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County party officials are gradually rebuilding their financial reserves in a year with no state campaigns but with most counties hosting elections for at least some positions, according to the latest reports filed with the Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

Quarterly reports filed by county parties showed their combined reserves grew from \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million since March. Those reserves are smaller than the \$1.6 million raised during the same period last year, when there was a governor's race and all 120 legislators were running. However, the combined war chest is larger than the \$1 million amassed in 2012, another year with no major state campaigns.

Candidate reports indicate there are county executive elections in Essex and Bergen counties this year, as well as elections for freeholder, sheriff, clerk and surrogate posts in several counties.

**TABLE 1  
COMBINED CASH RESERVES  
OF COUNTY PARTIES  
THROUGH SECOND QUARTER- 2010-2014**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CASH-ON-HAND</b>
2010	\$1,746,121
2011	\$1,444,408
2012	\$1,036,375
2013	\$1,627,287
2014	\$1,492,059

Democratic county parties raised more funds during the first six months of 2014 than they did for the same period in 2010. However, they spent less, and reported lower combined cash-on-hand and net worth totals. Republican county parties raised less and spent less than they did four years ago. However, they reported larger cash-on-hand and net worth totals than they did in 2010.

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**TABLE 2**  
**SUMMARY OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY BY COUNTY COMMITTEES**  
**JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30-**  
**2010 VERSUS 2014**

	<b>RAISED-2010</b>	<b>SPENT-2010**</b>	<b>CASH-ON-HAND-2010</b>	<b>NET WORTH-2010*</b>
Democratic County Party Committees	\$1,236,068	\$1,493,893	\$1,354,743	\$1,343,945
Republican County Party Committees	\$1,068,154	\$ 977,898	\$ 391,378	\$ 962,454
<b>Total-Both Parties</b>	<b>\$2,304,222</b>	<b>\$2,471,791</b>	<b>\$1,746,121</b>	<b>\$2,306,399</b>
	<b>RAISED-2014</b>	<b>SPENT-2014**</b>	<b>CASH-ON-HAND-2014</b>	<b>NET WORTH-2014*</b>
Democratic County Party Committees	\$1,397,239	\$1,400,325	\$ 963,300	\$ 585,711
Republican County Party Committees	\$ 982,148	\$ 915,939	\$ 528,760	\$1,318,464
<b>Total-Both Parties</b>	<b>\$2,379,387</b>	<b>\$2,316,264</b>	<b>\$1,492,059</b>	<b>\$1,904,175</b>
Difference 2010 versus 2014				
Democratic County Party Committees	13%	-6%	-29%	-56%
Republican County Party Committees	-8%	-6%	35%	37%
<b>Total-Both Parties</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>-17%</b>

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

\*\*Spending may exceed fundraising due to reserves carried over from previous year.

“For the second quarter in a row, it looks like county party fundraising may have hit bottom in 2012,” said Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s Executive Director.

“County party fund-raising is sort of like the national economy. It is not going gang-busters. But it appears to be slowly on the upswing,” he said.

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Among Democratic county committees that have filed all of their reports, Cape May, Essex, Passaic and Union Counties reported cash-on-hand above \$100,000. Burlington, Gloucester and Hudson Counties reported a negative net worth after adjusting for debts.

**TABLE 3**  
**CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY OF**  
**DEMOCRATIC COUNTY PARTY COMMITTEES**  
**JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>CASH-ON-HAND</b>	<b>NET WORTH</b>
Atlantic	\$ 18,706	\$ 14,909	\$ 13,412	\$ 13,412
Bergen	\$ 181,783	\$ 168,381	\$ 13,627	\$ 69,960
Burlington	\$ 30,002	\$ 26,085	\$ 7,501	\$ (78,466)
Camden	\$ 162,019	\$ 185,988	\$ 64,233	\$ 64,233
Cape May	\$ 3,200	NA	\$ 103,166	\$ 103,166
Cumberland	\$ 12,550	\$ 12,583	\$ 7,457	\$ 7,457
Essex	\$ 139,090	\$ 107,652	\$ 149,834	\$ 149,834
Gloucester	\$ 51,436	\$ 86,123	\$ 21,607	\$ (26,420)
Hudson	\$ 149,663	\$ 169,673	\$ 37,032	\$ (270,508)
Hunterdon	\$ 6,973	\$ 7,192	\$ 4,740	\$ 4,740
Mercer	\$ 60,330	\$ 72,324	\$ 21,123	\$ 21,123
Middlesex	\$ 176,363	\$ 184,426	\$ 4,163	\$ 4,163
Monmouth	\$ 70,769	\$ 62,505	\$ 15,126	\$ 15,126
Morris	\$ 24,500	\$ 39,849	\$ 6,779	\$ 6,779
Ocean	\$ 27,039	\$ 24,483	\$ 16,171	\$ 32,337
Passaic	\$ 130,740	\$ 103,020	\$ 282,893	\$ 282,893
Salem	\$ 5,630	\$ 9,027	\$ 49,202	\$ 49,202
Somerset	\$ 16,762	\$ 21,392	\$ 11,953	\$ 11,953
Sussex	\$ 3,890	\$ 4,719	\$ 3,840	\$ 3,840
Union	\$ 122,100	\$ 98,517	\$ 124,884	\$ 116,330
Warren	\$ 3,694	\$ 1,478	\$ 4,555	\$ 4,555
<b>Democrats-Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,397,239</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,325</b>	<b>\$ 963,300</b>	<b>\$ 585,711</b>

Among Republican county committees that have filed all of their reports, Somerset reported a cash reserve larger than \$100,000. Along with Somerset, Burlington County reported a net worth larger than \$100,000.

**TABLE 4  
 CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY OF  
 REPUBLICAN COUNTY PARTY COMMITTEES  
 JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>CASH-ON-HAND</b>	<b>NET WORTH</b>
Atlantic	\$ 20,725	\$ 32,342	\$ 31,186	\$ 31,186
Bergen	\$ 77,565	\$ 73,480	\$ 12,637	\$ 12,637
Burlington	\$ 254,838	\$ 260,497	\$ 10,674	\$ 820,611
Camden	\$ 9,563	\$ 9,062	\$ 22,466	\$ 23,358
Cape May	\$ 65,500	\$ 30,885	\$ 45,561	\$ 45,561
Cumberland	\$ 19,968	\$ 21,089	\$ 45	\$ 45
Essex	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,390	\$ 2,390
Gloucester	\$ 25,924	\$ 24,558	\$ 2,554	\$ 2,554
Hudson				
Hunterdon	\$ 27,424	\$ 17,510	\$ 32,817	\$ 32,817
Mercer	\$ 15,697	\$ 11,849	\$ 4,673	\$ 4,753
Middlesex	\$ 20,549	\$ 11,240	\$ 17,880	\$ 17,880
Monmouth	\$ 86,237	\$ 78,525	\$ 12,478	\$ 12,478
Morris	\$ 59,713	\$ 50,889	\$ 36,455	\$ 36,386
Ocean	\$ 67,676	\$ 113,610	\$ 12,183	\$ 7,183
Passaic	\$ 31,473	\$ 25,247	\$ 5,530	\$ 5,530
Salem	\$ 18,923	\$ 20,199	\$ 12,105	\$ 12,105
Somerset	\$ 137,408	\$ 91,126	\$ 240,984	\$ 238,906
Sussex	\$ 16,025	\$ 16,465	\$ 15,860	\$ 15,860
Union	\$ 12,390	\$ 9,045	\$ 3,354	\$ (10,704)
Warren	\$ 10,550	\$ 15,818	\$ 6,927	\$ 6,927
<b>Republicans-Total</b>	<b>\$ 982,148</b>	<b>\$ 915,939</b>	<b>\$ 528,760</b>	<b>\$1,318,464</b>

The numbers in this analysis are based on reports filed by noon July 23, 2014. They have yet to be verified by ELEC staff, 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)).