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As the state's two major parties gear up for fall legislative campaigns, county party committees jointly have raised \$1.5 million during the past three months and added approximately \$300,000 to their financial reserves, according to quarterly reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission.

Democratic county party committees raised slightly more than Republicans and outspent Republicans during the quarter.

**Table 1**  
**Summary of Campaign Finance Activity by County**  
**Party Committees from April 1 through June 30, 2011**

	<b>Raised- Three Months</b>	<b>Spent- Three Months</b>
Democratic County Party Committees	\$ 775,794	\$ 741,095
Republican County Party Committees	\$ 745,127	\$ 530,915
<b>Total- Both Parties</b>	<b>\$ 1,520,921</b>	<b>\$ 1,272,010</b>

The financial strength of the parties looks different depending on the numbers used for comparison. Democrats reported more cash-on-hand. But Republicans reported a higher net worth, meaning cash-on-hand adjusted for debts owed by or to the committee.

"Both numbers are about \$300,000 higher than those reported in March, a sign that both parties are trying to boost reserves before the general election enters its final months," said Jeff Brindle, ELEC's Executive Director.

**Table 2**  
**Comparison of Combined Financial Reserves of**  
**County Party Committees as of June 30, 2011**

	<b>Cash-on-Hand</b>	<b>Net Worth</b>
Democratic County Party Committees	\$ 883,810	\$ 537,774
Republican County Party Committees	\$ 560,598	\$ 745,524
<b>Total- Both Parties</b>	<b>\$ 1,444,408</b>	<b>\$ 1,283,298</b>

When fundraising and spending since January 1 is considered, Democrats had a clear lead.

**Table 3**  
**Summary of Campaign Finance Activity by County**  
**Party Committees from January 1 through June 30, 2011**

	<b>Raised- Six Months</b>	<b>Spent- Six Months</b>
Democratic County Party Committees	\$ 1,419,228	\$ 1,297,822
Republican County Party Committees	\$ 1,197,937	\$ 1,076,745
<b>Total- Both Parties</b>	<b>\$ 2,617,165</b>	<b>\$ 2,374,567</b>

Statewide, one Democratic county party committee- Passaic- had a net worth of more than \$100,000 as of June 30, 2011. Three committees- Burlington, Hudson and Monmouth- were in the red if outstanding debts are subtracted from cash-on-hand.

**Table 4**  
**Campaign Finance Activity by Democratic County**  
**Party Committees January 1 through June 30, 2011**

<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Raised January 1- June 30, 2011</b>	<b>Spent January 1- June 30, 2011</b>	<b>Cash-on-Hand June 30, 2011</b>	<b>Net Worth June 30, 2011</b>
Atlantic	\$ 7,410	\$ 8,965	\$ 2,497	\$ 2,497
Bergen	\$ 86,549	\$ 91,439	\$ 2,655	\$ 41,291
Burlington	\$ 21,612	\$ 11,364	\$ 9,346	\$ (118,889)
Camden	\$ 174,095	\$ 212,390	\$ 21,034	\$ 21,034
Cape May	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,002	\$ 5,438	\$ 5,438
Cumberland	\$ 800	\$ 2,545	\$ 149	\$ 149
Essex	\$ 159,360	\$ 92,438	\$ 142,420	\$ 142,420
Gloucester	\$ 134,761	\$ 128,466	\$ 31,485	\$ 68,176
Hudson	\$ 191,764	\$ 146,636	\$ 61,356	\$ (202,624)
Hunterdon	\$ 14,645	\$ 6,546	\$ 24,204	\$ 24,204
Mercer	\$ 67,200	\$ 20,875	\$ 70,129	\$ 50,129
Middlesex	\$ 182,694	\$ 185,676	\$ 19,387	\$ 11,161
Monmouth	\$ 26,450	\$ 24,561	\$ 6,170	\$ (71,855)
Morris	\$ 25,450	\$ 21,619	\$ 11,048	\$ 11,048
Ocean	\$ 6,830	\$ 22,702	\$ 6,269	\$ 63,757
Passaic	\$ 113,800	\$ 78,854	\$ 373,974	\$ 373,974
Salem	\$ 11,844	\$ 10,942	\$ 52,195	\$ 52,195
Somerset	\$ 45,261	\$ 54,503	\$ 7,190	\$ 7,190
Sussex	\$ 5,174	\$ 5,802	\$ 2,312	\$ 2,312
Union	\$ 141,772	\$ 166,474	\$ 33,853	\$ 53,468
Warren	\$ 557	\$ 3,023	\$ 699	\$ 699
<b>Democrats- Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,419,228</b>	<b>\$ 1,297,822</b>	<b>\$ 883,810</b>	<b>\$ 537,774</b>

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Two Republican county party committees- Burlington and Somerset- reported a net worth of more than \$100,000. One GOP county party committee- Hunterdon- reported a negative number.

**Table 4**  
**Campaign Finance Activity by Republican County**  
**Party Committees January 1 through June 30, 2011**

<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Raised January 1- June 30, 2011</b>	<b>Spent January 1- June 30, 2011</b>	<b>Cash-on-Hand June 30, 2011</b>	<b>Net Worth June 30, 2011</b>
Atlantic	\$ 58,623	\$ 34,444	\$ 36,768	\$ 36,768
Bergen	\$ 137,175	\$ 128,208	\$ 58,289	\$ 58,289
Burlington	\$ 282,055	\$ 283,819	\$ 16,254	\$ 305,706
Camden	\$ 26,299	\$ 58,916	\$ 16,807	\$ 17,700
Cape May	\$ 30,935	\$ 46,913	\$ 42,598	\$ 42,598
Cumberland	\$ 18,950	\$ 21,657	\$ 711	\$ 711
Essex	\$ 4,184	\$ 2,251	\$ 7,586	\$ 7,586
Gloucester	\$ 24,072	\$ 24,469	\$ 197	\$ 197
Hudson *	na	na	na	na
Hunterdon	\$ 12,180	\$ 17,690	\$ 6,182	\$ (61,758)
Mercer	\$ 39,313	\$ 49,601	\$ 13,467	\$ 12,967
Middlesex	\$ 15,065	\$ 4,413	\$ 25,861	\$ 15,861
Monmouth	\$ 109,574	\$ 43,288	\$ 92,833	\$ 70,957
Morris	\$ 55,704	\$ 42,595	\$ 52,136	\$ 52,136
Ocean	\$ 45,724	\$ 39,376	\$ 9,085	\$ 9,085
Passaic	\$ 69,567	\$ 70,511	\$ 2,046	\$ 2,046
Salem	\$ 18,189	\$ 16,851	\$ 29,014	\$ 29,014
Somerset	\$ 115,308	\$ 96,669	\$ 101,710	\$ 100,881
Sussex	\$ 51,968	\$ 32,191	\$ 22,554	\$ 18,280
Union	\$ 57,276	\$ 53,748	\$ 16,192	\$ 16,192
Warren	\$ 25,776	\$ 9,135	\$ 10,308	\$ 10,308
<b>Republicans- Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,197,937</b>	<b>\$ 1,076,745</b>	<b>\$ 560,598</b>	<b>\$ 745,524</b>

\* Does not expect to raise more than \$4,900 this year.

The numbers in this analysis 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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