Regional
Business conditions remain weak across the country, but are moving toward a recovery
Graphs represent data from September 2019–September 2020 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.

National
Fewer firms report declining billings in September
Graphs represent data from September 2019–September 2020. Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease; No change from previous period.

Sector
Firms with a multifamily residential specialization report a strong increase in billings
Graphs represent data from September 2019–September 2020. Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease; 3-month moving average.

Practice
Architecture firms project ongoing revenue losses into 2021
Graphs represent data from September 2019–September 2020. Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease; 3-month moving average.

The Architecture Billings Index (ABI) is a diffusion index derived from the monthly Work-on-the-Boards survey conducted by the AIA Economic & 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 whether their billings increased, decreased, or stayed the same in the month that just ended. According to the proportion of respondents showing each option, a score is generated, which represents an index value for each month. A score above 50 indicates an increase in billings from the previous month, and a score below 50 indicates a decline in billings from the previous month.

*All graphs represent data from September 2019–September 2020.