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### Architecture Billings Index (ABI) February 2020

#### National

- **Early 2020 strength in billings continues at architecture firms**
- A score of 50 equals no change from the previous month.
- Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease.
- 3-month moving average.

#### Regional

- Billings downturn at firms in Northeast moderates, continues to surge in the South
- Graphs represent data from February 2019–February 2020 across the four regions. 50 represents the diffusion center.

#### Sector

- Billings growth unusually balanced across construction sectors
- Graphs represent data from February 2019–February 2020 across the three sectors. 50 represents the diffusion center.

#### Practice

- Most firms report that architects are retiring later now

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