



Background Briefing

LEGISLATURE

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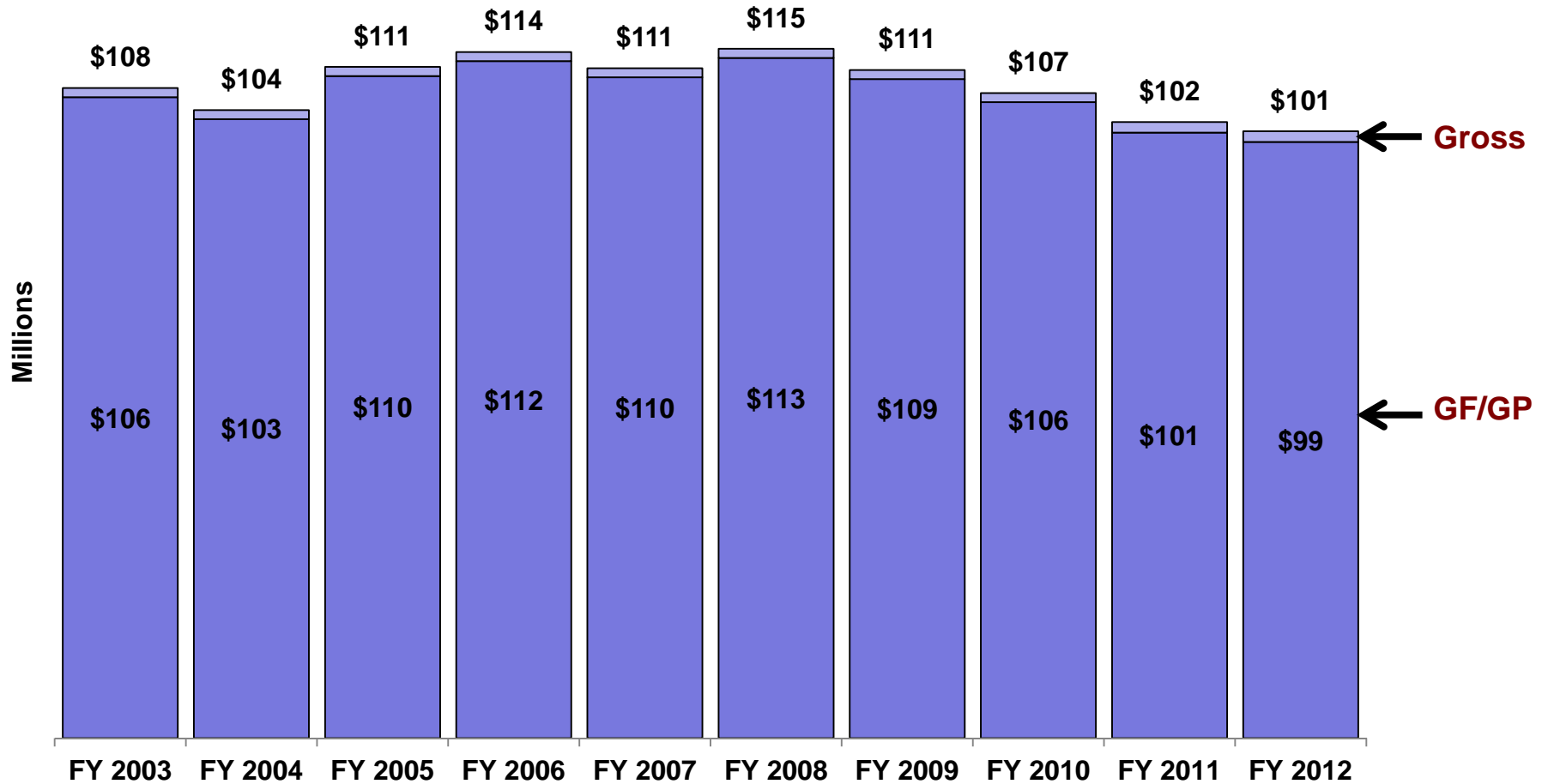
The fiscal information in this background briefing is based on data through December 31, 2011.

Legislature

- **Enacts laws of Michigan, levies taxes, and appropriates funding from revenue collected for the support of public institutions and the affairs of state government**
- **Initiates and considers amendments to the State Constitution, considers legislation proposed by petition and signed by voters, and considers proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution**
- **Exercises legislative oversight over the Executive branch of government through the administrative rules and audit processes and through committees and the budget**
- **Legislative branch of state government includes:**
 - **House of Representatives**
 - **Senate**
 - **Legislative Council and agencies it governs**
 - **Legislative Retirement System**
 - **Property Management**

Legislature: Gross Appropriations

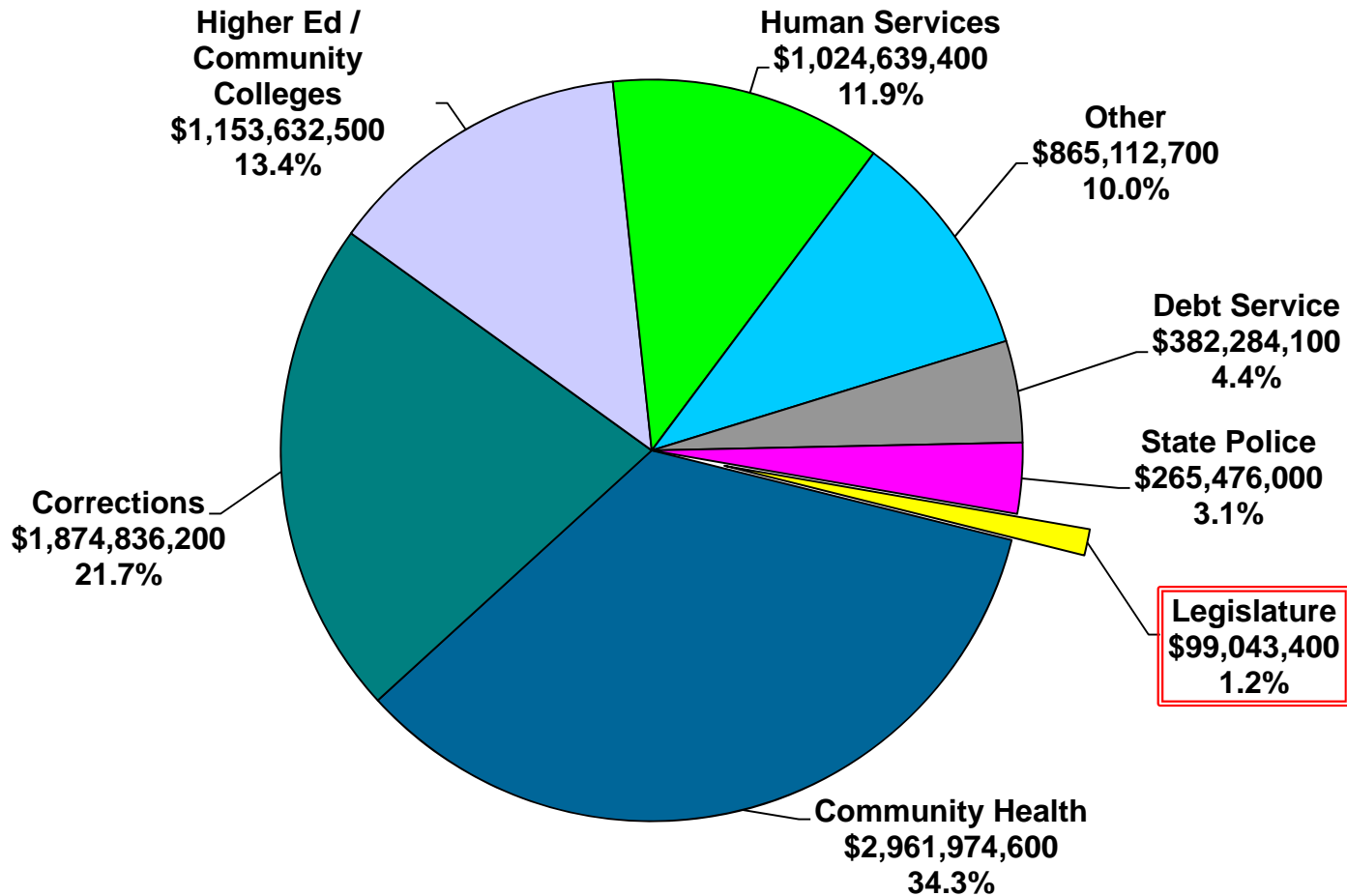
Spending increases are due primarily to inflation; decreases are due to budget reductions.



Legislature Share of State GF/GP

Legislature makes up 1.2% of the total state GF/GP budget

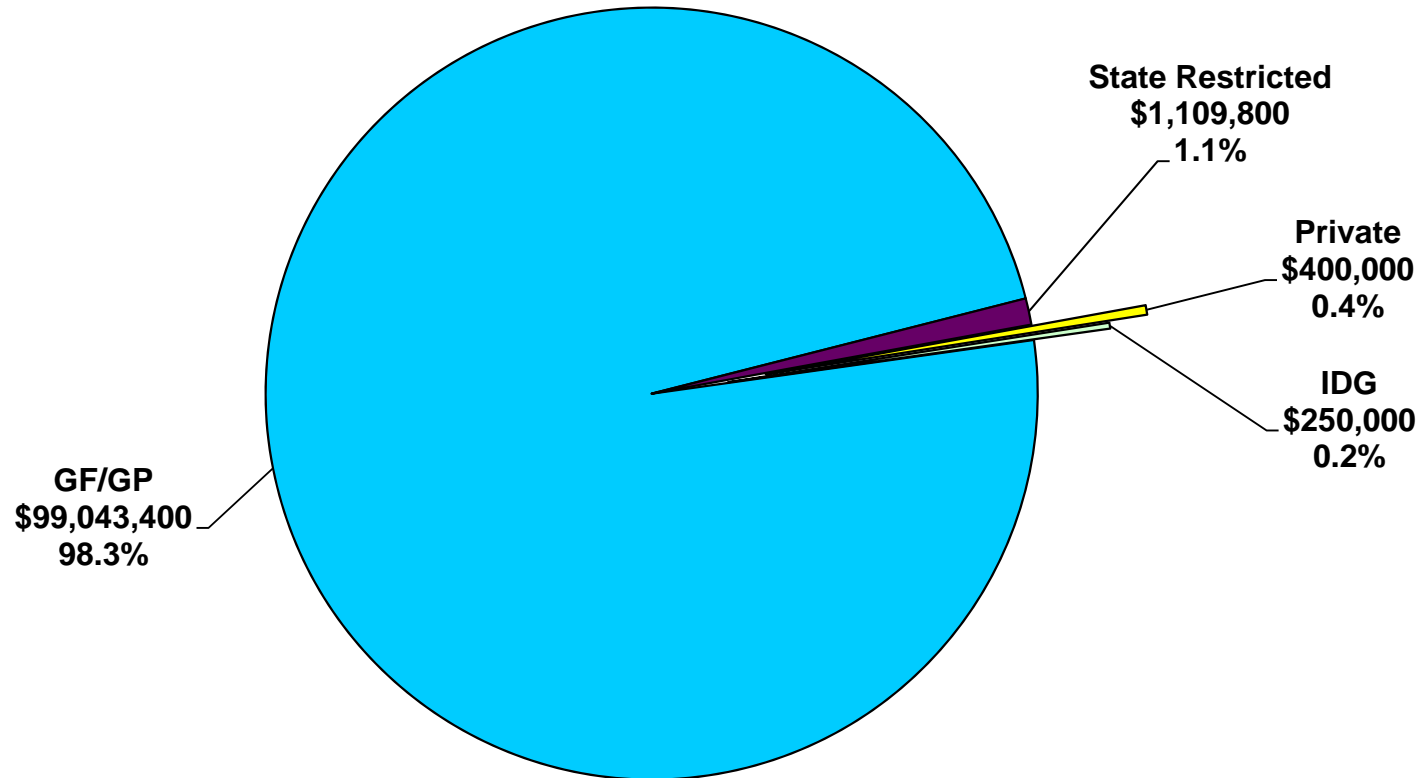
FY 2011-12 GF/GP Total = \$8,626,998,900



SOURCES OF FUNDING

Legislature Funding Sources

FY 2011-12 Legislature Budget = \$100,803,200



LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATIONS

Legislature Appropriations

- **Legislature: \$72,931,300 Gross**
 - 100% state GF/GP funding for day-to-day operations of:
 - House of Representatives
 - Senate
 - House and Senate Fiscal Agencies
 - House and Senate computer systems

- **Legislative Council: \$10,954,300 Gross**
 - 94.0% state GF/GP, 3.7% private funds, and 2.3% IDG funding for day-to-day operations of:
 - Legislative Service Bureau
 - Legislative Council Facilities Agency
 - Legislative Internet Technology Team
 - Legislative Corrections Ombudsman
 - Michigan Capitol Committee
 - Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
 - Michigan Law Revision Commission
 - Michigan Commission on Uniform State Laws
 - State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee
 - Provides essential services, such as bill drafting and research, to legislative members and staff
 - Pays Legislature's dues for national associations and worker's compensation premiums

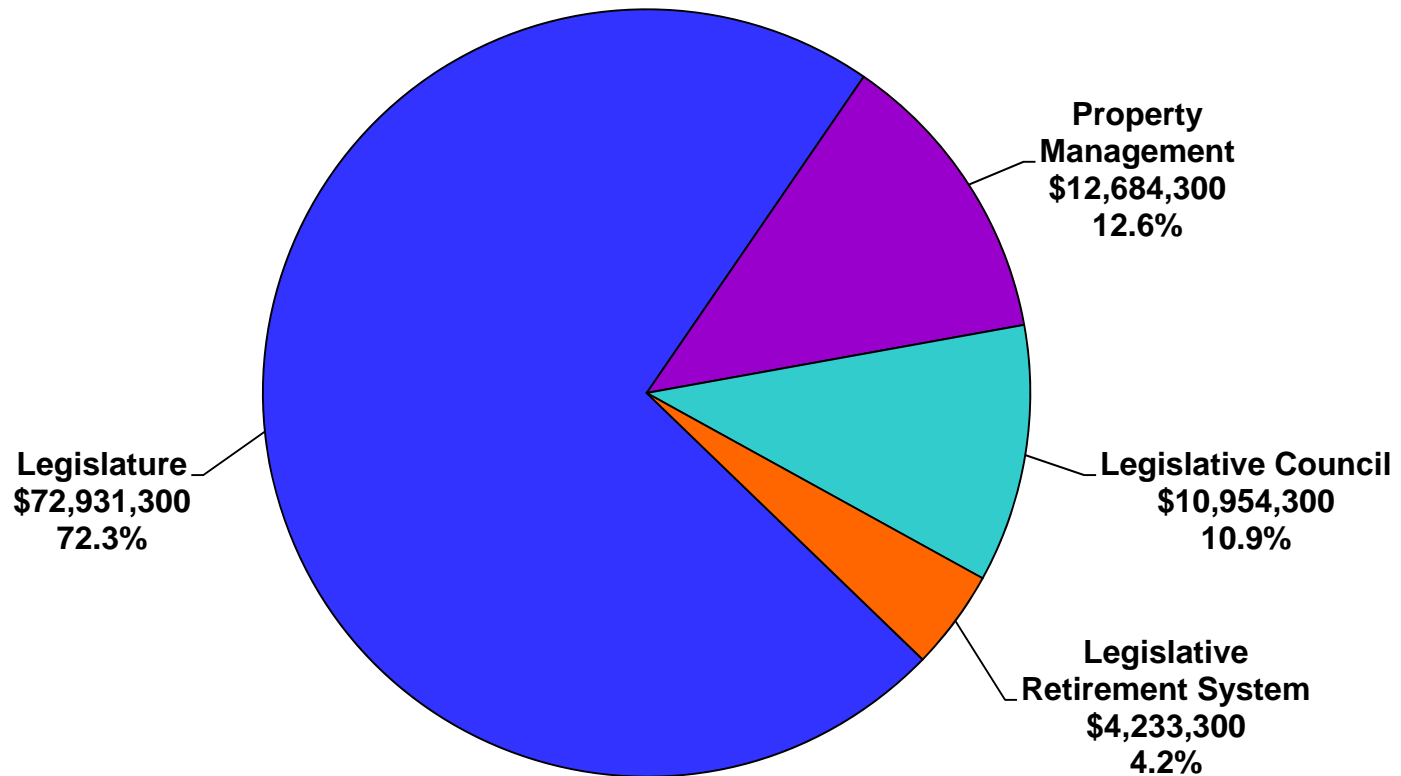
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- **Legislative retirement: \$4,233,300 Gross**
 - 73.8% state GF/GP and 26.2% court filing fees
 - Membership in system limited to legislators employed before March 31, 1997; legislators employed after that date are members of the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan
 - Health insurance costs for deferred and retiree members of the system; retirement allowances, survivors' allowances, and other benefits for legislators, their spouses, dependents, survivors, and beneficiaries

- **Property management: \$12,684,300 Gross**
 - 100% state GF/GP funding for operation, maintenance, and repair of the Cora B. Anderson Building (House property) and the Billie S. Farnum Building (Senate property)
 - Under authority of the Michigan Capitol Committee, Legislative Council Facility staff manage, operate, develop, construct, maintain, renovate, and repair the Capitol Building and grounds

Legislature Appropriations

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