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The so-called “Big Six” fundraising committees have raised nearly \$7.2 million and spent \$5.9 million so far this year, higher numbers than the past two statewide elections, according to new quarterly reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

Reports filed by the two state parties and four Legislative Leadership Committees also showed a combined cash reserve of \$3 million on September 30- slightly less than the \$3.2 million reported in July.

Republicans have raised and spent more money than Democrats, though Democrats reported higher cash-on-hand and net worth totals.

**TABLE 1  
 FUNDRAISING BY “BIG SIX” COMMITTEES  
 JANUARY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

<b>REPUBLICANS</b>	<b>RAISED</b>	<b>SPENT</b>	<b>CASH-ON-HAND</b>	<b>NET WORTH*</b>
New Jersey Republican State Committee	\$2,015,383	\$1,767,267	\$ 495,695	\$ 483,195
Senate Republican Majority	\$1,142,345	\$1,164,474	\$ 481,869	\$ 481,869
Assembly Republican Victory	\$ 804,874	\$ 548,746	\$ 462,048	\$ 462,048
<b>SubTotal-Republicans</b>	<b>\$3,962,602</b>	<b>\$3,480,487</b>	<b>\$1,439,612</b>	<b>\$1,427,112</b>
<b>DEMOCRATS</b>				
New Jersey Democratic State Committee	\$1,049,996	\$ 940,278	\$ 191,512	\$ 168,272
Senate Democratic Majority	\$1,073,759	\$ 717,398	\$ 653,235	\$ 633,235
Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee	\$1,116,651	\$ 779,168	\$ 685,844	\$ 655,406
<b>SubTotal-Democrats</b>	<b>\$3,240,406</b>	<b>\$2,436,844</b>	<b>\$1,530,591</b>	<b>\$1,456,913</b>
<b>Total-Both Parties</b>	<b>\$7,203,008</b>	<b>\$5,917,331</b>	<b>\$2,970,203</b>	<b>\$2,884,025</b>

\*Net worth is cash-on-hand adjusted for debts owed to or by the committee.

Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s Executive Director, said while neither of the previous two elections featured a governor’s election and the entire Legislature running, it is possible to make a rough comparison.

“If you average Big Six spending for 2009 and 2011, and compare it to the current total, it represents a 17 percent increase,” he said.

**TABLE 2  
FUNDRAISING BY “BIG SIX” COMMITTEES  
JANUARY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>RAISED</b>	<b>SPENT</b>	<b>CASH-ON-HAND</b>	<b>ELECTIONS</b>
2013	\$7,203,008	\$5,917,331	\$2,970,203	Gubernatorial and 120 legislative seats
2011	\$6,913,921	\$5,025,694	\$3,428,259	120 legislative seats
2009	\$6,309,496	\$5,098,192	\$3,056,012	Gubernatorial and 80 legislative seats

“This should not come as any shock given the high stakes nature of the election involving the Governor’s seat and control of the Legislature,” Brindle said.

During the past quarter, the three Republican committees reported heavier spending.

**TABLE 3  
SPENDING BY “BIG SIX” COMMITTEES  
JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

<b>REPUBLICANS</b>	<b>SPENT</b>
New Jersey Republican State Committee	\$1,149,967
Senate Republican Majority	\$1,038,110
Assembly Republican Victory	\$ 419,262
<b>Sub Total- Republicans</b>	<b>\$2,607,339</b>
<b>DEMOCRATS</b>	
New Jersey Democratic State Committee	\$ 564,053
Senate Democratic Majority	\$ 443,999
Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee	\$ 425,730
<b>Sub Total- Democrats</b>	<b>\$1,433,782</b>
<b>Total- Both Parties</b>	<b>\$4,041,121</b>

Compared to four years ago, Democratic fundraising, spending and cash reserves are down, while Republican totals are up.

**TABLE 4  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITIES FOR “BIG SIX”  
COMMITTEES THROUGH THIRD QUARTER  
2009 VERSUS 2013**

<b>REPUBLICANS</b>	<b>RAISED</b>	<b>SPENT</b>	<b>CASH-ON-HAND</b>	<b>NET WORTH*</b>
<b>2009</b>	\$1,250,408	\$ 948,158	\$ 910,623	\$ 778,774
<b>2013</b>	\$3,962,602	\$3,480,487	\$1,439,612	\$1,427,112
<b>Difference-Dollars</b>	<b>\$2,712,194</b>	<b>\$2,532,329</b>	<b>\$ 528,989</b>	<b>\$ 648,338</b>
<b>Difference-%</b>	<b>217%</b>	<b>267%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>83%</b>
<b>DEMOCRATS</b>				
<b>2009</b>	\$5,059,088	\$4,150,034	\$2,145,389	\$1,968,010
<b>2013</b>	\$3,240,406	\$2,436,844	\$1,530,591	\$1,456,913
<b>Difference-Dollars</b>	<b>\$(1,818,682)</b>	<b>\$(1,713,190)</b>	<b>\$ (614,798)</b>	<b>\$ (511,097)</b>
<b>Difference-%</b>	<b>-36%</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>-26%</b>
<b>BOTH PARTIES</b>				
<b>2009</b>	\$6,309,496	\$5,098,192	\$3,056,012	\$2,746,784
<b>2013</b>	\$7,203,008	\$5,917,331	\$2,970,203	\$2,884,025
<b>Difference-Dollars</b>	<b>\$ 893,512</b>	<b>\$ 819,139</b>	<b>\$ (85,809)</b>	<b>\$ 137,241</b>
<b>Difference-%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>5%</b>

\*Net worth is cash-on-hand adjusted for debts owed to or by the committee.

State Parties and Legislative Leadership Committees are required to report their financial activity to the Commission on a quarterly basis. The reports are available on ELEC’s website at [www.elec.state.nj.us](http://www.elec.state.nj.us). ELEC also can be accessed on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/NJElectionLaw](http://www.facebook.com/NJElectionLaw)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/elecny](http://www.twitter.com/elecny)).

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