
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Alabama □ 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)

\$ 5,655 Alabama State Port Authority, Revenue Bonds, State Docks Department Facilities, Series 2001, 5.250%, 10/01/26 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 10/11 at 100

Alaska □ 0.7% (0.4% of Total Investments)

4,000 Alaska Student Loan Corporation, Student Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 7/01/14 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 7/08 at 100

Arkansas □ 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)

Sebastian County Health Facilities Board, Arkansas, Hospital Revenue Improvement Bonds, Sparks Regional Medical Center, Series 2001A:
 1,805 5.500%, 11/01/13 11/11 at 101
 1,900 5.500%, 11/01/14 11/11 at 101
 1,745 5.250%, 11/01/21 11/11 at 101

5,450 Total Arkansas

California □ 10.0% (6.8% of Total Investments)

855 California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System/West, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/28 3/13 at 100
 5,000 California Infrastructure Economic Development Bank, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Hospital Assistance LLC, Series 2001A, 5.550%, 8/01/31 8/11 at 102
 5,000 California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2004G, 2.300%, 4/01/34 (Mandatory put 5/01/07) 4/34 at 100
 18,850 California, General Obligation Veterans Welfare Bonds, Series 2001BZ, 5.350%, 12/01/21 □ MBIA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 6/07 at 101
 Los Angeles Regional Airports Improvement Corporation, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, LAXFUEL Corporation at Los Angeles International Airport, Series 2001:
 13,955 5.750%, 1/01/16 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 1/12 at 100
 5,000 5.375%, 1/01/21 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 1/12 at 100
 1,500 5.250%, 1/01/23 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 1/12 at 100
 10,000 5.500%, 1/01/32 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) 1/12 at 100

60,160 Total California

Colorado □ 7.6% (5.1% of Total Investments)

2,250 Canterberry Crossing Metropolitan District II, Parker, Colorado, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, 7.375%, 12/01/32 12/12 at 100
 1,700 Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Belle Creek Education Center, Series 2002A, 7.625%, 3/15/32 3/12 at 100
 3,250 Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Montessori Peaks Building Foundation, Series 2002A, 8.000%, 5/01/32 5/12 at 102
 1,775 Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Weld County School District 6 □ Frontier Academy, Series 2001, 7.375%, 6/01/31 6/11 at 100
 3,380 Colorado Housing Finance Authority, Multifamily Project Bonds, Class I, Series 2001A-1, 5.500%, 4/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax) 10/11 at 100
 10,100 Colorado Springs, Colorado, Utility System Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 11/07 at 100

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1997A, 5.375%, 11/15/26

Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 1996A:

19,150	5.750%, 11/15/16	□ MBIA Insured	11/06 at 101
1,105	5.500%, 11/15/25	□ MBIA Insured	11/06 at 101
2,000	Denver City and County, Colorado, Airport System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A,		11/11 at 100
	5.500%, 11/15/16	□ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	
1,000	Plaza Metropolitan District 1, Lakewood, Colorado, Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2003,		6/14 at 101
	8.000%, 12/01/25		

45,710 Total Colorado

Delaware □ 0.5% (0.3% of Total Investments)

2,835	Delaware Housing Authority, Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.400%, 7/01/24		7/12 at 100
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District of Columbia □ 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments)

6,000	District of Columbia, Revenue Bonds, Catholic University of America, Series 1999, 5.625%,		10/09 at 101
	10/01/29	□ AMBAC Insured	

Florida □ 1.6% (1.1% of Total Investments)

2,000	Dade County, Florida, Water and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 1997, 5.375%, 10/01/16	□	10/07 at 102
	FGIC Insured		
	Orange County Housing Finance Authority, Florida, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Oak Glen		
	Apartments, Series 2001G:		
1,105	5.400%, 12/01/32	□ FSA Insured	12/11 at 100
2,195	5.450%, 12/01/41	□ FSA Insured	12/11 at 100
4,175	Pace Property Finance Authority Inc., Florida, Utility System Improvement and Revenue		9/07 at 102
	Refunding Bonds, Series 1997, 5.250%, 9/01/17	□ AMBAC Insured	

9,475 Total Florida

Georgia □ 2.3% (1.5% of Total Investments)

5,000	Atlanta, Georgia, Airport General Revenue Bonds, Series 2000B, 5.625%, 1/01/30	□ FGIC Insured	1/10 at 101
	(Alternative Minimum Tax)		
2,700	Atlanta, Georgia, Tax Allocation Bonds, Atlantic Station Project, Series 2001, 7.900%, 12/01/24		12/11 at 101
3,740	Gainesville and Hall County Hospital Authority, Georgia, Revenue Anticipation Certificates,		5/11 at 100
	Northeast Georgia Health Services Inc., Series 2001, 5.500%, 5/15/31		
2,000	Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority, Georgia, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000, 5.625%,		2/10 at 101
	2/01/30 (Pre-refunded 2/01/10)	□ FGIC Insured	

13,440 Total Georgia

Hawaii □ 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)

5,125	Hawaii, Highway Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, 5.375%, 7/01/21 (Pre-refunded 7/01/11)	□ FSA Insured	7/11 at 100
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Illinois □ 18.1% (12.2% of Total Investments)

3,000	Chicago, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Neighborhoods Alive 21 Program, Series 2001A,		1/11 at 100
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	5.500%, 1/01/31 (Pre-refunded 1/01/11) □ FGIC Insured	
1,290	Chicago, Illinois, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1996B, 5.125%, 1/01/25 □ FGIC Insured	1/08 at 100
8,375	Chicago, Illinois, Revenue Bonds, Midway Airport, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/19 □ FSA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 101
1,750	Chicago, Illinois, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 1998, 5.250%, 1/01/28 □ FGIC Insured	7/08 at 102
10,800	Chicago, Illinois, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, 5.375%, 1/01/30 (Pre-refunded 1/01/09) □ FGIC Insured	1/09 at 101
4,950	Chicago, Illinois, Second Lien Passenger Facility Charge Revenue Bonds, O'Hare International Airport, Series 2001A, 5.375%, 1/01/32 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 101
2,220	Chicago, Illinois, Second Lien Wastewater Transmission Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/16 □ MBIA Insured	No Opt. C
8,610	Chicago, Illinois, Second Lien Wastewater Transmission Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/26 (Pre-refunded 1/01/11) □ AMBAC Insured	1/11 at 100
10,000	Chicago, Illinois, Senior Lien Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 11/01/26 (Pre-refunded 11/01/11) □ AMBAC Insured	11/11 at 100
1,665	Chicago, Illinois, Third Lien General Airport Revenue Bonds, O'Hare International Airport, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 1/01/33 □ FGIC Insured	1/16 at 100
2,415	Illinois Finance Authority, General Obligation Debt Certificates, Local Government Program □ Kankakee County, Series 2005B, 5.000%, 12/01/24 □ AMBAC Insured	12/14 at 100
1,100	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Condell Medical Center, Series 2000, 6.500%, 5/15/30	5/10 at 101
9,000	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Covenant Retirement Communities Inc., Series 2001, 5.875%, 12/01/31	12/11 at 101
15,000	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Loyola University Health System, Series 2001A, 6.125%, 7/01/31	7/11 at 100
7,000	Lombard Public Facilities Corporation, Illinois, First Tier Conference Center and Hotel Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A-1, 7.125%, 1/01/36	1/16 at 100
16,900	Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Illinois, Revenue Bonds, McCormick Place Expansion Project, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 12/15/28 □ FGIC Insured	12/09 at 101
2,000	Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Illinois, Revenue Refunding Bonds, McCormick Place Expansion Project, Series 1998A, 5.500%, 6/15/29 □ FGIC Insured	No Opt. C

106,075 Total Illinois

Indiana □ 5.9% (4.0% of Total Investments)

1,000	Clark-Pleasant Community School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 1/15/26 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) □ AMBAC Insured	1/12 at 100
1,255	Clark-Pleasant Community School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 7/15/21 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) □ AMBAC Insured	1/12 at 100
2,750	Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Lease Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 1/15/24 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) □ MBIA Insured	1/12 at 100
2,000	Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Lease Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.750%, 7/15/18 (Pre-refunded 1/15/12) □ MBIA Insured	1/12 at 100
3,425	Gary, Indiana, GNMA/FHA Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Windsor Square Project, Series 2001A, 5.375%, 10/20/41 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/11 at 102
1,250	Hamilton Southeastern Cumberland Campus School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 1/15/23 □ AMBAC Insured	1/12 at 100

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9,500	Indiana Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Butler University, Series 2001, 5.500%, 2/01/26 ☐ MBIA Insured	2/11 at 100
4,230	Indiana Finance Authority, Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, Tudor Park Foundation, Series 2005B, 5.000%, 6/01/24	6/15 at 100
2,800	Indiana Health Facility Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Community Hospitals of Indiana, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 5/01/35 ☐ AMBAC Insured	5/15 at 100
2,650	Indianapolis, Indiana, Special Facility Revenue Bonds, United Airlines Inc., Indianapolis Maintenance Center Project, Series 1995A, 6.500%, 11/15/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (5)	5/06 at 102
3,500	University of Southern Indiana, Student Fee Bonds, Series 2001H, 5.000%, 10/01/21 ☐ AMBAC Insured	10/11 at 100
	Wayne County Jail Holding Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001:	
1,150	5.625%, 7/15/18 ☐ AMBAC Insured	1/13 at 101
1,090	5.500%, 7/15/22 ☐ AMBAC Insured	1/13 at 101

36,600 Total Indiana

Iowa ☐ 5.9% (4.0% of Total Investments)

2,000	Iowa Finance Authority, Healthcare Revenue Bonds, Great River Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.250%, 5/15/31 ☐ FSA Insured	5/11 at 100
	Iowa Tobacco Settlement Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B:	
28,000	5.300%, 6/01/25 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)	6/11 at 101
3,950	5.600%, 6/01/35 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)	6/11 at 101

33,950 Total Iowa

Kentucky ☐ 3.1% (2.1% of Total Investments)

18,500	Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District, Kentucky, Sewer and Drainage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.125%, 5/15/27 ☐ MBIA Insured	11/11 at 101
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Louisiana ☐ 3.4% (2.3% of Total Investments)

19,890	Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Louisiana, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.875%, 5/15/39	5/11 at 101
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Maine ☐ 1.1% (0.7% of Total Investments)

	Maine State Housing Authority, Single Family Mortgage Purchase Bonds, Series 2001B:	
4,610	5.400%, 11/15/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/10 at 100
1,905	5.500%, 11/15/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/10 at 100

6,515 Total Maine

Maryland ☐ 2.0% (1.3% of Total Investments)

1,570	Maryland Community Development Administration, Insured Multifamily Housing Mortgage Loan Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.250%, 7/01/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100
10,600	Maryland Energy Financing Administration, Revenue Bonds, AES Warrior Run Project, Series 1995, 7.400%, 9/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	9/07 at 100

12,170 Total Maryland

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Massachusetts □ 1.7% (1.1% of Total Investments)

5,000	Massachusetts Port Authority, Special Facilities Revenue Bonds, Delta Air Lines Inc., Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/01/18 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 101
5,150	Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Metropolitan Highway System Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 1997A, 5.000%, 1/01/37 □ MBIA Insured	1/07 at 102

10,150 Total Massachusetts

Michigan □ 9.1% (6.1% of Total Investments)

15,000	Detroit City School District, Wayne County, Michigan, Unlimited Tax School Building and Site Improvement Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.000%, 5/01/29 □ FSA Insured	No Opt. C
11,000	Kent Hospital Finance Authority, Michigan, Revenue Bonds, Spectrum Health, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 1/15/31 (Pre-refunded 7/15/11)	7/11 at 101
1,235	Michigan State Building Authority, Revenue Bonds, Facilities Program, Series 2001I, 5.500%, 10/15/18	10/11 at 100
1,355	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Detroit Medical Center Obligated Group, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 8/15/23	8/08 at 101
3,485	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation, Series 1993P, 5.375%, 8/15/14 (ETM) □ MBIA Insured	No Opt. C
	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sparrow Obligated Group, Series 2001:	
1,400	5.500%, 11/15/21	11/11 at 101
2,500	5.625%, 11/15/31	11/11 at 101
12,640	Royal Oak Hospital Finance Authority, Michigan, Hospital Revenue Bonds, William Beaumont Hospital, Series 2001M, 5.250%, 11/15/31 □ MBIA Insured	11/11 at 100
2,395	Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority, Washtenaw County, Michigan, General Obligation Bonds, Sanitary Sewerage System 3, Series 2001, 5.100%, 5/01/31 □ FGIC Insured	5/11 at 100

51,010 Total Michigan

Minnesota □ 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)

2,350	Dakota County Community Development Agency, Minnesota, GNMA Collateralized Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Rose Apartments Project, Series 2001, 6.350%, 10/20/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/11 at 105
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Mississippi □ 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)

2,155	Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, GNMA Collateralized Retirement Facility Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Aldersgate Retirement Community Inc. Project, Series 1999A, 5.450%, 5/20/34	5/09 at 103
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Missouri □ 2.5% (1.7% of Total Investments)

2,000	Fenton, Missouri, Tax Increment Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Gravois Bluffs Redevelopment Project, Series 2002, 6.125%, 10/01/21	10/12 at 100
	Missouri Development Finance Board, Cultural Facilities Revenue Bonds, Nelson Gallery Foundation, Series 2001A:	
3,335	5.250%, 12/01/19 □ MBIA Insured	12/11 at 100
3,510	5.250%, 12/01/20 □ MBIA Insured	12/11 at 100
3,695	5.250%, 12/01/21 □ MBIA Insured	12/11 at 100

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2,040 5.250%, 12/01/22 ☐ MBIA Insured

12/11 at 100

14,580 Total Missouri

Montana ☐ 0.8% (0.6% of Total Investments)

5,000 Montana Board of Investments, Exempt Facility Revenue Bonds, Stillwater Mining Company, Series 2000, 8.000%, 7/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

7/10 at 101

Nebraska ☐ 1.0% (0.7% of Total Investments)

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2001D:

2,570 5.250%, 9/01/21 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

9/11 at 100

3,460 5.375%, 9/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

9/11 at 100

6,030 Total Nebraska

Nevada ☐ 7.8% (5.2% of Total Investments)

35,000 Clark County, Nevada, Limited Tax General Obligation Bank Bonds, Series 2000, 5.500%, 7/01/30 ☐ MBIA Insured

7/10 at 100

2,000 Director of Nevada State Department of Business and Industry, Revenue Bonds, Las Vegas Monorail Project, First Tier, Series 2000, 5.375%, 1/01/40 ☐ AMBAC Insured

1/10 at 100

4,000 Director of Nevada State Department of Business and Industry, Revenue Bonds, Las Vegas Monorail Project, Second Tier, Series 2000, 7.375%, 1/01/40

1/10 at 102

350 Nevada Housing Division, Single Family Mortgage Bonds, Senior Series 1998A-1, 5.300%, 4/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax)

4/08 at 101

4,290 University of Nevada, Revenue Bonds, Community College System, Series 2001A, 5.250%, 7/01/26 ☐ FGIC Insured

1/12 at 100

45,640 Total Nevada

New Hampshire ☐ 0.3% (0.3% of Total Investments)

2,000 New Hampshire Health and Education Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Concord Hospital, Series 2001, 5.500%, 10/01/21 ☐ FSA Insured

10/11 at 101

New Jersey ☐ 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)

10,000 New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Water Facilities Revenue Bonds, American Water Company, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 11/01/32 ☐ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)

11/12 at 101

4,125 New Jersey Transit Corporation, Certificates of Participation, Federal Transit Administration Grants, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 9/15/13 ☐ AMBAC Insured

No Opt. C

14,125 Total New Jersey

New York ☐ 5.3% (3.5% of Total Investments)

1,780 East Rochester Housing Authority, New York, GNMA Secured Revenue Bonds, Gates Senior Housing Inc., Series 2001, 5.300%, 4/20/31

10/11 at 101

5,350 Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Dedicated Tax Fund Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/15/31 (Pre-refunded 11/15/11) ☐ FGIC Insured

11/11 at 100

4,155 Monroe County Airport Authority, New York, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Greater Rochester

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International Airport, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/01/13 ☐ MBIA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)
 New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, New York, Water and Sewerage System Revenue
 Bonds, Fiscal Series 2001A:

5,710	5.500%, 6/15/33 (Pre-refunded 6/15/10) ☐ FGIC Insured	6/10 at 101
8,610	5.500%, 6/15/33 (Pre-refunded 6/15/10) ☐ MBIA Insured	6/10 at 101
2,500	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 2002G, 5.625%, 8/01/20 ☐ MBIA Insured	8/12 at 100
2,000	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003B-1C, 5.500%, 6/01/16	6/11 at 100

30,105 Total New York

North Carolina ☐ 1.1% (0.7% of Total Investments)

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority, North Carolina, Healthcare System Revenue Bonds, DBA
 Carolinas Healthcare System, Series 2005A:

1,750	4.875%, 1/15/32	1/15 at 100
3,000	5.000%, 1/15/45	1/15 at 100
1,800	North Carolina Municipal Power Agency 1, Catawba Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.500%, 1/01/13	No Opt. C

6,550 Total North Carolina

Ohio ☐ 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)

3,350	Ohio Housing Finance Agency, GNMA Mortgage-Backed Securities Program Residential Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A-1, 5.300%, 9/01/19 ☐ FSA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	3/08 at 101
7,600	Ohio Water Development Authority, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Bay Shore Power, Series 1998B, 6.625%, 9/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	9/09 at 102
	Portage County, Ohio, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001:	
1,870	5.000%, 12/01/21 ☐ FGIC Insured	12/11 at 100
1,775	5.000%, 12/01/23 ☐ FGIC Insured	12/11 at 100

14,595 Total Ohio

Oklahoma ☐ 0.4% (0.3% of Total Investments)

2,500	Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Hillcrest Healthcare System, Series 1999A, 5.625%, 8/15/29 (Pre-refunded 8/15/09)	8/09 at 101
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Oregon ☐ 2.5% (1.7% of Total Investments)

4,700	Oregon Health, Housing, Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, PeaceHealth Project, Series 2001, 5.250%, 11/15/21 ☐ AMBAC Insured	11/11 at 101
10,000	Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2000A, 6.050%, 7/01/42 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/10 at 100

14,700 Total Oregon

Pennsylvania ☐ 1.9% (1.3% of Total Investments)

Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, Pennsylvania, Revenue Bonds, West Penn

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Allegheny Health System, Series 2000B:

2,000	9.250%, 11/15/22	11/10 at 102
2,000	9.250%, 11/15/30	11/10 at 102
3,500	Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority, Senior Lien Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, Northampton Generating Project, Series 1994A, 6.600%, 1/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/06 at 100
3,205	Philadelphia School District, Pennsylvania, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002B, 5.625%, 8/01/16 (Pre-refunded 8/01/12) □ FGIC Insured	8/12 at 100

10,705 Total Pennsylvania

South Carolina □ 1.6% (1.1% of Total Investments)

2,185	Greenville County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds, Road Improvement Project, Series 2001, 5.500%, 4/01/21 □ AMBAC Insured	4/11 at 101
6,850	South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 10/01/22 (Pre-refunded 10/01/11) □ AMBAC Insured	10/11 at 100

9,035 Total South Carolina

Tennessee □ 1.3% (0.9% of Total Investments)

5,210	Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority, Tennessee, Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 3/01/14 □ FSA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	3/11 at 100
1,185	Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Homeownership Program Bonds, Series 1998-2, 5.350%, 7/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/09 at 101
1,290	Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Homeownership Program Bonds, Series 2001-3A, 5.200%, 7/01/22 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100

7,685 Total Tennessee

Texas □ 17.9% (12.0% of Total Investments)

1,125	Brushy Creek Municipal Utility District, Williamson County, Texas, Combination Unlimited Tax and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 6/01/26 □ FSA Insured	6/09 at 100
	Collins and Denton Counties, Frisco, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001:	
1,910	5.000%, 2/15/20 □ FGIC Insured	2/11 at 100
2,005	5.000%, 2/15/21 □ FGIC Insured	2/11 at 100
3,850	Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport, Texas, Joint Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.500%, 11/01/35 □ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/11 at 100
5,000	Decatur Hospital Authority, Texas, Revenue Bonds, Wise Regional Health System, Series 2004A, 7.000%, 9/01/25	9/14 at 100
4,040	Harris County, Texas, Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2001, 5.000%, 8/15/27	8/11 at 100
6,000	Houston, Texas, Junior Lien Water and Sewerage System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 12/01/29 (ETM) □ MBIA Insured	No Opt. C
7,000	Houston, Texas, Subordinate Lien Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 1998B, 5.250%, 7/01/14 □ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/08 at 101
	Houston, Texas, Subordinate Lien Airport System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A:	
2,525	5.500%, 7/01/13 □ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/12 at 100
2,905	5.500%, 7/01/14 □ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/12 at 100
	Jefferson County Health Facilities Development Corporation, Texas, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, Series 2001:	

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8,500	5.400%, 8/15/31 □ AMBAC Insured	8/11 at 100
8,500	5.500%, 8/15/41 □ AMBAC Insured	8/11 at 100
10,700	Laredo Independent School District, Webb County, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.000%, 8/01/25	8/11 at 100
2,500	Matagorda County Navigation District 1, Texas, Collateralized Revenue Refunding Bonds, Houston Light and Power Company, Series 1997, 5.125%, 11/01/28 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. C
1,540	Medina Valley Independent School District, Medina County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001, 5.250%, 2/15/26	2/11 at 100
5,430	Mineral Wells Independent School District, Pale Pinto and Parker Counties, Texas, Unlimited School Tax Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 1998, 4.750%, 2/15/22	2/08 at 100
3,000	North Central Texas Health Facilities Development Corporation, Revenue Bonds, Texas Health Resources System, Series 1997B, 5.375%, 2/15/26 □ MBIA Insured	2/08 at 102
3,045	Port of Houston Authority, Harris County, Texas, General Obligation Port Improvement Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 10/01/17 □ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/11 at 100
10,715	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Residential Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.350%, 7/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100
15,700	Texas Water Development Board, Senior Lien State Revolving Fund Revenue Bonds, Series 1996B, 5.125%, 7/15/18	1/07 at 100

105,990 Total Texas

Utah □ 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)

Utah Housing Corporation, Single Family Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001E:

1,935	5.200%, 1/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100
605	5.500%, 1/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100

Utah Housing Corporation, Single Family Mortgage Bonds, Series 2001F-1:

2,435	4.950%, 7/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100
620	5.300%, 7/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/11 at 100

5,595 Total Utah

Virginia □ 0.8% (0.5% of Total Investments)

7,000	Pocahontas Parkway Association, Virginia, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Route 895 Connector Toll Road, Series 1998B, 0.000%, 8/15/13	8/08 at 77
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Washington □ 15.8% (10.6% of Total Investments)

Bellingham Housing Authority, Washington, Housing Revenue Bonds, Varsity Village Project, Series 2001A:

1,000	5.500%, 12/01/27 □ MBIA Insured	12/11 at 100
2,000	5.600%, 12/01/36 □ MBIA Insured	12/11 at 100

Grays Harbor County Public Utility District 1, Washington, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, 5.125%, 1/01/22 □ AMBAC Insured

1,500		1/11 at 100
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Klickitat County Public Utility District 1, Washington, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.000%, 12/01/26 □ AMBAC Insured

2,475		12/11 at 100
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Port of Seattle, Washington, Passenger Facility Charge Revenue Bonds, Series 1998B, 5.300%, 12/01/16 □ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)

12,955		12/08 at 101
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Port of Seattle, Washington, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B:

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2,535	5.625%, 4/01/18	FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/11 at 100
16,000	5.100%, 4/01/24	FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/08 at 100
2,090	Public Utility District 1, Benton County, Washington, Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.625%, 11/01/15	FSA Insured	11/11 at 100
5,680	Seattle, Washington, Municipal Light and Power Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2001, 5.500%, 3/01/18	FSA Insured	3/11 at 100
4,530	Tacoma, Washington, Solid Waste Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.250%, 12/01/21	AMBAC Insured	12/11 at 100
3,720	Washington State Healthcare Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, Series 2001, 5.375%, 10/01/18	AMBAC Insured	10/11 at 100
	Washington State Healthcare Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Good Samaritan Hospital, Series 2001:		
5,480	5.500%, 10/01/21	RAAI Insured	10/11 at 101
25,435	5.625%, 10/01/31	RAAI Insured	10/11 at 101
	Washington State Healthcare Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound, Series 2001:		
3,005	5.375%, 12/01/17	AMBAC Insured	12/11 at 101
2,915	5.375%, 12/01/18	AMBAC Insured	12/11 at 101
2,250	Washington, Certificates of Participation, Washington Convention and Trade Center, Series 1999, 5.250%, 7/01/14	MBIA Insured	7/09 at 100

93,570 Total Washington

Wisconsin 4.5% (3.0% of Total Investments)

	Appleton, Wisconsin, Waterworks Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001:		
3,705	5.375%, 1/01/20	FGIC Insured	1/12 at 100
1,850	5.000%, 1/01/21	FGIC Insured	1/12 at 100
1,735	Evansville Community School District, Dane, Green and Rock Counties, Wisconsin, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.500%, 4/01/20 (Pre-refunded 4/01/11)	FGIC Insured	4/11 at 100
12,250	La Crosse, Wisconsin, Pollution Control Revenue Refunding Bonds, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Series 1997B, 5.550%, 2/01/15	AMBAC Insured	12/08 at 102
4,000	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Froedtert and Community Health Obligated Group, Series 2001, 5.375%, 10/01/30		10/11 at 101
2,500	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Marshfield Clinic, Series 2001B, 6.000%, 2/15/25		2/12 at 100.0

26,040 Total Wisconsin

\$ 878,660 Total Investments (cost \$878,773,881) 148.7%

Other Assets Less Liabilities 1.5%

Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value (50.2)%

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares 100%

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
 - (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
 - (3) Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's or Moody's rating. Ratings below Baa by Moody's Investor Service, Inc. or BBB by Standard & Poor's Group are considered to be below investment grade.
 - (4) Securities are backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensures the timely payment of principal and interest. Such securities are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.
 - (5) On December 9, 2002, UAL Corporation, the holding company of United Air Lines, Inc., filed for federal bankruptcy protection. The Adviser determined that it was likely United would not remain current on their interest payment obligations with respect to these bonds and thus has stopped accruing interest.
- N/R Investment is not rated.
- (ETM) Security is escrowed to maturity.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions. At January 31, 2006, the cost of investments was \$878,559,731.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at January 31, 2006, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$47,237,435
Depreciation	(1,604,030)
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Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$45,633,405

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

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File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: EX-99 CERT Attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 3

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Jessica R. Droeger
Jessica R. Droeger
Vice President and Secretary

Date March 31, 2006

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman
Gifford R. Zimmerman
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date March 31, 2006

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Stephen D. Foy
Stephen D. Foy
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date March 31, 2006

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.