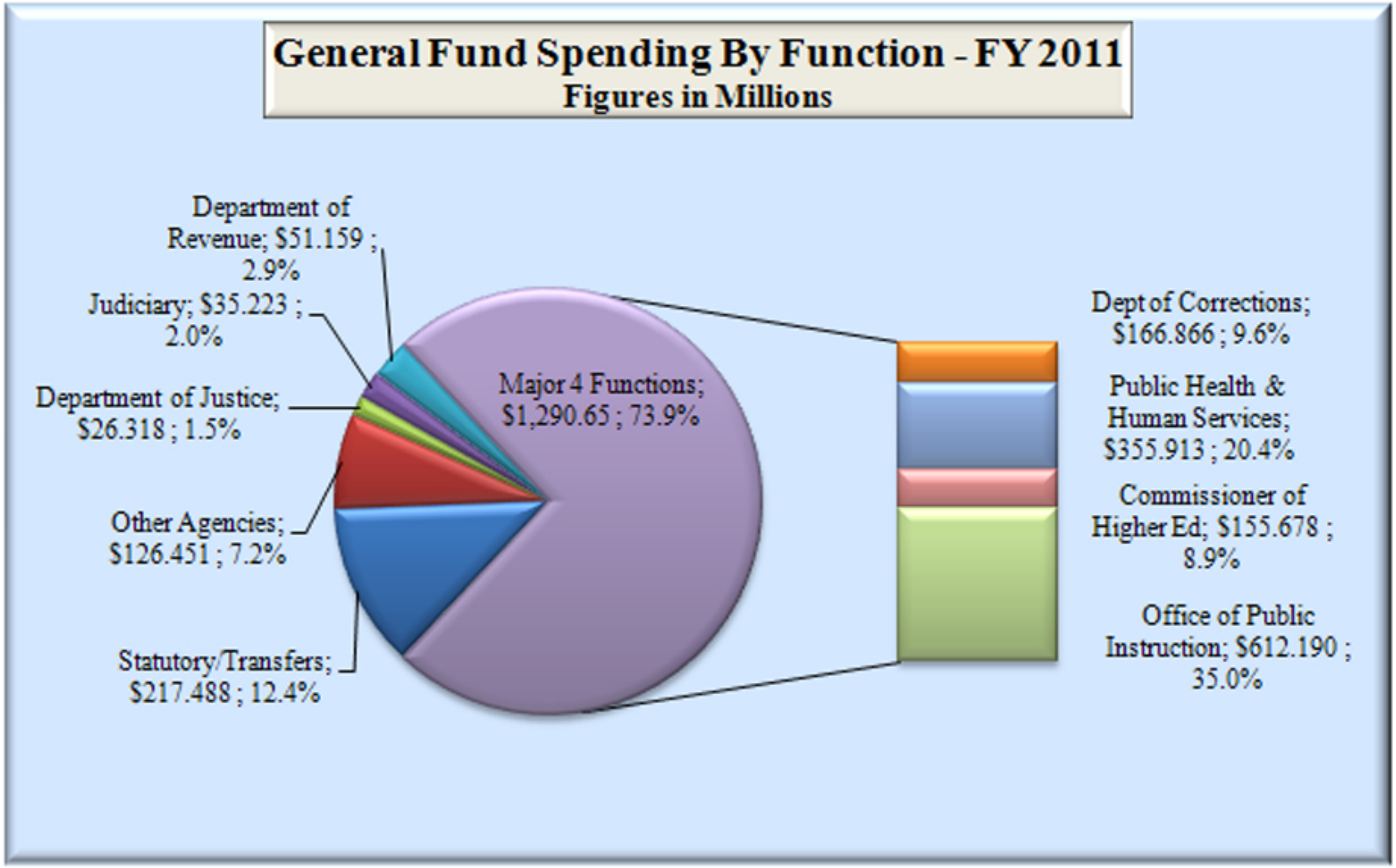

This week's chart shows general fund spending for FY 2011. As the chart shows, the four major uses of general fund dollars are for Public Safety (Corrections 9.6%), Public Health (20.4%), Higher Education (8.9%), and Public Schools (35.0%). These four governmental services use almost 74% of total general fund revenue. Statutory/transfer expenditures (12.4%) are for local government entitlement payments, selected retirement funding, debt service, and other spending specifically authorized by state statute. This means that all other governmental services (excluding the major four plus statutory/transfers) funded with general fund dollars use less than 14% of the available general fund revenue.