

# FUNDTRACKER TRENDWATCH

## 2017 looks an awful lot like 2016

Infrastructure fundraising has settled into a steady \$50 billion-plus pace

The end of 2017 brings a feeling of déjà vu in the infrastructure fundraising market. Nearly everything that was observed and written about fundraising activity in 2016 could be — and is being — written at the end of 2017.

- 2017 average fund size held steady at \$2.0 billion
- 2017 fundraising held steady at \$53.2 billion
- 2017 energy funds continue to dominate the market

To get a better feel for the year — and illustrate how similar the years have been — we have updated a few of the more interesting charts that appeared in earlier *TrendWatch* editions. These charts indicate a stable fundraising climate, but energy funds and mega-funds are still raking in more than their fair share of capital.

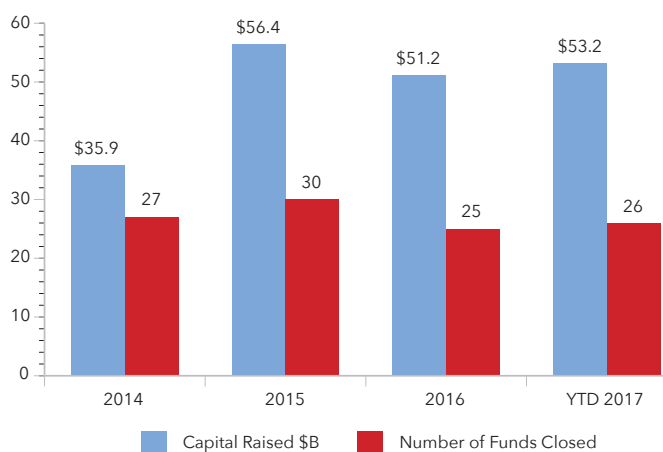
According to IREI's FundTracker database, 26 infrastructure funds have held a final close YTD 2017, raising an aggregate total of \$53.2 billion. This is very similar to end-of-year 2016 totals, when 25 funds raised \$51.2 billion. It is likely that additional funds will be added to the database before the year closes, so 2017 could put a bit of distance between itself and 2016, but it is unlikely to reach the 2013 total of \$57.7 billion by 37 funds.

Energy funds and multisector funds that include energy in their mandates accounted for 93 percent of the capital raised and 92 percent of the total number of funds closed YTD 2017. This nearly total dominance of the market was helped along by the multisector, \$15.8 billion Global Infrastructure Partners III, which has energy in its mandate, and the energy-only, \$7 billion EnCap Energy Capital Fund XI. In 2016, funds that included energy in their strategy accounted for 96 percent of the capital raised and 84 percent of the funds closed.

According to FundTracker, funds that raised \$2 billion or more accounted for 31 percent of the funds reaching a final close YTD 2017, but 74 percent of the capital raised. The average size of the typical infrastructure fund held steady at \$2.0 billion when compared to 2016. The trimmed average (dropping the top and bottom .05 percent of funds), also held steady, coming in at \$1.6 billion for both years.

Five fewer funds have been launched YTD 2017 than reached the market in 2016. Year-to-date 2017, 46 infrastructure funds have entered the market versus 51 new funds launched in 2016. This metric continues a survival-of-the-fittest trend, which has seen the number of funds being offered falling steadily since 2013.

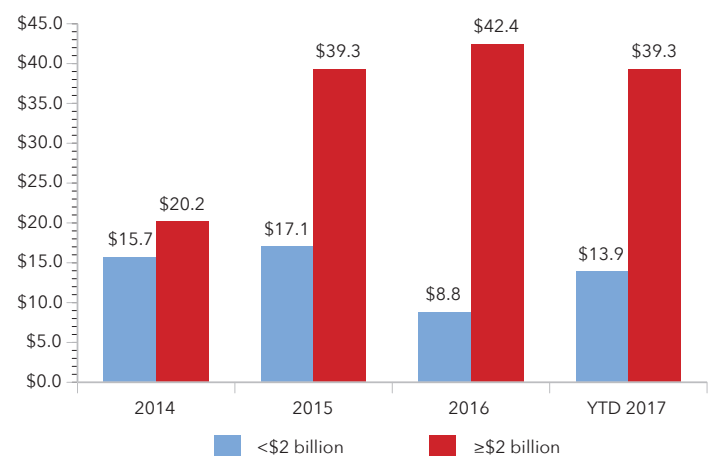
Total funds closed and capital raised (\$B)



Source: IREI FundTracker

YTD 2017 is Dec. 19, 2017

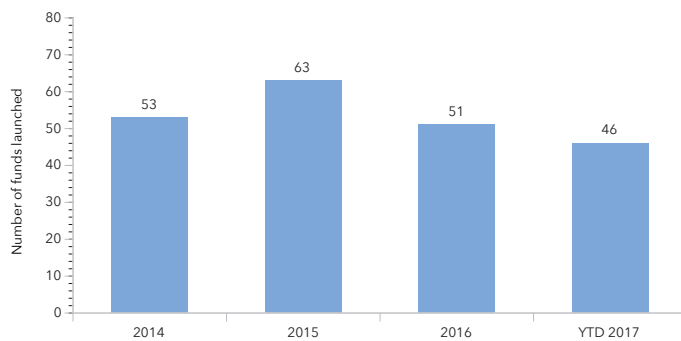
Capital raised by closed funds by size (\$B)



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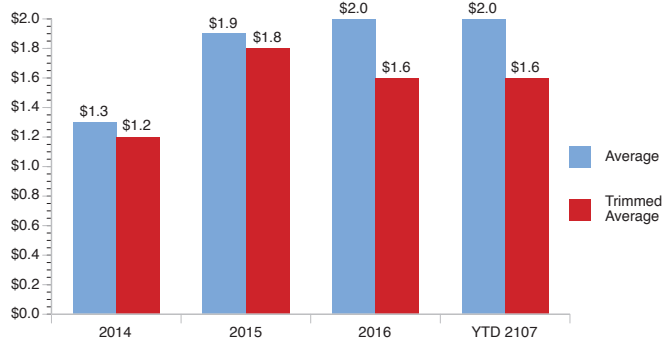
## Number of infrastructure funds launched per year



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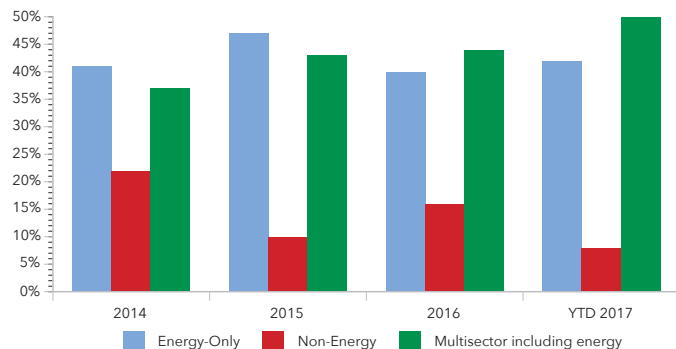
## Average size of closed funds by year (\$B)



Source: IREI FundTracker

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## Percent of capital raised by energy funds vs others



Source: IREI FundTracker

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