



Architecture Billings Index (ABI)

November 2020

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.

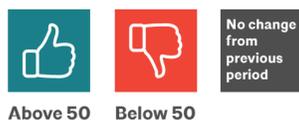
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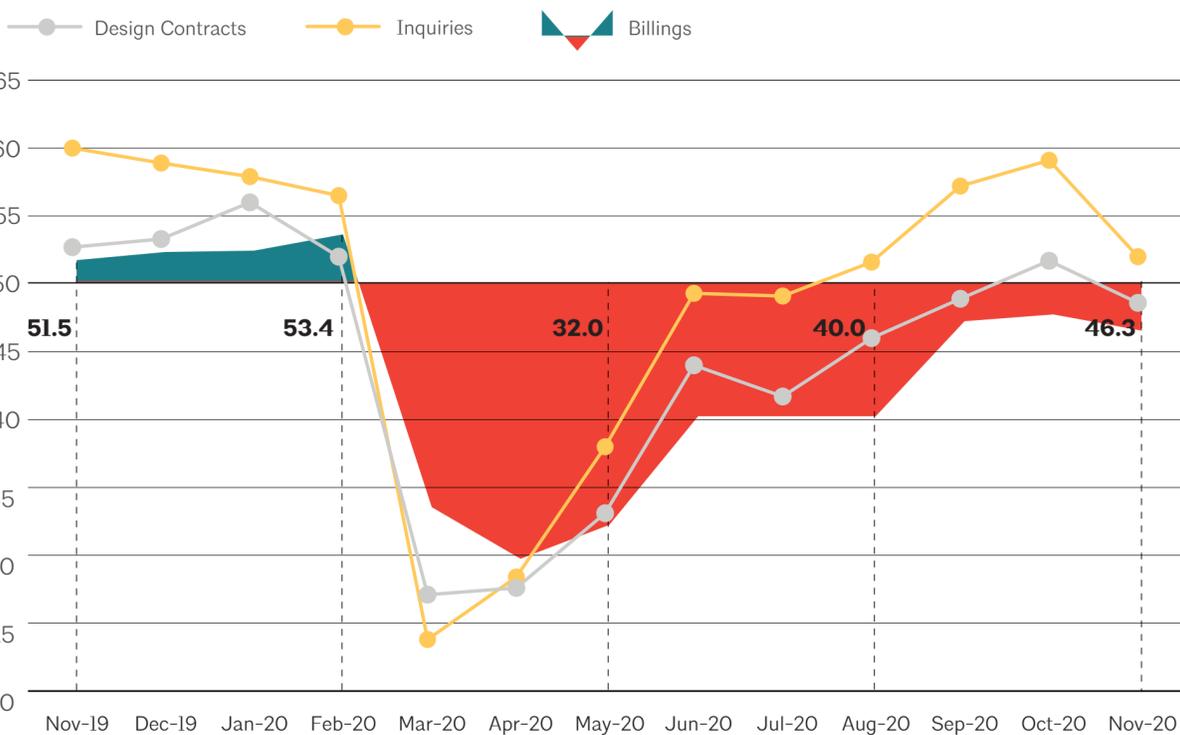
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National

Architecture firm billings weaken further in November



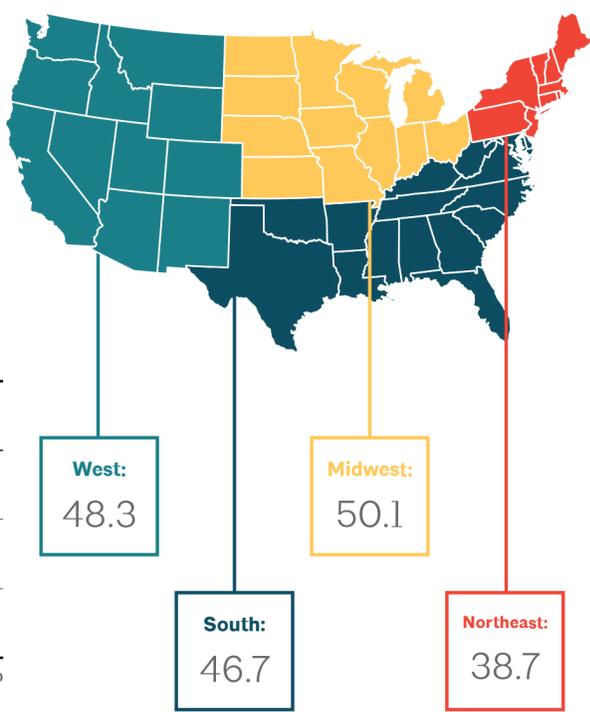
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Regional

Billings remain weak across the country, although Midwest sees modest growth

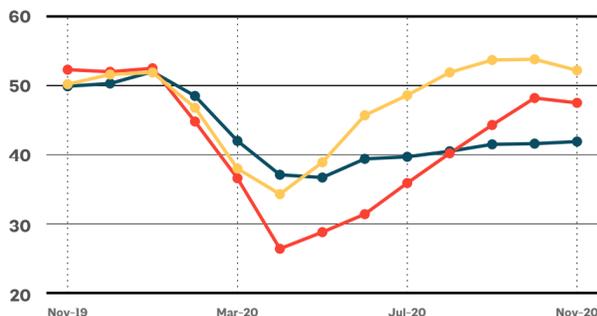
Graphs represent data from November 2019–November 2020 across the four regions. 50 represents the diffusion center. A score of 50 equals no change from the previous month. Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease. 3-month moving average.



Sector

Firms with a multifamily residential specialization continue to see billings growth

Graphs represent data from November 2019–November 2020 across the three sectors. 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.



Practice

Issues related to firm management, operating a practice in a pandemic top list of business-related concerns for 2021

% of firms selecting issue as one of their top three business-related concerns for 2021

