AIA

Architecture Billings Index (ABI)

July 2019

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 July 2018–July 2019.

ABI

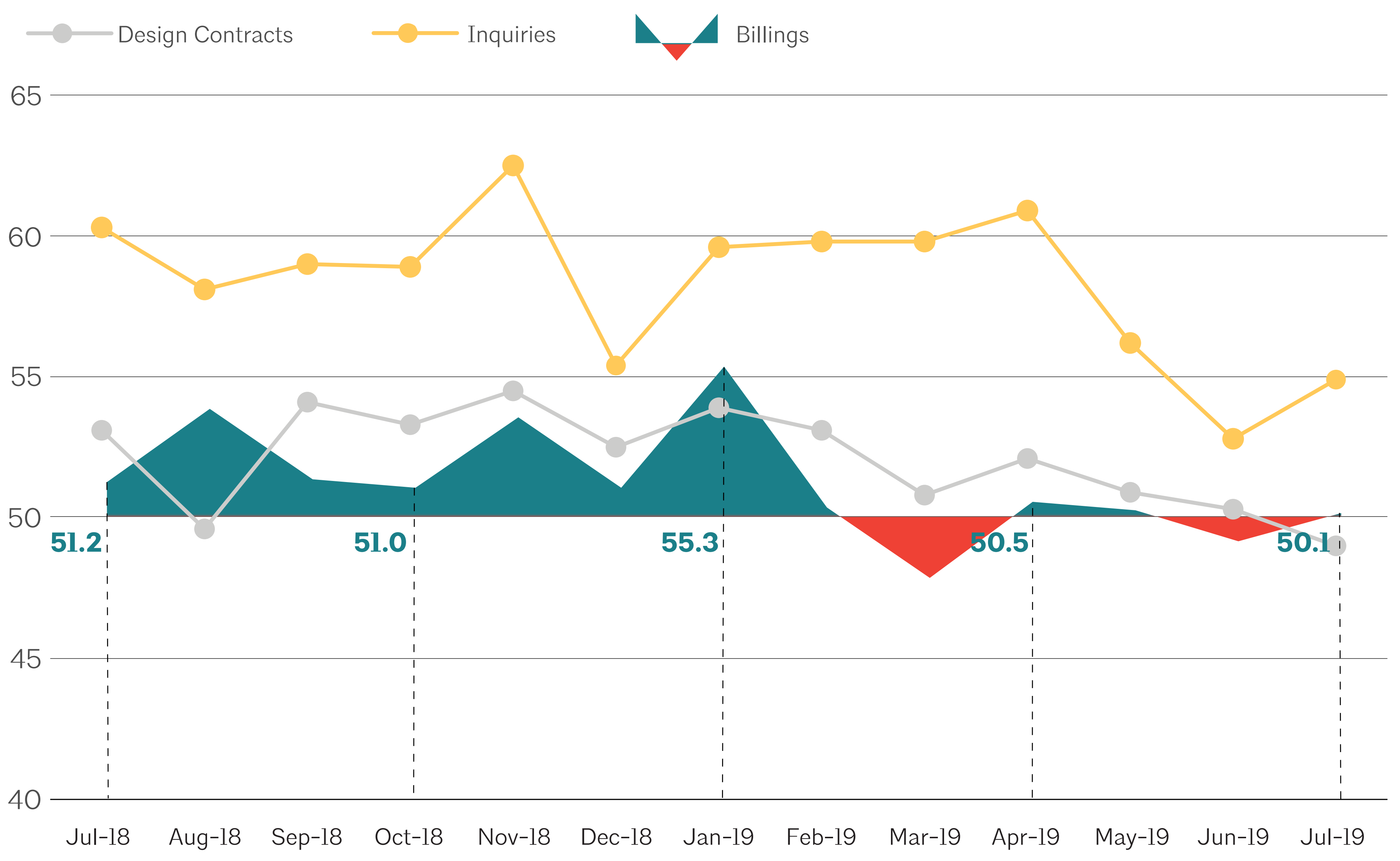
National | Regional | Sector | Practice

National

Firm billings still flat, design contracts soften

Graphs represent data from July 2018–July 2019.

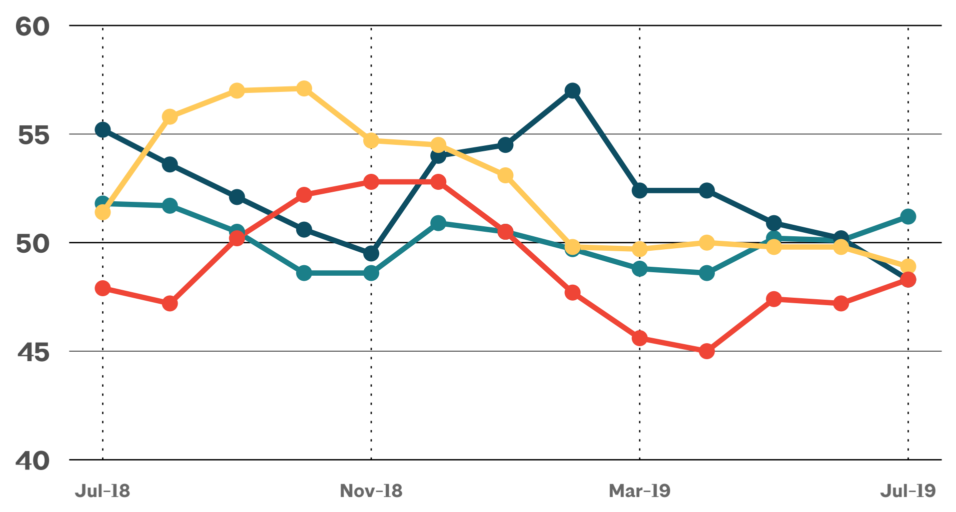
Above 50 | Below 50 | No change from previous period

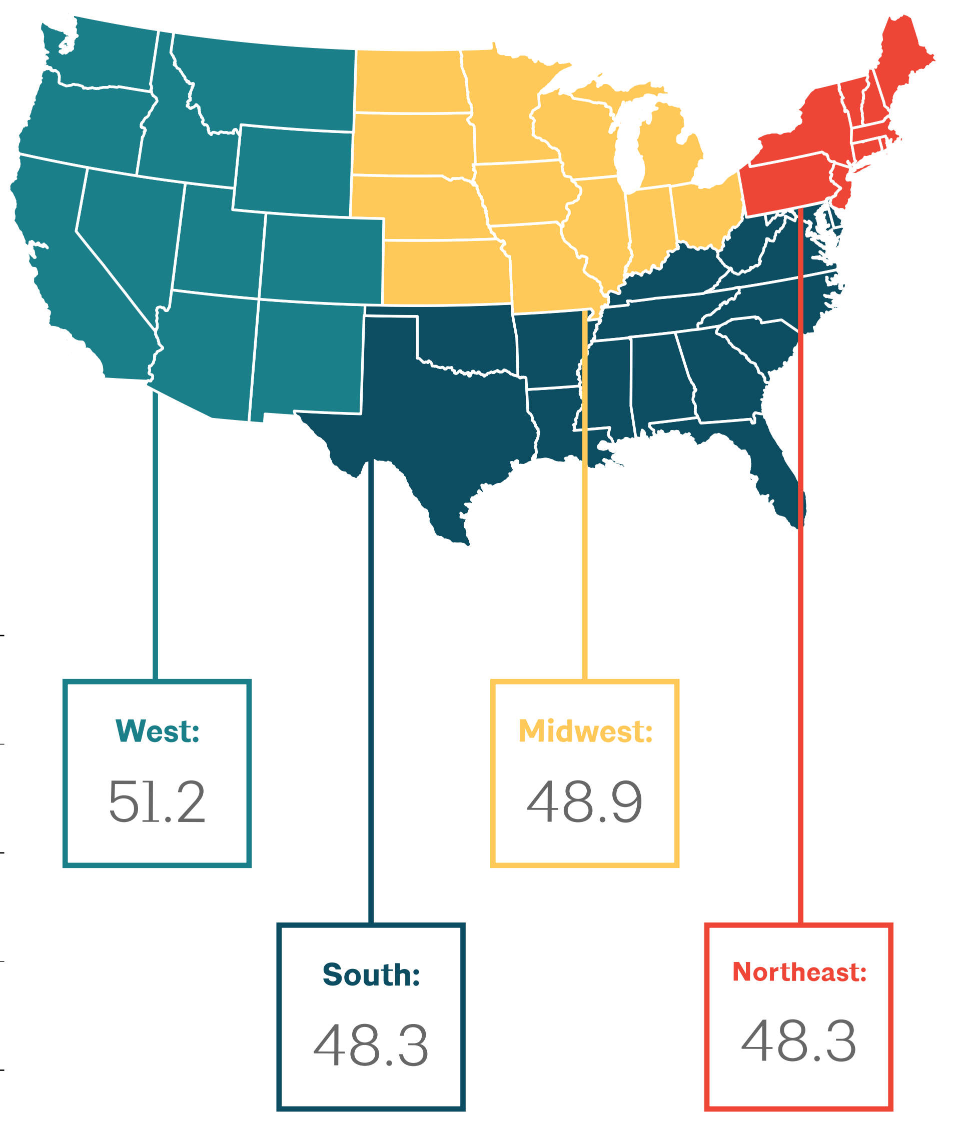


Regional

Firm billings decline in all regions except the West

Graphs represent data from July 2018–July 2019 across the four regions. 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.





Sector

Firms with multifamily residential specialization see modest growth

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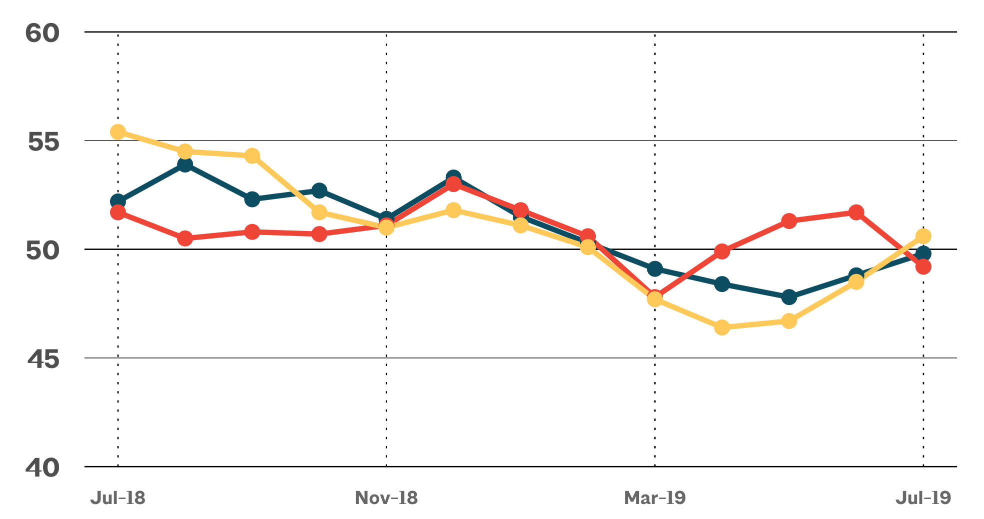

Commercial/Industrial: 49.2 | **Institutional:** 49.8 | **Residential:** 50.6

Practice

Most firms offer employees the option to work remotely, primarily on an ad hoc basis

units: % of firms offering given remote work option to qualifying full-time employees, multiple responses permitted