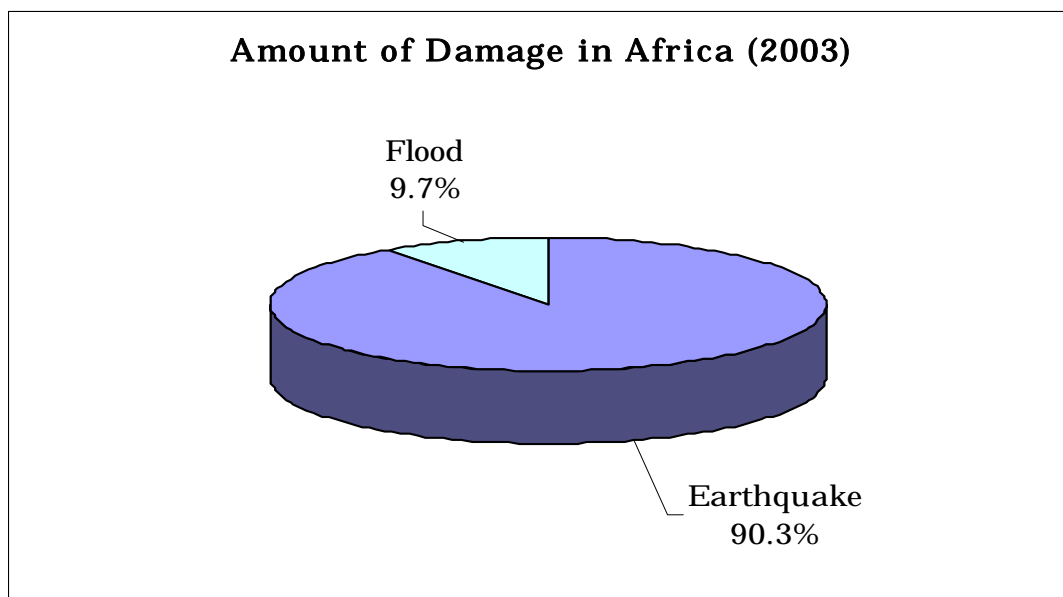


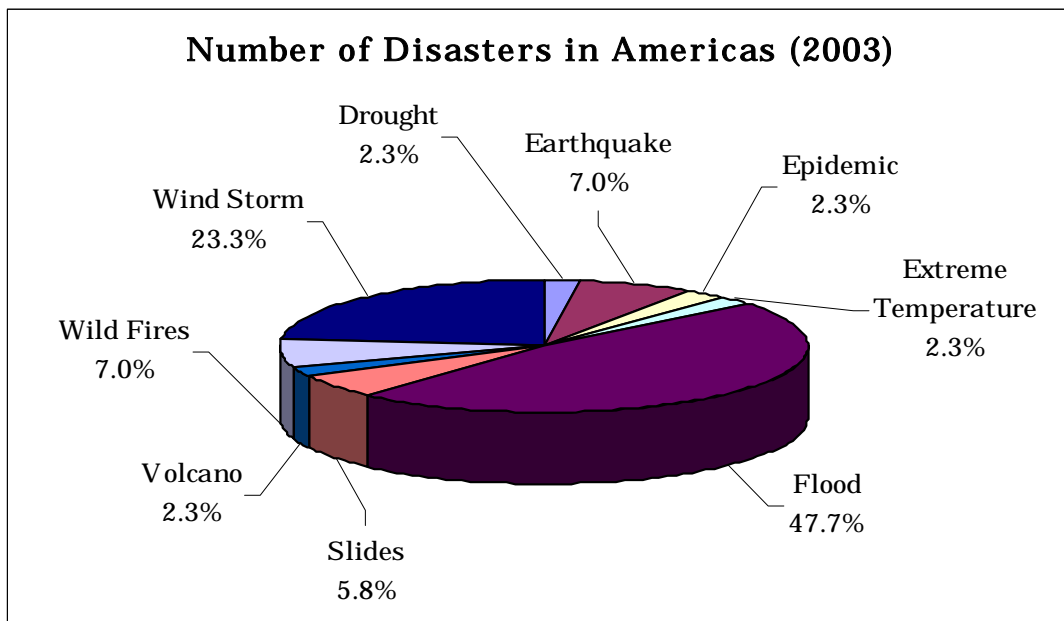
Figure 30:

Source: ADRC, Japan and CRED-EMDAT, Universite Catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium, 2003

3.2.2 Characteristics of Disasters in Americas:

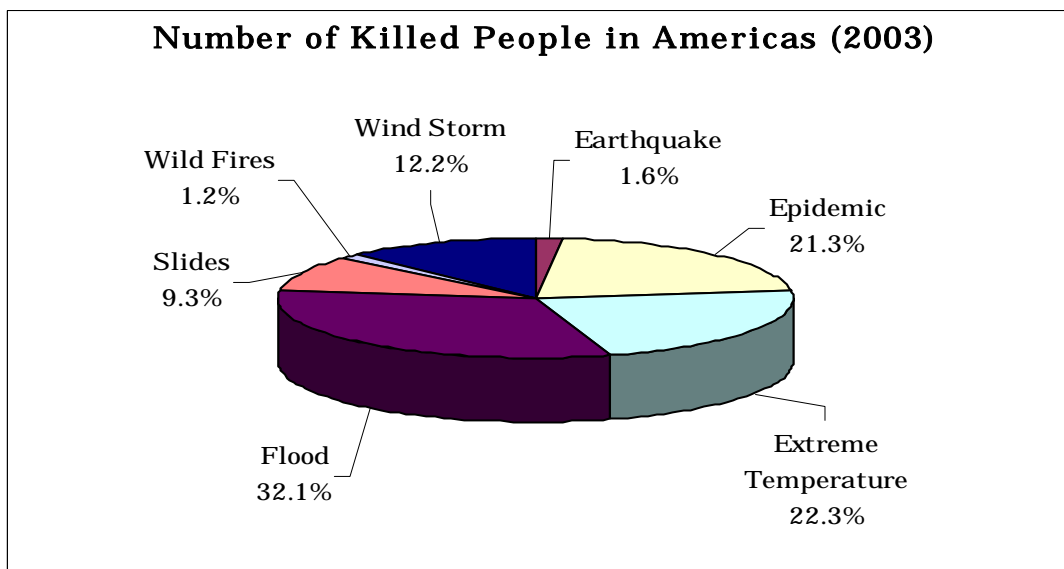
In the American region which includes North and South American countries, floods and windstorms make up the majority of natural disasters occurred in the region in 2003. When human loss and suffering are considered, 97% of people were killed by floods, windstorms, epidemics, extreme temperatures and slides. Meanwhile, nearly 88% of the disaster-affected people are brought by floods and extreme temperatures. Majority of the economic damage was caused by hurricane and tornado in 2003. It is evident from Figure 31 to 34 that the American region was greatly affected by hydro meteorological disasters in the year 2003.

Figure 31:



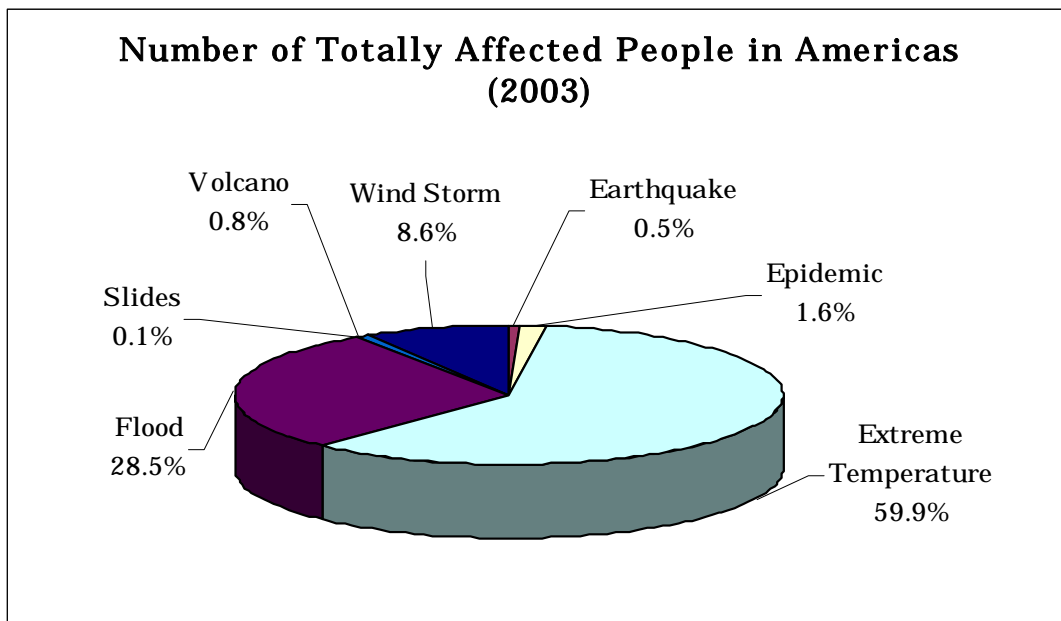
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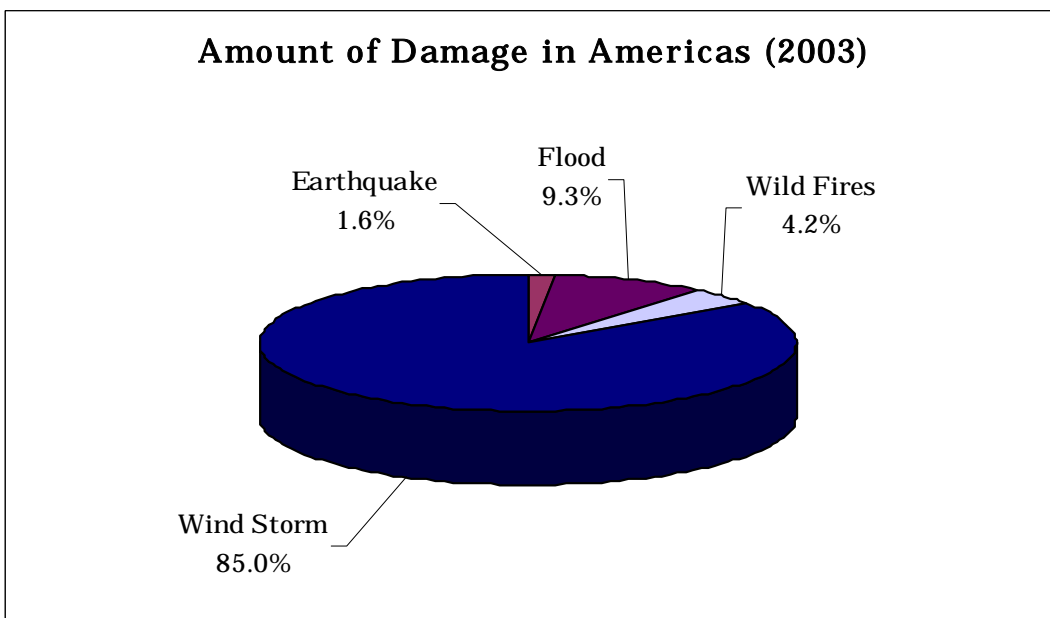
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Figure 33:



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Figure 34:



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