



Architecture Billings Index (ABI)

August 2021

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.

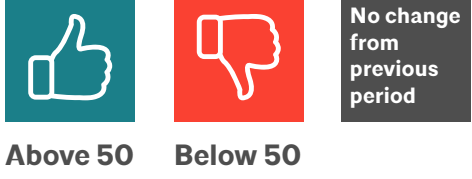
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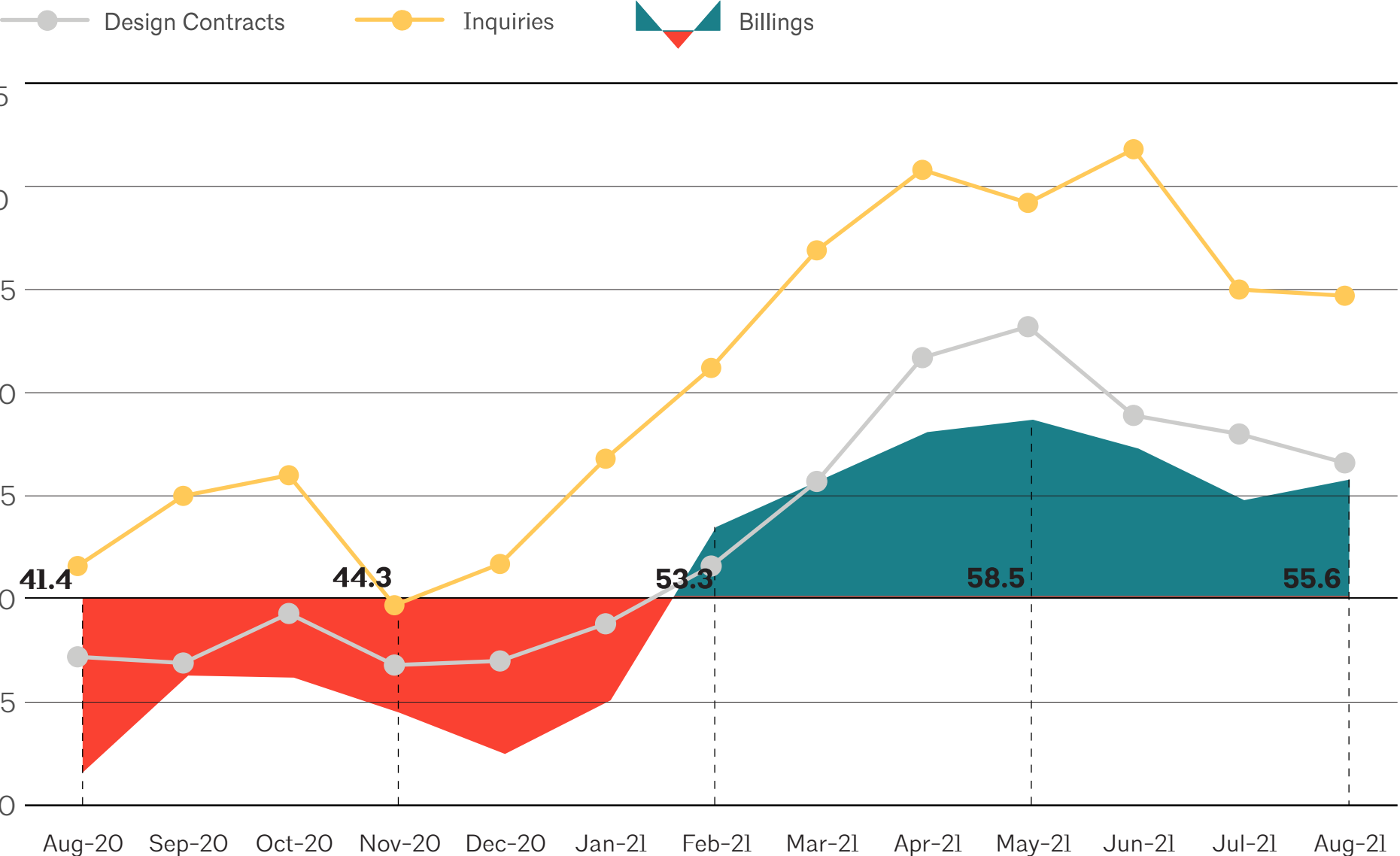
National Regional Sector Practice

National

Business conditions remain robust at architecture firms in August



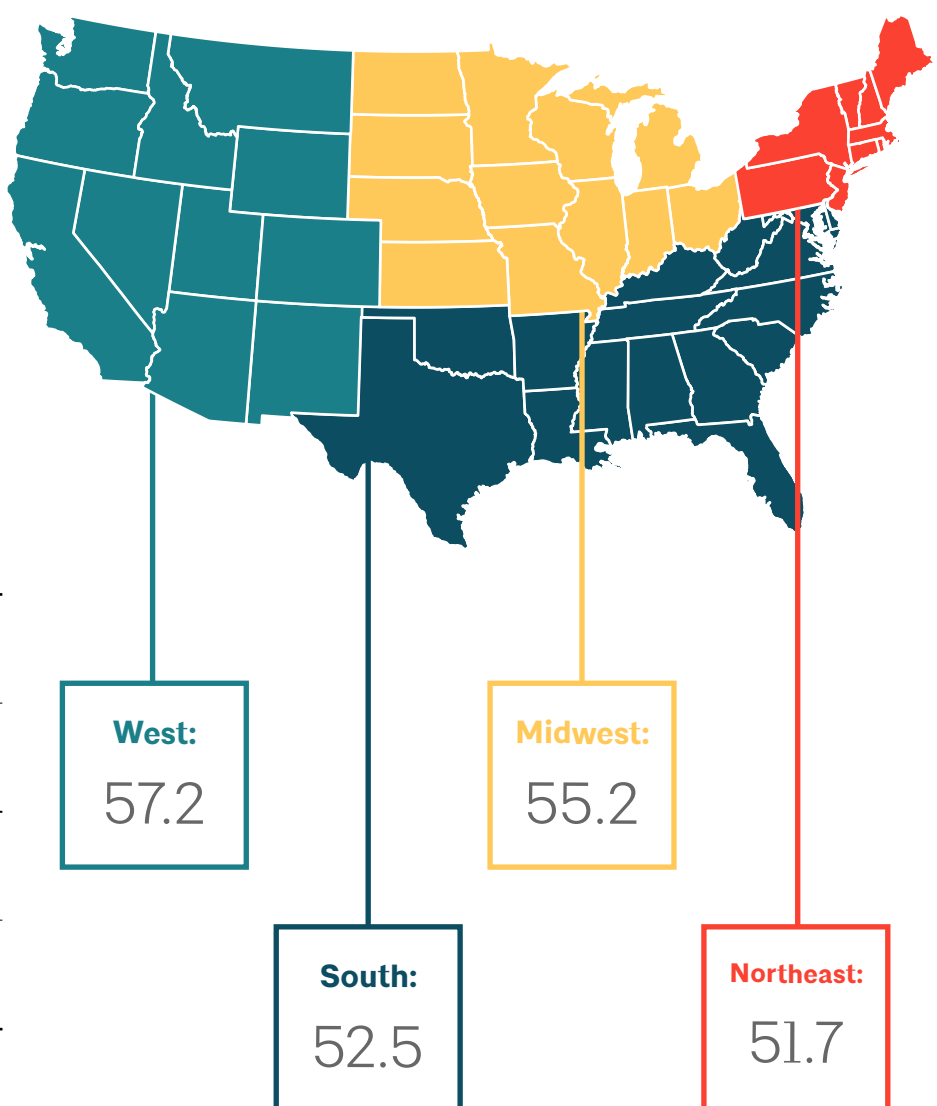
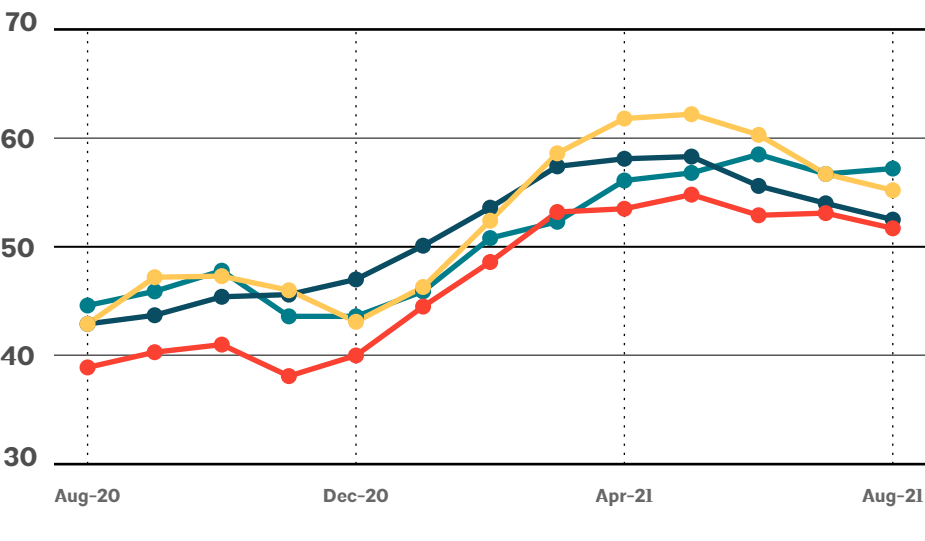
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Regional

Billings growth slows slightly at firms in the Northeast

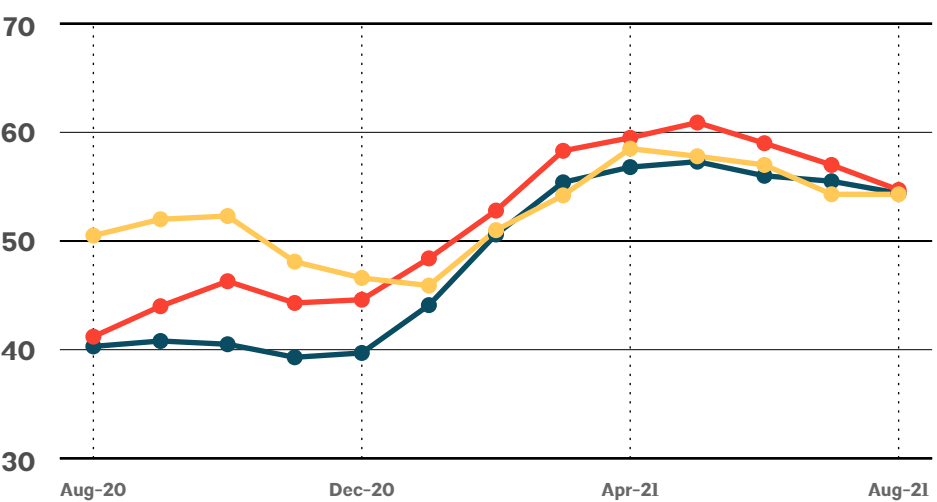
Graphs represent data from August 2020–August 2021 across the four regions. 50 represents the diffusion center. A score of 50 equals no change from the previous month. Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease. 3-month moving average.



Sector

Firms of all specializations report strong business

Graphs represent data from August 2020–August 2021 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

Firms most likely to require masking, vaccines, and social distancing as they reopen their offices

units: % of firms indicating likelihood they have made/plan to make given adaptation since their office has reopened/once it reopens

