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With last year's elections in the rear view mirror, county party officials are reporting depleted coffers as they resume efforts to replenish those reserves, according to the latest reports filed with the Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

County parties reported raising \$1 million during the first three months of 2014, and spending about the same amount. They also reported \$1.3 million in combined cash reserves. The fundraising total is higher than the comparable figure four years ago, while spending and cash-on-hand totals both are lower than in 2010.

**TABLE 1**  
**SUMMARY OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY BY COUNTY COMMITTEES**  
**JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31-**  
**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	\$656,908	\$855,232**	\$1,806,504	\$1,786,934
Republican County Party Committees	\$366,883	\$343,812	\$271,874	\$970,090
<b>Total-Both Parties</b>	<b>\$1,023,791</b>	<b>\$1,199,044</b>	<b>\$2,078,378</b>	<b>\$2,757,024</b>
	<b>RAISED-2014</b>	<b>SPENT-2014</b>	<b>CASH-ON-HAND-2014</b>	<b>NET WORTH-2014*</b>
Democratic County Party Committees	\$576,479	\$649,320**	\$838,605	\$454,143
Republican County Party Committees	\$471,976	\$450,015	\$474,184	\$1,202,231
<b>Total-Both Parties</b>	<b>\$1,048,455</b>	<b>\$1,099,335**</b>	<b>\$1,312,788</b>	<b>\$1,656,374</b>
Difference 2010 versus 2014				
Democratic County Party Committees	-12%	-24%	-54%	-75%
Republican County Party Committees	29%	31%	74%	24%
<b>Total-Both Parties</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-37%</b>	<b>-40%</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.

Democratic totals for the quarter are lower compared to four years ago, while Republican totals are higher. For the recent quarter, Democrats report higher totals for fundraising, spending and cash-on-hand.

While combined first quarter cash reserves are lower than a year ago, they are higher than the two previous years.

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**TABLE 2  
 COMBINED CASH RESERVES  
 OF COUNTY PARTIES  
 AFTER FIRST QUARTER- 2010-2014**

YEAR	CASH-ON-HAND
2010	\$2,078,378
2011	\$1,141,821
2012	\$1,023,935
2013	\$1,457,253
2014	\$1,312,788

Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s Executive Director, said this is another sign that county party fundraising may have bottomed out in 2012.

“While fundraising totals pale by comparison to a decade ago, it looks like county parties are slowly bouncing back. It could be that with the improving economy, contributors are inclined to give a little more,” he said.

Among Democratic county committees that have filed their reports, Essex and Passaic 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 MARCH 31, 2014**

COUNTY	RECIPTS	EXPENDITURES	CASH-ON-HAND	NET WORTH
Atlantic	\$ 12,619	\$ 7,438	\$ 14,795	\$ 14,795
Bergen	\$ 124,316	\$ 114,632	\$ 9,909	\$ 64,242
Burlington	\$ 7,273	\$ 9,542	\$ 1,314	\$ (84,653)
Camden	\$ 61,377	\$ 100,513	\$ 49,066	\$ 49,066
Cape May	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,966	\$ 99,966
Cumberland	\$ 11,300	\$ 300	\$ 18,490	\$ 18,490
Essex	\$ 67,600	\$ 46,629	\$ 139,367	\$ 139,367
Gloucester	\$ 17,933	\$ 43,513	\$ 30,714	\$ (22,188)
Hudson	\$ 1,000	\$ 28,522	\$ 29,519	\$ (278,019)
Hunterdon	\$ 3,803	\$ 5,322	\$ 3,440	\$ 3,440
Mercer	\$ 1,330	\$ 8,894	\$ 25,553	\$ 25,553
Middlesex	\$ 92,924	\$ 104,121	\$ 1,028	\$ 1,028
Monmouth	\$ 27,730	\$ 29,385	\$ 5,206	\$ 5,206
Morris	\$ 16,175	\$ 26,994	\$ 11,309	\$ 11,309
Ocean	\$ 5,190	\$ 7,763	\$ 11,042	\$ 27,209
Passaic	\$ 82,165	\$ 43,618	\$ 293,720	\$ 293,720
Salem				
Somerset	\$ 16,762	\$ 21,392	\$ 11,953	\$ 11,953
Sussex	\$ 2,582	\$ 3,742	\$ 3,510	\$ 3,510
Union	\$ 24,400	\$ 46,999	\$ 78,702	\$ 70,148
Warren				
<b>Democrats-Total</b>	<b>\$ 576,479</b>	<b>\$ 649,320</b>	<b>\$ 838,605</b>	<b>\$ 454,143</b>

Among Republican county committees that have filed 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 MARCH 31, 2014**

COUNTY	RECIPTS	EXPENDITURES	CASH-ON-HAND	NET WORTH
Atlantic	\$ 5,216	\$ 7,379	\$ 40,640	\$ 40,640
Bergen	\$ 39,315	\$ 38,526	\$ 9,341	\$ 9,341
Burlington	\$ 146,167	\$ 149,250	\$ 13,250	\$ 746,065
Camden	\$ 4,928	\$ 5,080	\$ 21,820	\$ 22,713
Cape May				
Cumberland	\$ 13,149	\$ 13,713	\$ 600	\$ 600
Essex	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 893	\$ 893
Gloucester	\$ 18,424	\$ 15,403	\$ 4,209	\$ 4,209
Hudson				
Hunterdon	\$ 4,275	\$ 13,016	\$ 14,163	\$ 14,163
Mercer	\$ 7,581	\$ 2,060	\$ 6,348	\$ 5,230
Middlesex	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,151	\$ 7,920	\$ 7,920
Monmouth	\$ 37,218	\$ 38,634	\$ 3,351	\$ 3,351
Morris	\$ 55,013	\$ 23,971	\$ 58,673	\$ 58,635
Ocean	\$ 11,829	\$ 65,241	\$ 4,705	\$ 4,705
Passaic				
Salem	\$ 9,887	\$ 15,115	\$ 8,077	\$ 8,077
Somerset	\$ 103,223	\$ 48,750	\$ 249,175	\$ 244,671
Sussex	\$ 8,375	\$ 6,408	\$ 18,267	\$ 18,267
Union				
Warren	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,319	\$ 12,751	\$ 12,751
<b>Republicans-Total</b>	<b>\$ 471,976</b>	<b>\$ 450,015</b>	<b>\$ 474,184</b>	<b>\$ 1,202,231</b>

The numbers in this analysis are based on reports filed by noon April 28. 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)).

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