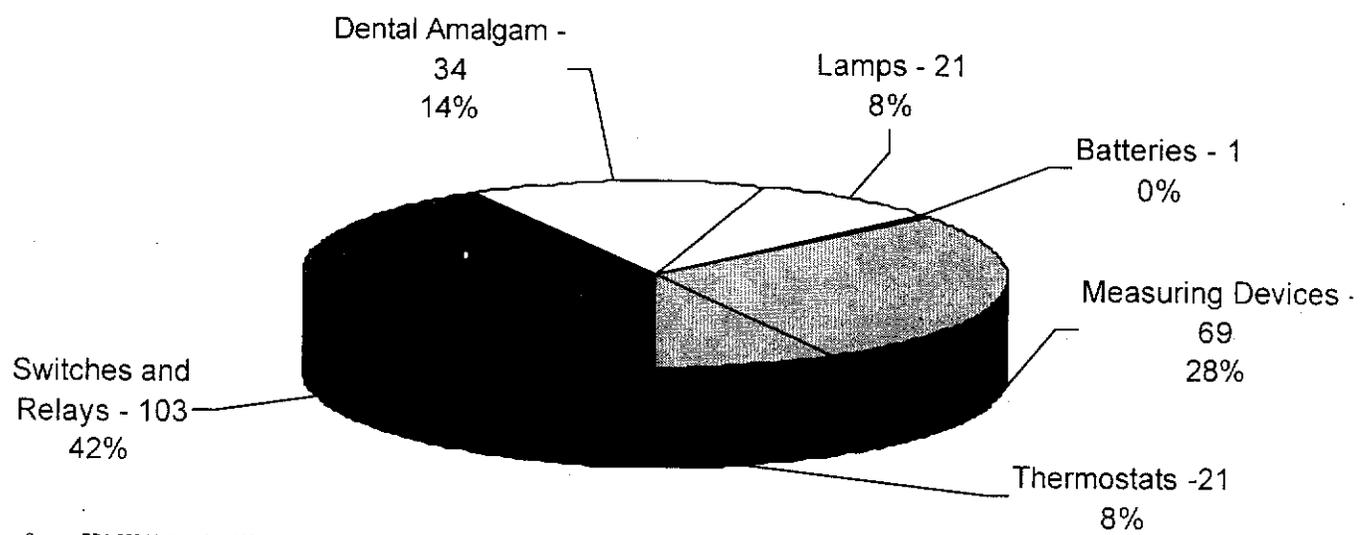


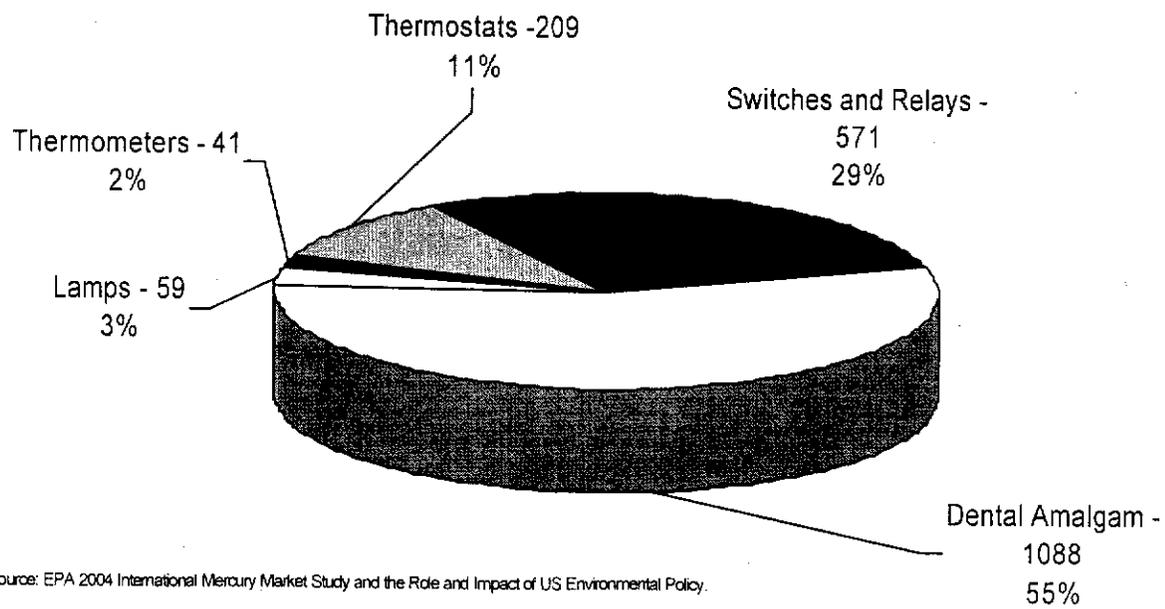
Figure 1: Estimated Annual Consumption of Mercury in Products⁷
 Total Annual Consumption = 276 tons



Source: EPA 2004 International Mercury Market Study and the Role and Impact of US Environmental Policy.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has estimated that 21 tons of mercury is used annually for the production of thermostats (see Figure 1). Furthermore, the Agency estimates that mercury thermostats currently in homes and businesses contain a reservoir of over 200 tons of mercury that will be disposed of across the country in the next few decades (see Figure 2).⁸

Figure 2: Estimated Mercury Reservoirs in Products⁹
 Total Mercury Reservoir = 1968 tons



Source: EPA 2004 International Mercury Market Study and the Role and Impact of US Environmental Policy.