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County party committees jointly raised \$7.6 million and spent \$8.7 million during 2010, according to quarterly reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC). Together, they reported having \$1.2 million in the bank.

Democratic county party committees outraised and outspent Republicans, but had a smaller combined reserve after last year's elections. Some spending totals are higher than fundraising totals because committees have dipped into reserves, or taken out short-term loans.

**Table 1**  
**Summary of Campaign Finance Activity by County Committees in 2010**

	<b>Receipts Through Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Spending Through Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Net Worth on Dec. 31, 2010</b>
Democratic County Party Committees	\$ 4,508,686	\$ 5,784,186	\$ 246,358
Republican County Party Committees	\$ 3,082,378	\$ 2,928,615	\$ 925,691
<b>Total- Both Parties</b>	<b>\$ 7,591,065</b>	<b>\$ 8,712,802</b>	<b>\$ 1,172,049</b>

Bergen County was the main statewide focus last year due to elections for the office of County Executive, a sheriff's seat and three freeholder seats. Fundraising and spending in Bergen County, the state's most populous county, topped all other counties. The two parties combined raised and spent \$1.7 million.

**Table 2**  
**Summary of Campaign Finance Activity in Bergen County in 2010**

	<b>Receipts through Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Spending through Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Net Worth on Dec. 31, 2010</b>
Bergen County Democratic Organization	\$ 1,215,614	\$ 1,200,951	\$ 63,826
Bergen County Republican Organization	\$ 518,851	\$ 481,822	\$ 49,322
<b>Total- Both Parties</b>	<b>\$ 1,734,465</b>	<b>\$ 1,682,773</b>	<b>\$ 113,148</b>

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Compared to four years earlier, combined fundraising by all 42 county party committees was lower. However, while Democratic committees continued to raise more money than Republican committees in 2010, their overall receipts were down 50 percent since 2006. Fundraising by Republican committees was up 5 percent during the four-year period.

**Table 3**  
**Comparison of Combined County Party Receipts 2006 versus 2010**

	<b>Receipts through Dec. 31, 2006</b>	<b>Receipts through Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Difference- Percent</b>
Democratic County Party Committees	\$ 9,054,800	\$ 4,508,686	-50%
Republican County Party Committees	\$ 2,922,948	\$ 3,082,378	5%
<b>Total- Both Parties</b>	<b>\$ 11,977,748</b>	<b>\$ 7,591,065</b>	<b>-37%</b>

Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s Executive Director, said a combination of factors has dampened the overall fundraising total.

“These include tighter restrictions on donations by contractors; the recession; the departure of former Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine, who gave heavily to county parties during the past decade; and the proliferation of political action committees (PACs) that compete for limited fundraising dollars,” he said.

“All these factors have had the effect of depressing the amount of funds flowing into county party committees, particularly Democratic committees,” he said.

Statewide, one Democratic county party committee- Passaic- had more than \$100,000 in reserve as of December 31, 2010. Four Democratic committees- Burlington, Gloucester, Hudson and Monmouth- were in the red.

**Table 4**  
**Campaign Finance Activity by Democratic Party Committees in 2010**

<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Receipts through Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Spending through Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Net Worth on Dec. 31, 2010</b>
Atlantic	\$ 74,592	\$ 82,914	\$ 4,052
Bergen	\$ 1,215,614	\$ 1,200,951	\$ 63,826
Burlington	\$ 50,448	\$ 91,673	\$ (115,554)
Camden	\$ 502,238	\$ 775,993	\$ 72,828
Cape May*	-	\$ 6,926	NA
Cumberland	\$ 98,182	\$ 103,631	\$ 1,894
Essex	\$ 234,300	\$ 312,900	\$ 76,198
Gloucester	\$ 445,893	\$ 654,252	\$ (82,175)
Hudson	\$ 224,903	\$ 210,757	\$ (272,348)
Hunterdon	\$ 25,172	\$ 26,251	\$ 16,286
Mercer	\$ 118,478	\$ 98,546	\$ 3,804
Middlesex	\$ 495,235	\$ 522,425	\$ 19,249
Monmouth	\$ 133,931	\$ 135,082	\$ (73,744)
Morris	\$ 59,901	\$ 67,530	\$ 7,217
Ocean	\$ 43,026	\$ 104,807	\$ 77,235
Passaic	\$ 338,476	\$ 710,745	\$ 339,028
Salem*	\$ 12,945	\$ 27,730	NA
Somerset	\$ 180,244	\$ 175,277	\$ 25,577
Sussex	\$ 8,710	\$ 10,223	\$ 3,019
Union	\$ 242,090	\$ 458,348	\$ 79,966
Warren*	\$ 4,309	\$ 7,226	NA
<b>Democrats- Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,508,686</b>	<b>\$ 5,784,186</b>	<b>\$ 246,358</b>

\*Totals From Last Available Report

One Republican county party committee- Burlington- had more than \$100,000 in its savings account. Two committees- Hunterdon and Mercer- reported a negative balance.

**Table 5**  
**Campaign Finance Activity by Republican Party Committees in 2010**

<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Receipts through Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Spending through Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>Net Worth on Dec. 31, 2010</b>
Atlantic	\$ 122,008	\$ 110,016	\$ 12,589
Bergen	\$ 518,851	\$ 481,822	\$ 49,322
Burlington	\$ 391,268	\$ 388,657	\$ 584,240
Camden	\$ 58,413	\$ 32,176	\$ 59,148
Cape May	\$ 247,321	\$ 255,690	\$ 58,545
Cumberland	\$ 120,496	\$ 118,158	\$ 3,418
Essex*	\$ 8,600	\$ 8,895	NA
Gloucester	\$ 59,240	\$ 61,143	\$ 596
Hudson	NA	NA	NA
Hunterdon	\$ 110,391	\$ 116,629	\$ (56,247)
Mercer	\$ 125,142	\$ 125,328	\$ (245)
Middlesex	\$ 159,327	\$ 122,492	\$ 17,690
Monmouth	\$ 236,628	\$ 238,443	\$ 27,872
Morris	\$ 168,685	\$ 171,996	\$ 38,354
Ocean	\$ 127,682	\$ 129,294	\$ 2,637
Passaic	\$ 79,030	\$ 90,014	\$ 2,990
Salem	\$ 45,858	\$ 33,304	\$ 27,675
Somerset	\$ 273,826	\$ 215,797	\$ 81,573
Sussex	\$ 51,178	\$ 54,670	\$ 1,496
Union	\$ 145,287	\$ 142,198	\$ 12,667
Warren	\$ 33,149	\$ 31,894	\$ 1,371
<b>Republicans- Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,082,378</b>	<b>\$ 2,928,615</b>	<b>\$ 925,691</b>

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The analysis contained in this press release was based on reports filed by 5 p.m. on January 20, 2011. The numbers are based on reports that have yet to be verified by ELEC and should be considered preliminary. Interested parties are encouraged to review individual reports at ELEC's website ([www.elec.state.nj.us](http://www.elec.state.nj.us)).

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