



Background Briefing

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Robin R. Risko, Senior Fiscal Analyst

December 2011

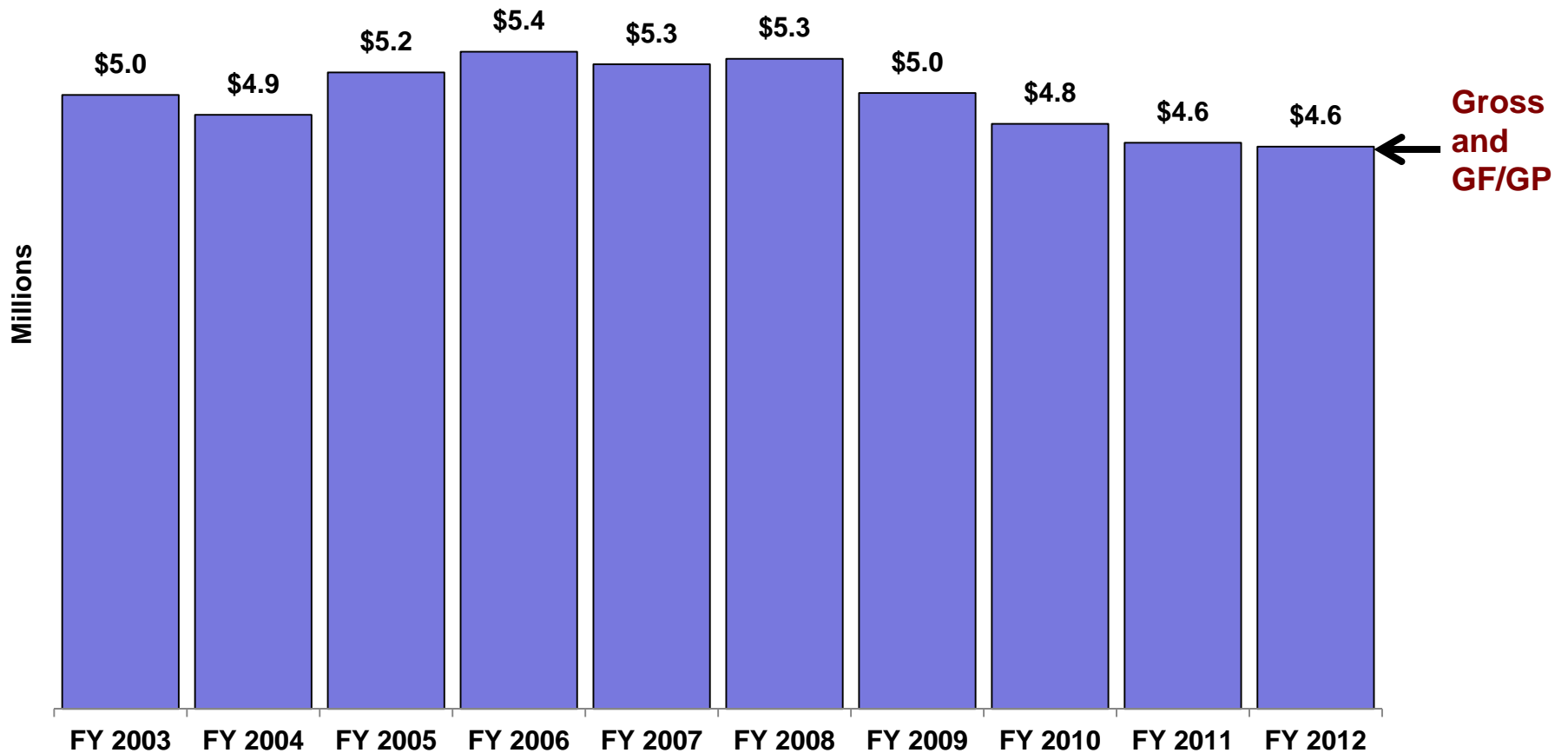
The fiscal information in this background briefing is based on data through December 31, 2011.

Executive Office

- **Governor is the Chief Executive Officer of the state, the Commander-In-Chief of the state's military establishment, and the Chairperson of the State Administrative Board**
- **Governor provides executive program and policy direction, submits annual budget to the Legislature, reviews and recommends statutory changes, appoints members of state boards and commissions, and appoints directors of departments which are not headed by elected officials or commissions**
- **Lt. Governor performs gubernatorial functions in the Governor's absence, serves as President of the Michigan Senate and as a State Administrative Board member, and represents the Governor and state at local, state, and national meetings**

Executive Office: Gross Appropriations

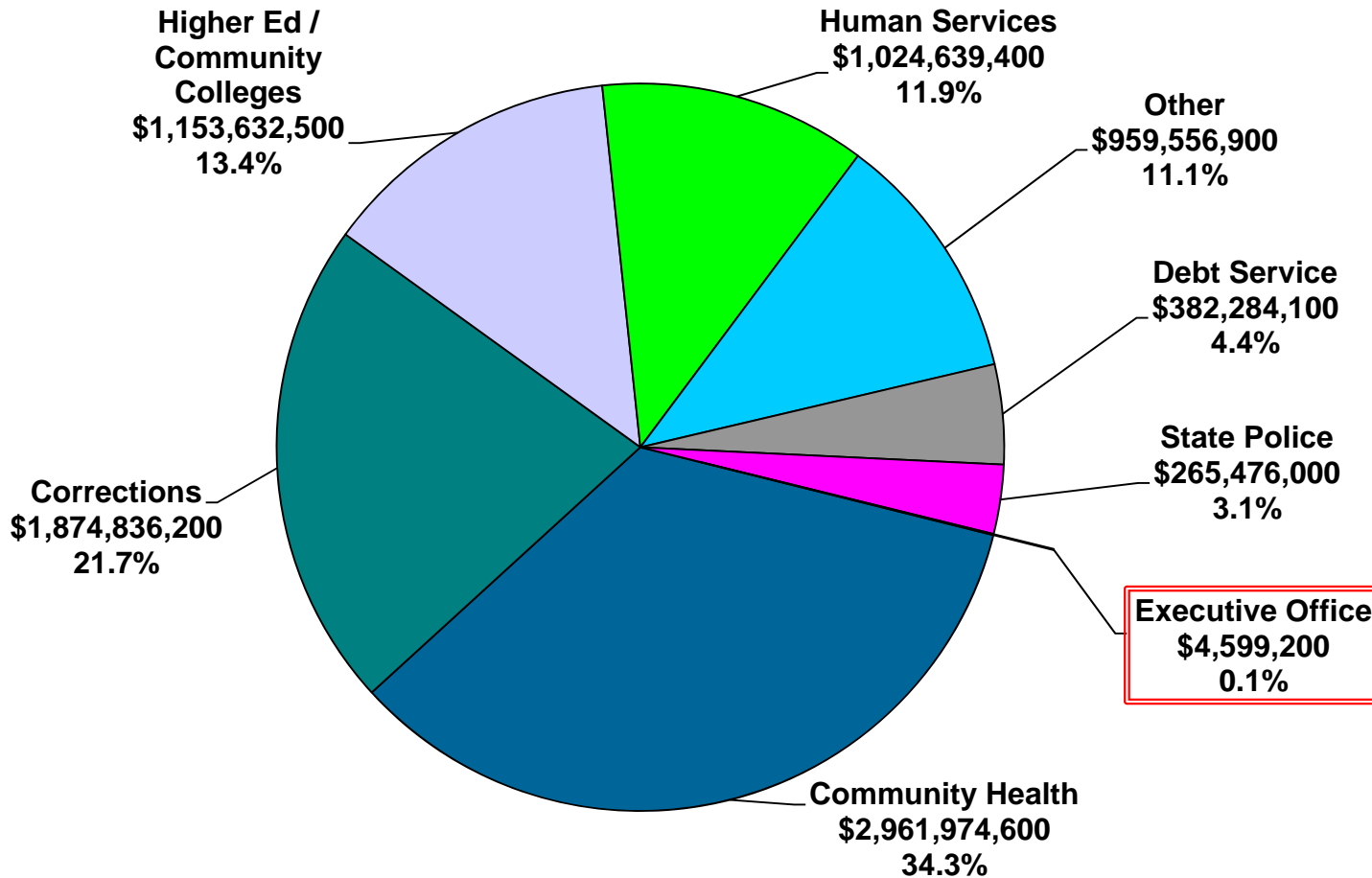
Spending increases are due primarily to inflation; decreases are due to budget reductions.
Executive Office is funded 100% with state GF/GP.



Executive Office Share of State GF/GP

Executive Office makes up 0.1% of the total state GF/GP budget

FY 2011-12 GF/GP Total = \$8,626,998,900



EXECUTIVE OFFICE APPROPRIATIONS

Executive Office Appropriations

- **Governor and Lieutenant Governor office operations**
 - **Staff salaries and benefits**
 - **Expense allowances**
 - **Contractual services, supplies, and materials**
 - **Rent and building occupancy charges**
 - **Worker's compensation**
 - **Travel**
 - **Equipment**

Executive Office Appropriations

- **Divisions facilitate day-to-day operations for the Governor and Lt. Governor**
 - **Provide legal counsel and interpret legal matters**
 - **Review charters, agreements, resolutions, prisoner extraditions and pardons, and administrative and emergency rules**
 - **Coordinate office facilities, personnel, budget, and information technology**
 - **Recommend appointments to judicial vacancies, boards, and commissions**
 - **Handle correspondence, visits, and phone calls from constituents**
 - **Prepare and coordinate issue papers, speeches, media communications, and audio/video presentations**
 - **Act as liaison between Legislature, state departments, local and state officials, and Washington D.C.**

Executive Office Appropriations

- **Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness**
 - **Created in Public Act 102 of 2011**
 - **Charged with reporting to the Governor, Legislature, and State Board of Education regarding a student growth and assessment tool and a state evaluation tool for teachers and school administrators**

**For more information about the
Executive Office budget, contact:**

**Robin R. Risko
rrisko@house.mi.gov
(517) 373-8080**