What Finney County Thinks About the Weather

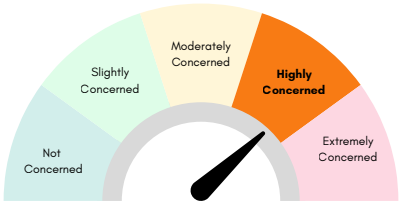
Preparing for High Winds, Hail, and Ice

In January 2024, a blizzard struck Finney County. The fierce storm turned our community's daily routine into a nightmare. Heavy snowfall trapped cars on the highway. It forced essential packing plant workers to shelter in place overnight. Then the power lines failed, and dangerous cold air swept into many of our homes. **A team of Kansas scientists is looking for ways to help Kansans become resilient during severe weather like this blizzard.** As part of this effort, they sent surveys to hundreds of residents in 2025 to ask about their weather experiences. Each county surveyed had different concerns. Here in Finney, the survey found that we are most concerned about high winds, hail, and ice.

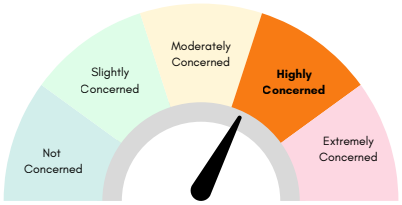


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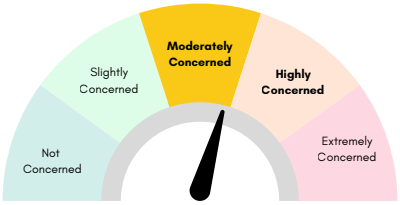
Here's how the numbers stack up for Ford County residents biggest concerns



High Winds



Hail or Ice



Extreme Cold

The survey results tell the story of our struggle. For example, 3 out of every 4 residents experienced extreme cold during the blizzard. The impacts were felt everywhere, with a great loss of connection, safety, and comfort. Our community's infrastructure was hit hard, too, with 1 in 3 residents experiencing power outages and nearly as many losing heat.

When bad weather strikes in Kansas, some folks get hit much harder than others. The "Ladder of Energy Insecurity" shows how high utility costs force Finney County families to prioritize electricity over essential needs. For these energy-insecure neighbors, a crisis can render it impossible to afford basic energy needs.

The Ladder of Energy Insecurity

