

Building for a stronger future

As severe weather becomes more common, properties are more vulnerable to its effects. The data below highlights the profound impact of natural disasters on structures across the country and the critical need for resilient buildings.

Fortunately, taking proactive steps, such as advocating for stronger building codes, can help protect against damage and disruption.



73% of commercial property stakeholders across the country are very concerned about property damage due to severe weather.

Nearly 100% of commercial property stakeholders agree that building code compliance is vital for protecting property from severe weather damage.

More than 1/3 of commercial property stakeholders have recently experienced damage from a natural disaster.

While many property owners recover quickly from damage, **the cost can be steep.**

100% fully recovered within **6 months**. 


38% of those with damage reported costs between **\$5,000 and \$10,000**.

23% of those with damage reported costs between **\$10,000 and \$20,000**.

Compared to 2023, property stakeholders are less willing to invest in their structure's resiliency — likely due to economic uncertainty and high construction costs.

 **31%** nationally

 **42%** in wildfire-risk states

 **42%** in hurricane-risk states

Responding to the growing threat from severe weather is an important challenge, and we're steadfast in our dedication to building resiliency. Join us in advocating for change by supporting stronger building codes.

Together, we can build a more resilient future



Learn more about [building codes](#) in your community.



Learn about [IBHS FORTIFIED standards](#).



Contact your [elected officials](#) about the importance of adopting modern building codes.

Source for all statistics:

"Nationwide Agency Forward Commercial Lines Protection Survey," news.nationwide.com/study-shows-agent-commercial-client-differing-views-on-severe-weather-readiness (November 2023).

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