



## **Background Briefing**

# **LEGISLATURE**

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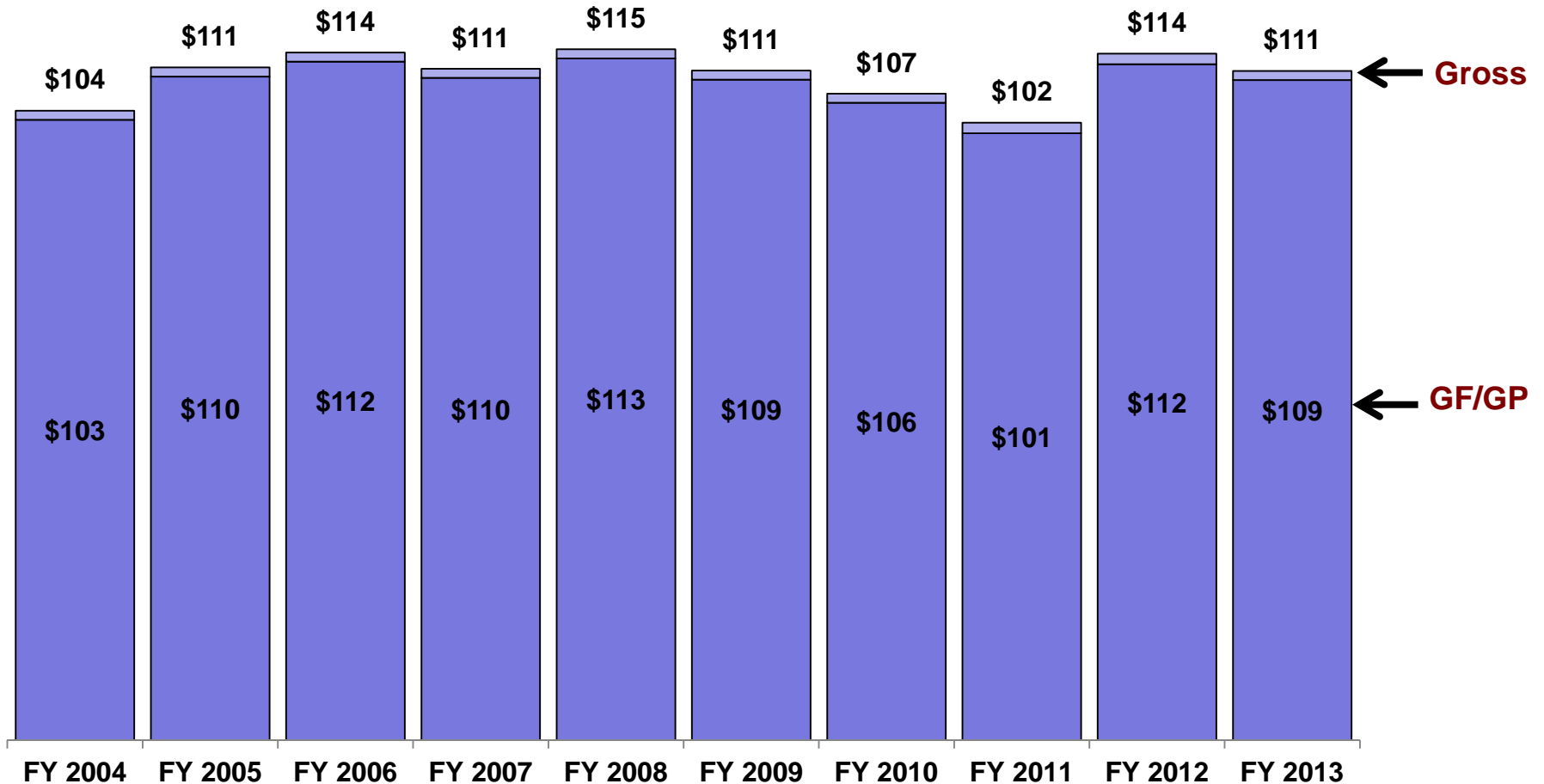
**The fiscal information in this background briefing is based on data through December 31, 2012.**

# Legislature

- **Enacts laws of Michigan, levies taxes, and appropriates funding from revenue collected for the support of public institutions and the administration of the affairs of state government**
- **Initiates and considers amendments to the State Constitution, considers legislation proposed by petitions 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

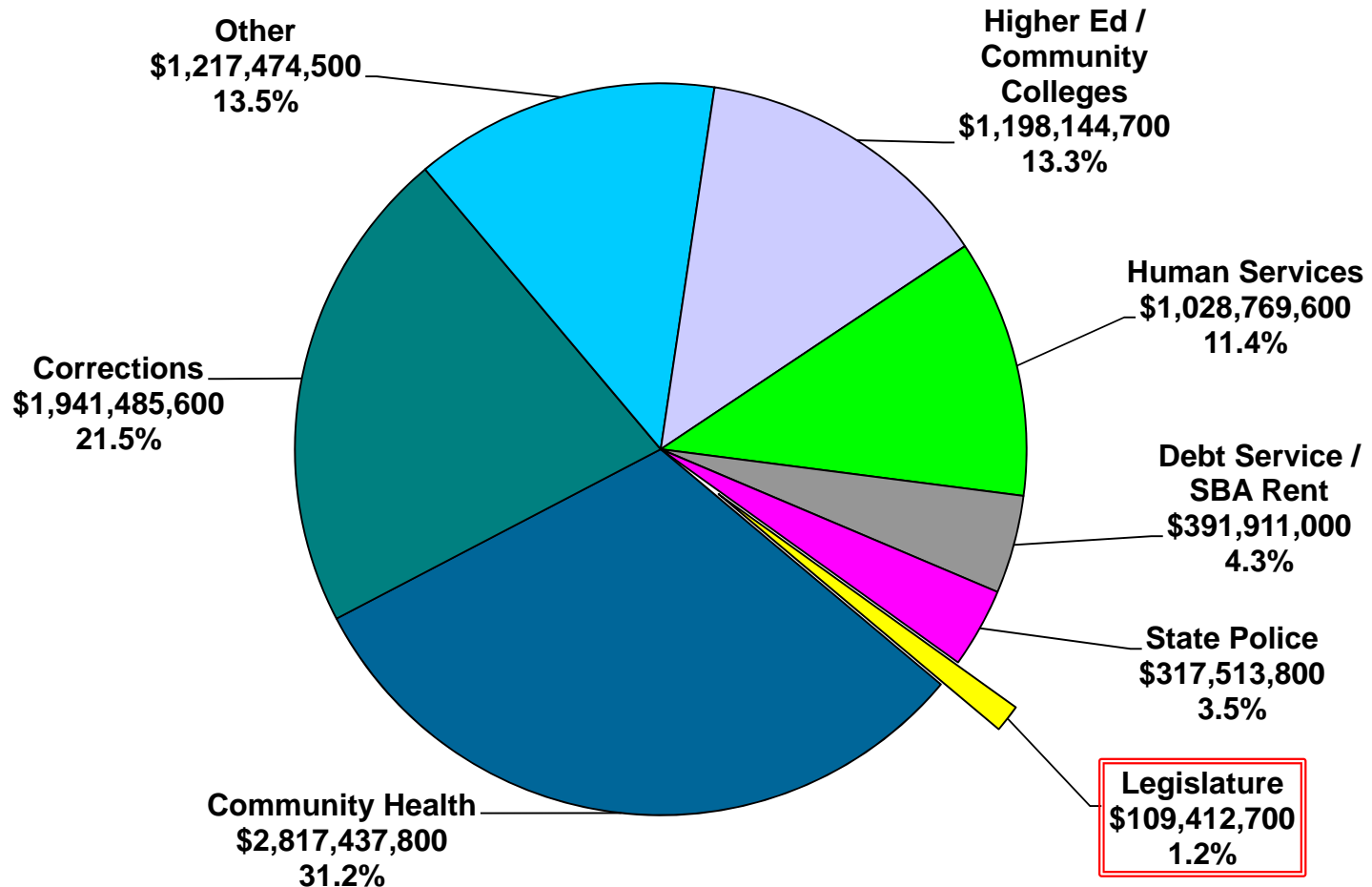
Spending increases are primarily due to inflation; decreases are due to budget reductions. Increase in FY 2012 is mostly due to the pre-funding of retiree healthcare.



# Legislature Share of State GF/GP

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

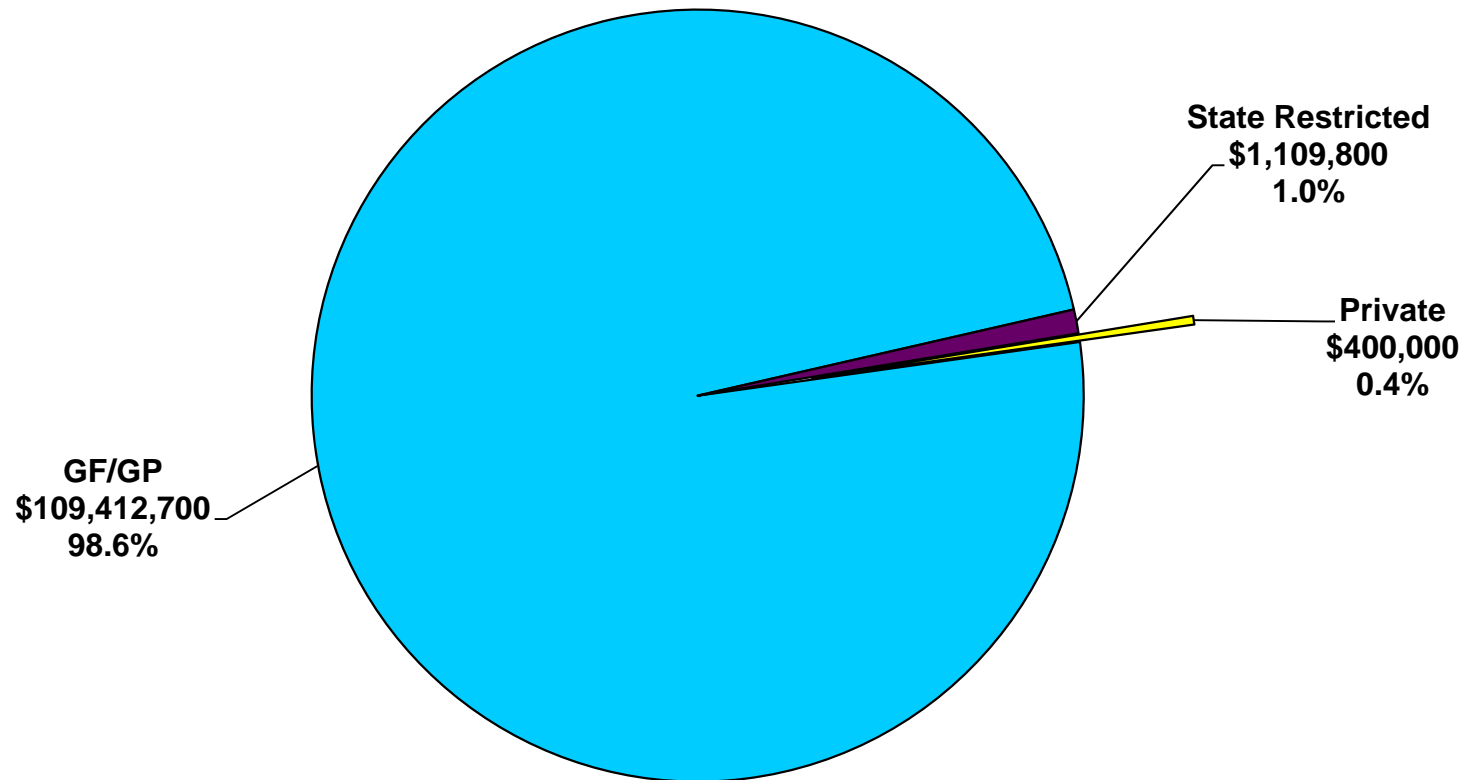
FY 2012-13 GF/GP Total = \$9,022,149,700



# **SOURCES OF FUNDING**

# Legislature Funding Sources

FY 2012-13 Legislature Budget = \$110,922,500



# **LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATIONS**

# Legislature Appropriations

- **Legislature: \$80,814,900 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: \$12,379,100 Gross**
  - **96.8% state GF/GP and 3.2% private funds 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 membership in national associations and pays worker's disability compensation premiums for all legislative officials and employees**

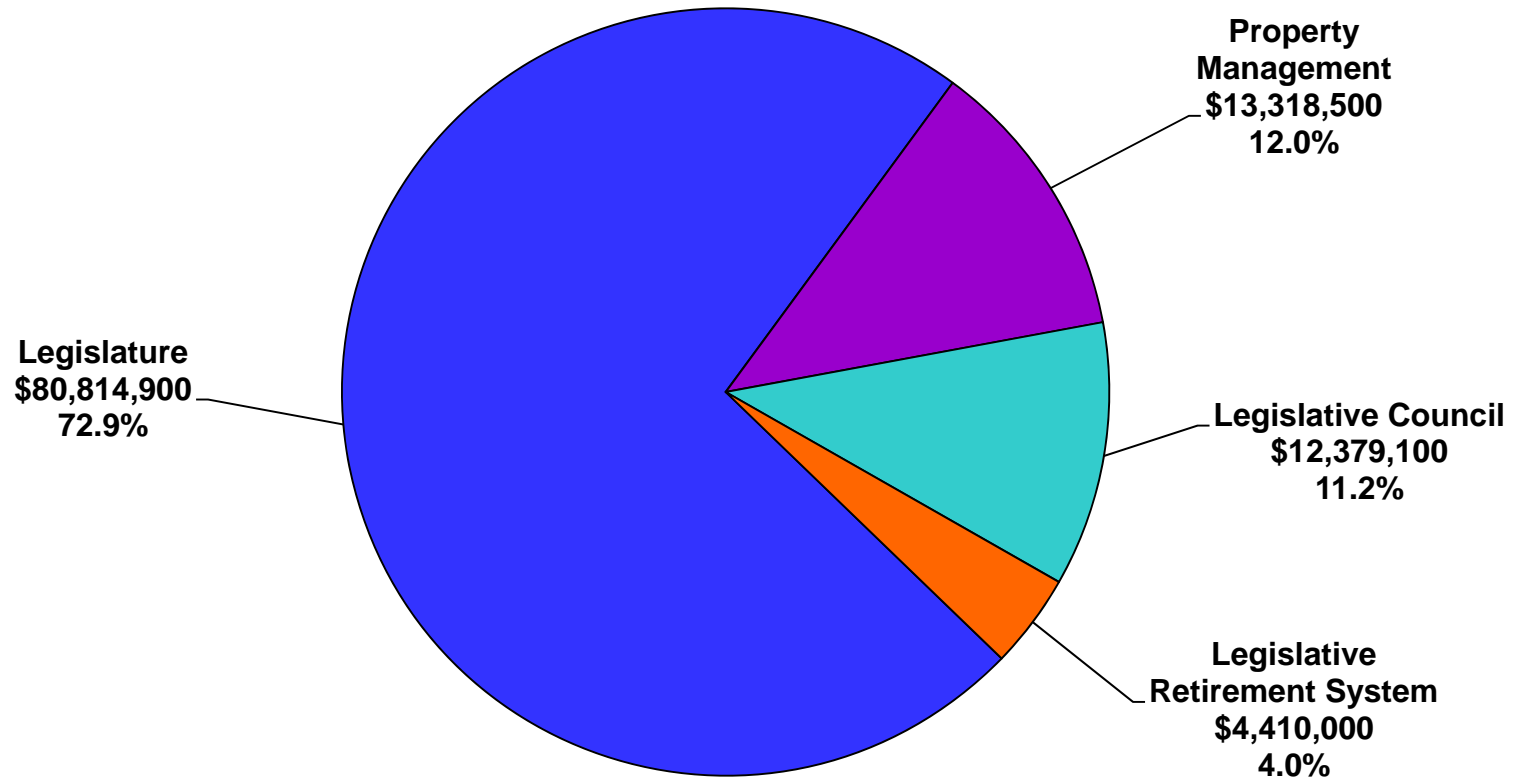


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- **Legislative retirement: \$4,410,000 Gross**
  - 74.8% state GF/GP and 25.2% court filing fees
  - Membership in system limited to legislators employed before March 31, 1997; legislators employed after that date are members of the Defined Contribution 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: \$13,318,500 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

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