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With a governor's race and legislative elections looming this year, the so-called "Big Six" committees of the two major parties already have set aside nearly \$1.7 million for the high-stakes showdown.

Reports that disclose their campaign finance activity for 2012 show the two parties raised a combined \$7.1 million and spent \$6.4 million last year.

**TABLE 1  
FUNDRAISING BY "BIG SIX" COMMITTEES  
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012**

REPUBLICANS	RAISED	SPENT	CASH-ON-HAND	NET WORTH*
New Jersey Republican State Committee	\$ 3,228,756	\$ 3,520,182	\$ 247,579	\$ 152,920
Senate Republican Majority	\$ 594,891	\$ 297,214	\$ 503,999	\$ 503,999
Assembly Republican Victory	\$ 543,515	\$ 406,864	\$ 205,919	\$ 205,919
<b>Sub Total-Republicans</b>	<b>\$ 4,367,162</b>	<b>\$ 4,224,260</b>	<b>\$ 957,497</b>	<b>\$ 862,838</b>
<b>DEMOCRATS</b>				
New Jersey Democratic State Committee	\$ 1,265,471	\$ 1,285,609	\$ 81,794	\$ 58,554
Senate Democratic Majority	\$ 661,883	\$ 425,030	\$ 296,872	\$ 276,872
Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee	\$ 768,617	\$ 456,858	\$ 348,362	\$ 317,923
<b>Sub Total-Democrats</b>	<b>\$ 2,695,971</b>	<b>\$ 2,167,497</b>	<b>\$ 727,028</b>	<b>\$ 653,349</b>
<b>Total- Both Parties</b>	<b>\$ 7,063,133</b>	<b>\$ 6,391,757</b>	<b>\$ 1,684,525</b>	<b>\$ 1,516,187</b>

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

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Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s Executive Director, said the \$1.7 million in cash reserves is slightly less than the \$1.8 million held by the “Big Six” committees as they went into the 2009 election year.

The Governor’s seat and all 120 legislative seats are in contention this year. Only the Governor’s seat and 80 Assembly seats were in play in 2009.

“I’m sure both parties already are starting to prepare for this year’s campaigns. Campaigns are expensive, and candidates and parties have to start planning well ahead to have adequate cash for the election,” he said.

Compared to the same period four years earlier, combined fundraising and spending totals both were up. Combined cash-on-hand and net worth totals were down.

Republican totals all are up compared to 2008, while Democratic totals all are down.

**TABLE 2  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITIES FOR  
“BIG SIX” COMMITTEES 2008 VS 2012**

<b>REPUBLICANS</b>	<b>RAISED</b>	<b>SPENT</b>	<b>CASH-ON-HAND</b>	<b>NET WORTH*</b>
<b>2008</b>	\$ 2,103,885	\$ 1,724,327	\$ 608,372	\$ 506,388
<b>2012</b>	\$ 4,367,162	\$ 4,224,260	\$ 957,497	\$ 862,838
<b>Difference-Dollars</b>	<b>\$ 2,263,277</b>	<b>\$ 2,499,933</b>	<b>\$ 349,125</b>	<b>\$ 356,450</b>
<b>Difference-%</b>	<b>108%</b>	<b>145%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>DEMOCRATS</b>				
<b>2008</b>	\$ 4,549,791	\$ 3,461,231	\$ 1,236,333	\$ 1,163,459
<b>2012</b>	\$ 2,695,971	\$ 2,167,497	\$ 727,028	\$ 653,349
<b>Difference-Dollars</b>	<b>\$ (1,853,820)</b>	<b>\$ (1,293,734)</b>	<b>\$ (509,305)</b>	<b>\$ (510,110)</b>
<b>Difference-%</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>-37%</b>	<b>-41%</b>	<b>-44%</b>
<b>BOTH PARTIES</b>				
<b>2008</b>	\$ 6,653,676	\$ 5,185,558	\$ 1,844,705	\$ 1,669,847
<b>2012</b>	\$ 7,063,133	\$ 6,391,757	\$ 1,684,525	\$ 1,516,187
<b>Difference-Dollars</b>	<b>\$ 409,457</b>	<b>\$ 1,206,199</b>	<b>\$ (160,180)</b>	<b>\$ (153,660)</b>
<b>Difference-%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-9%</b>

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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)).