

# Architecture Billings Index (ABI)

November 2017

The Architecture Billings Index (ABI) is a diffusion index derived from the monthly Work-on-the-Boards survey, conducted by the AIA Economics & Market Research Group. The ABI serves as a leading economic indicator that leads nonresidential construction activity by approximately 9–12 months. The survey panel asks participants whether their billings increased, decreased, or stayed the same in the month that just ended. According to the proportion of respondents choosing each option, a score is generated, which represents an index value for each month. An index score of 50 represents no change in firm billings from the previous month, a score above 50 indicates an increase in firm billings from the previous month, and a score below 50 indicates a decline in firm billings from the previous month.

\*All graphs represent data from November 2016–November 2017.

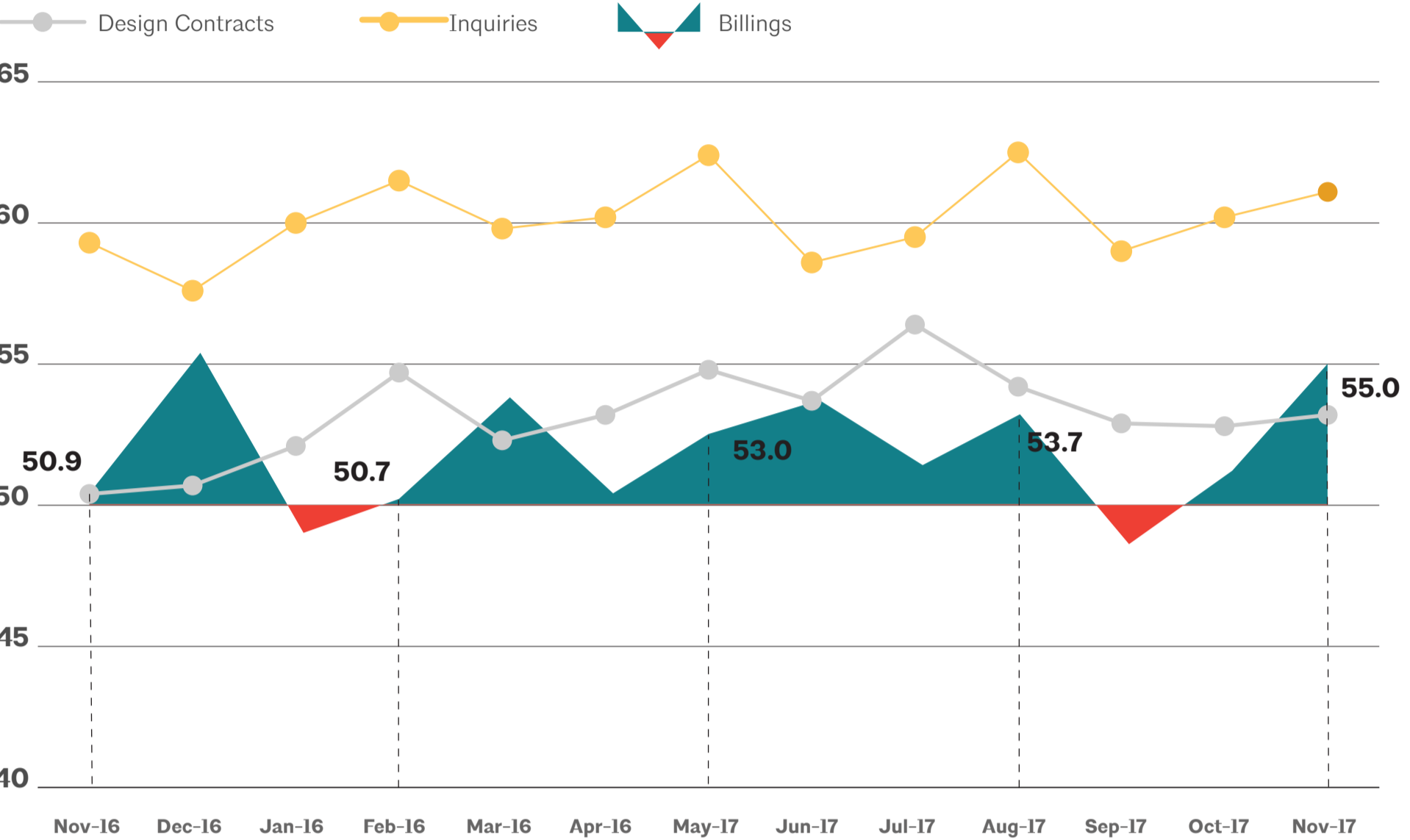
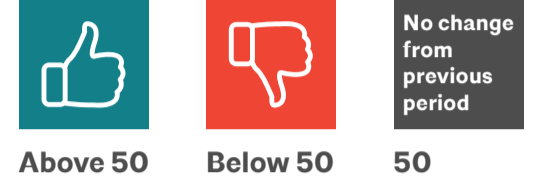
## ABI

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### National

A surge in architecture firm billings in November

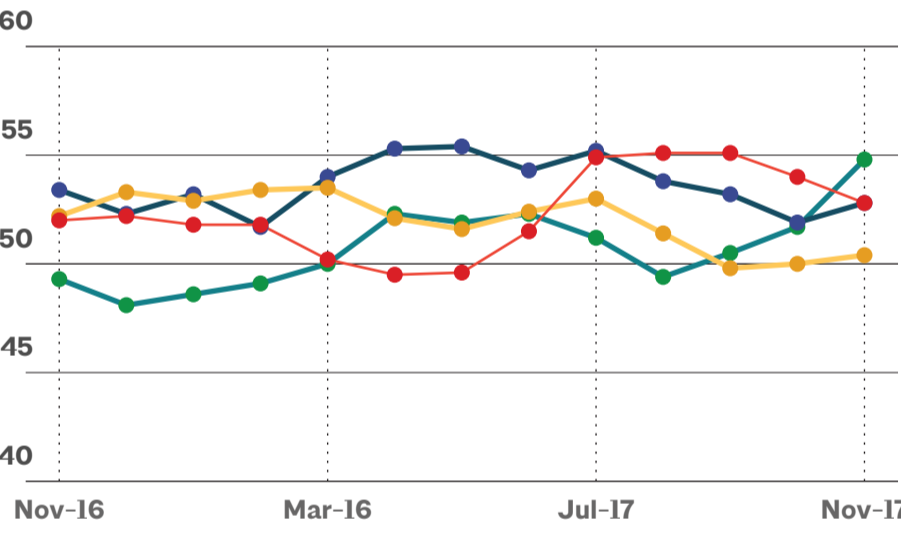
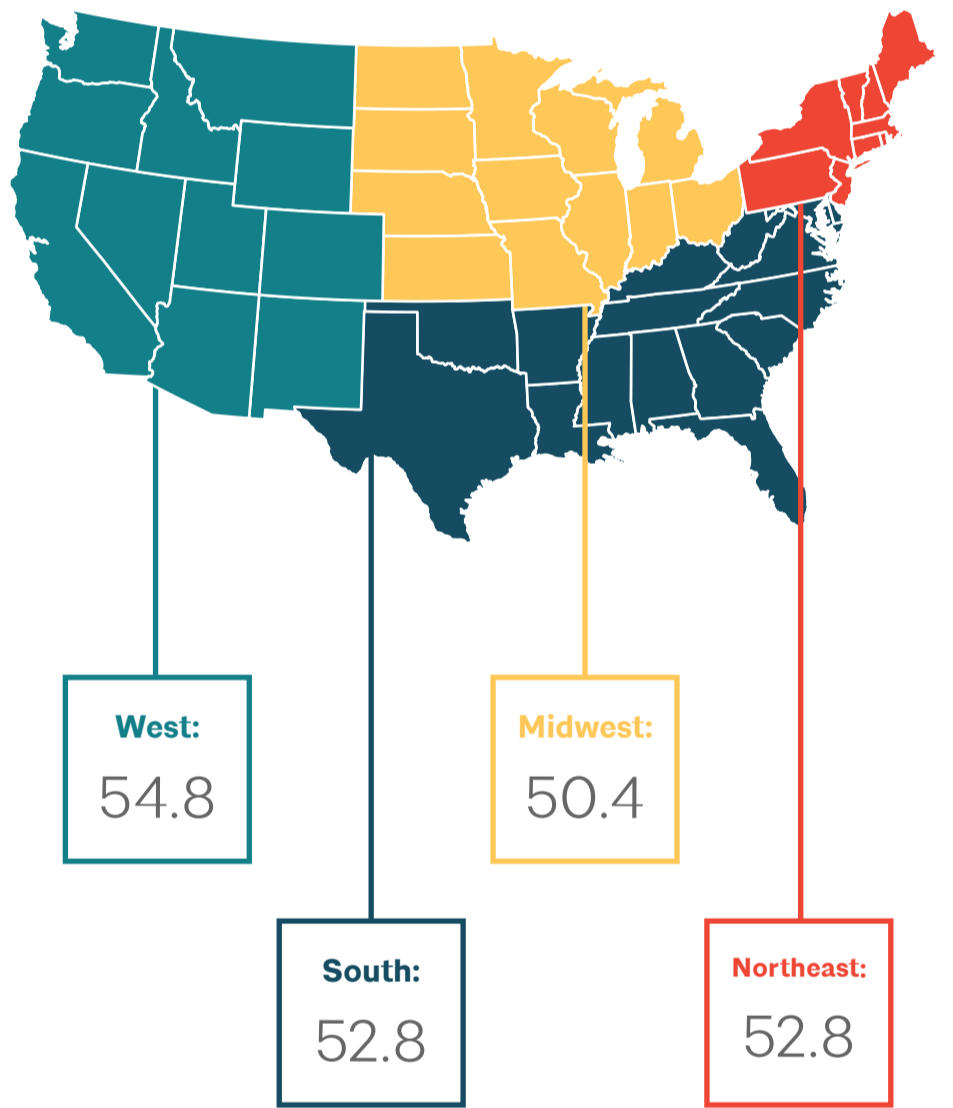
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### Regional

Western firms report strong growth, but firms in all regions seeing gains

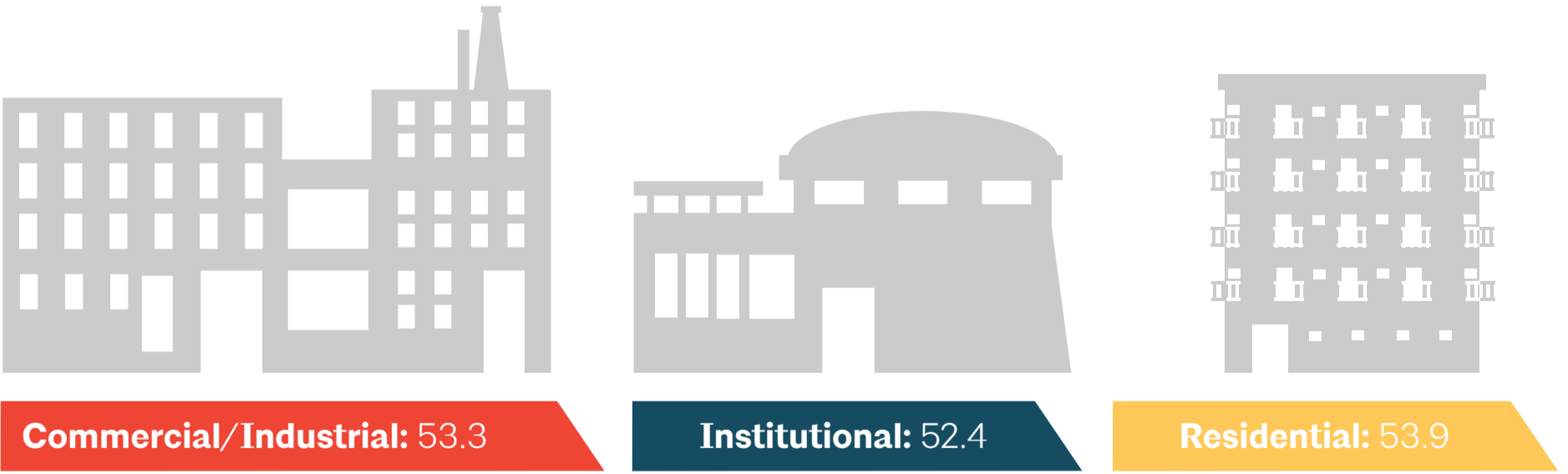
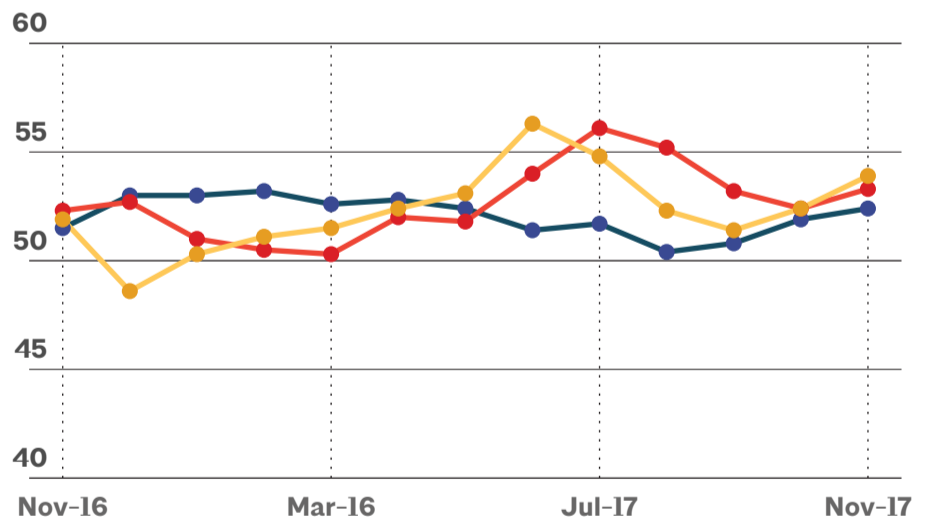
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### Sector

In all major building sectors, design activity is healthy

Graphs represent data from November 2016–November 2017 across the three sectors. 50 represents the diffusion center. A score of 50 equals no change from the previous month. Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease. 3-month moving average.



### Practice

Firms considering a broad range of options to deal with staffing issues

Units: Have implemented, or would implement action to deal with staffing issues, % of firms

