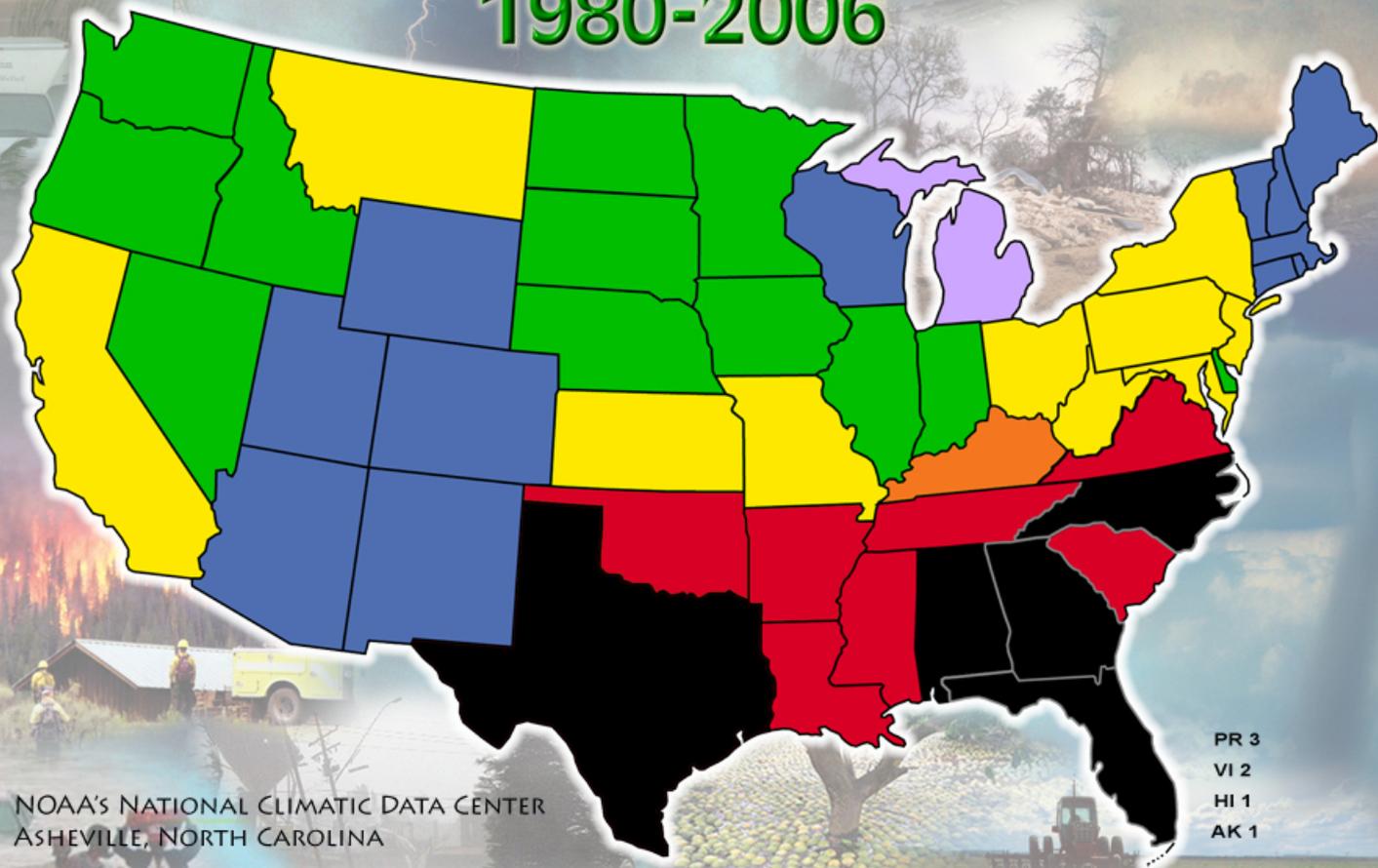




BILLION DOLLAR CLIMATE AND WEATHER DISASTERS 1980-2006 *



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NUMBER OF EVENTS	DISASTER TYPE	NUMBER OF EVENTS	PERCENT FREQUENCY	NORMALIZED DAMAGES (Billions of Dollars)	PERCENT DAMAGE
21 - 25	Tropical Storms/Hurricanes	24	34.2%	308	54.6%
16 - 20	Non-Tropical Floods	12	17.1%	55	9.8%
13 - 15	Heatwaves/Droughts	12	17.1%	151	26.8%
10 - 12	Severe Weather	8	11.5%	14	2.4%
7 - 9	Fires	7	10.0%	14	2.4%
4 - 6	Freezes	2	2.9%	6	1.1%
4 - 6	Blizzards	2	2.9%	9	1.6%
4 - 6	Ice Storms	2	2.9%	5	~0.9%
1 - 3	Noreaster	1	1.4%	2	~0.3%
		<u>70</u>		<u>564</u>	

* IMPORTANT NOTE: The national map by state reflects a summation of each billion event, for each state affected--ie, it does not mean that each state shown suffered at least \$1 billion in losses for each event. For example, an event causing \$1 billion in overall U.S. damages spread over 5 states, would cause well under \$1 billion in damage in each affected state. However, larger multi-billion dollar events would sometimes cause over \$1 billion in damages in one or more states.