National Firms report rare decline in both billings and in new project work in August

Regional Billings drop sharply at Midwest firms and also decline at firms in Northeast and South

Sector Commercial/industrial firms bear the brunt of the billings decline

Practice While few U.S. architecture firms currently work internationally, most either have in the past, have plans to pursue, or would consider pursuing international projects

Architecture Billings Index (ABI) August 2019

The Architecture Billings Index (ABI) is a diffusion index derived from the monthly Work-on-the-Boards survey conducted by the AIA’s Economics & Market Research Group. The ABI serves as a leading economic indicator that tracks 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 indicates 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 August 2018–August 2019.

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