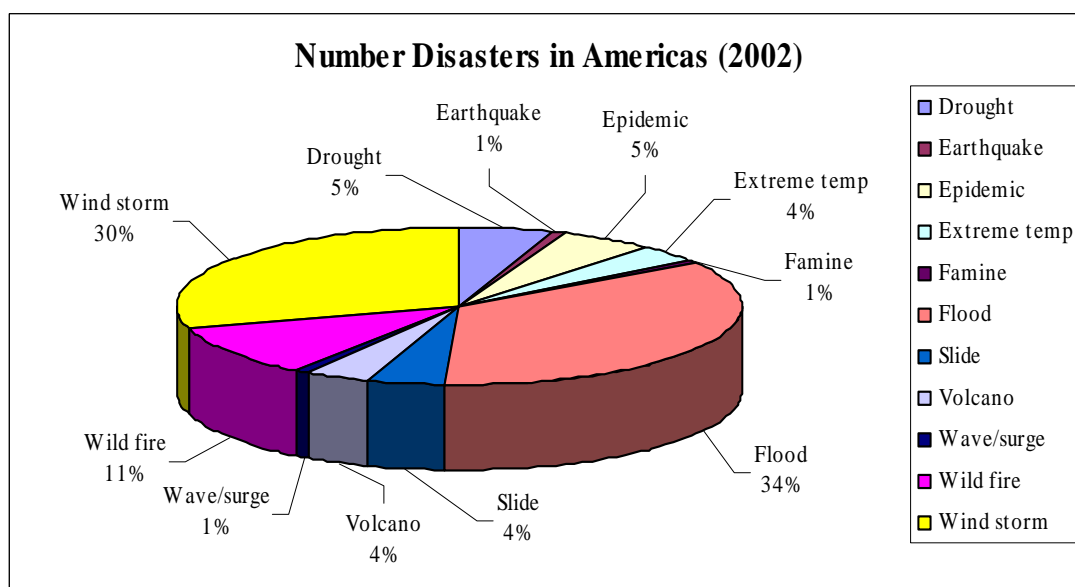


3.2.2 Characteristics of Disasters in Americas:

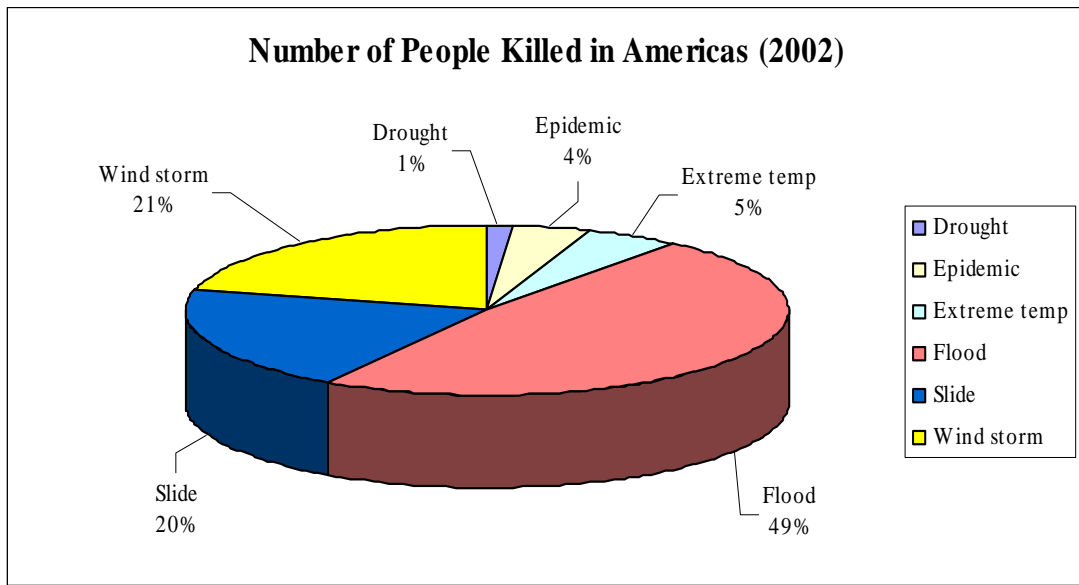
In the American region, which includes North and South American countries, floods and windstorms make up the majority of the natural disasters that occurred in the region in 2002. When human loss and suffering are considered, the majority of the people killed, nearly 90%, were killed by floods, windstorms and slides. Meanwhile, nearly 80% of the disaster-affected people are affected by floods and windstorms. It is evident from Figure 24 to 26 that the American region was greatly affected by hydro meteorological disasters in the year 2002.

Figure 24:



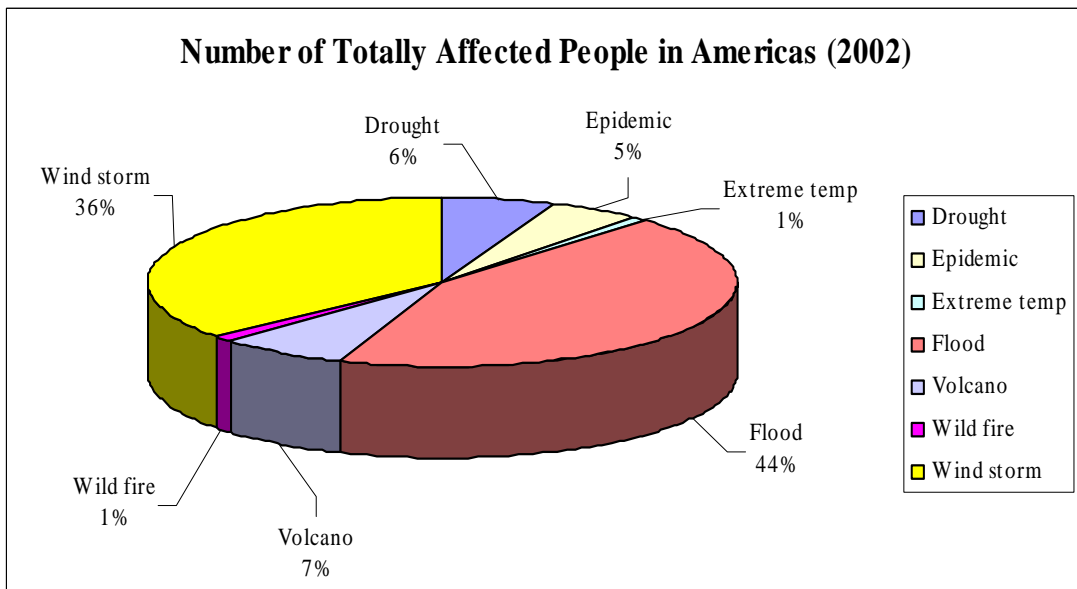
Source: ADRC, Japan and CRED-EMDAT, Universite Catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium, 2002

Figure 25:



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Figure 26:



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