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 to rate the proportion of important projects received, initiated, worked on, and awarded in the past three months. The composite score is derived from the proportion of important projects receiving each status. A score of 50 represents no change from the previous month, a score below 50 indicates a decline in billings, and a score above 50 indicates an increase in billings from the previous month.

**National**
Firm billings still flat, design contracts soften

Graphs represent data from July 2018–July 2019. National billings are still flat, with a score of 50–51 in four of the last five months. The July 2019 score was 50.5, the same as the previous month.

**Regional**
Firm billings decline in all regions except the West

Graphs represent data from July 2018–July 2019. Regional billings are below 50 in all regions except the West, which saw a slight increase.

**Sector**
Firms with multifamily residential specialization see modest growth

Graphs represent data from July 2018–July 2019. The multifamily residential sector saw a slight increase, with a score of 51.2 in the West, compared to 48.9 in the Midwest and South, and 48.3 in the Northeast.

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

Graphs represent data from July 2018–July 2019. The majority of firms offer remote work options, with 88% of firms offering some form of remote work.

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*All graphs represent data from July 2018–July 2019.*