



# Architecture Billings Index (ABI)

## September 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.

\*All graphs represent data from September 2020–September 2021.

### ABI

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## National

Business conditions at architecture firms strengthen further in September



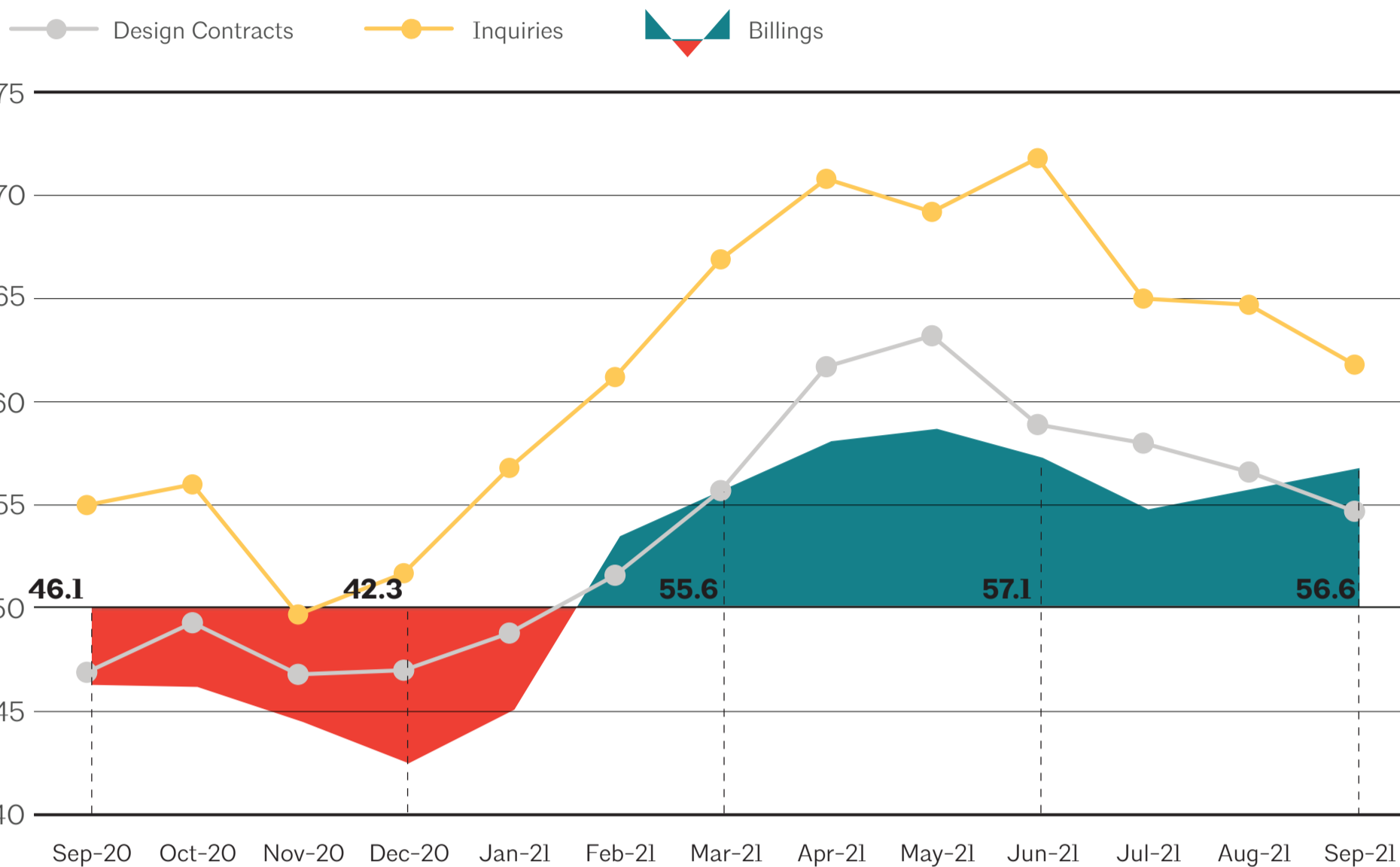
Above 50



Below 50

No change from previous period

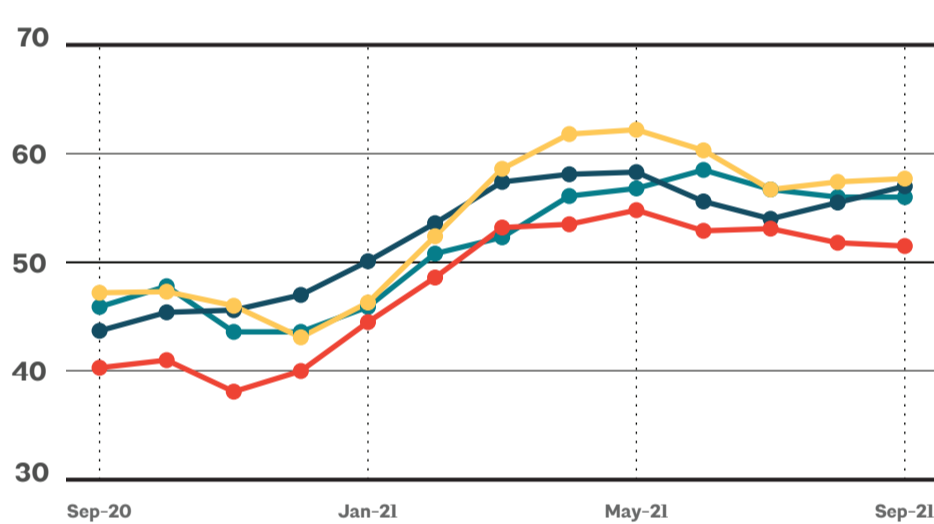
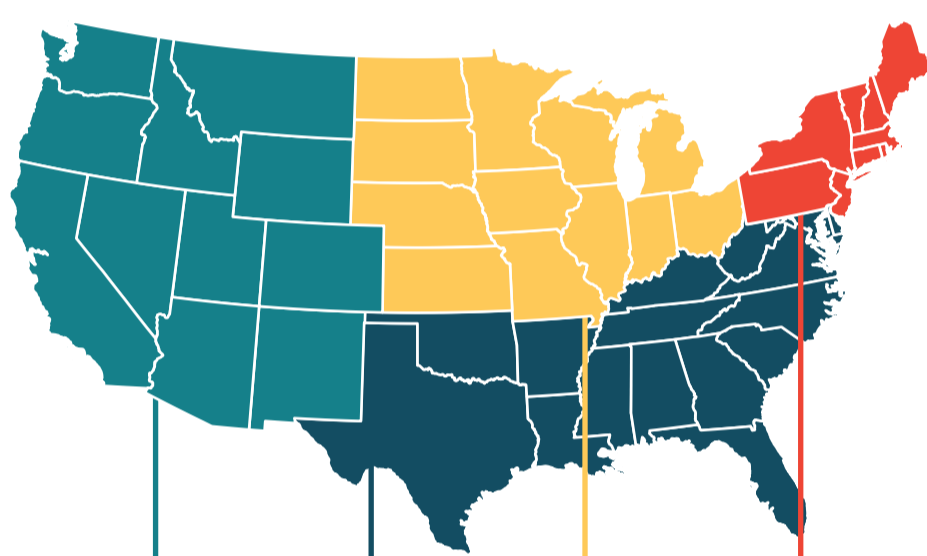
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## Regional

Firms in the Midwest, South report strongest billings

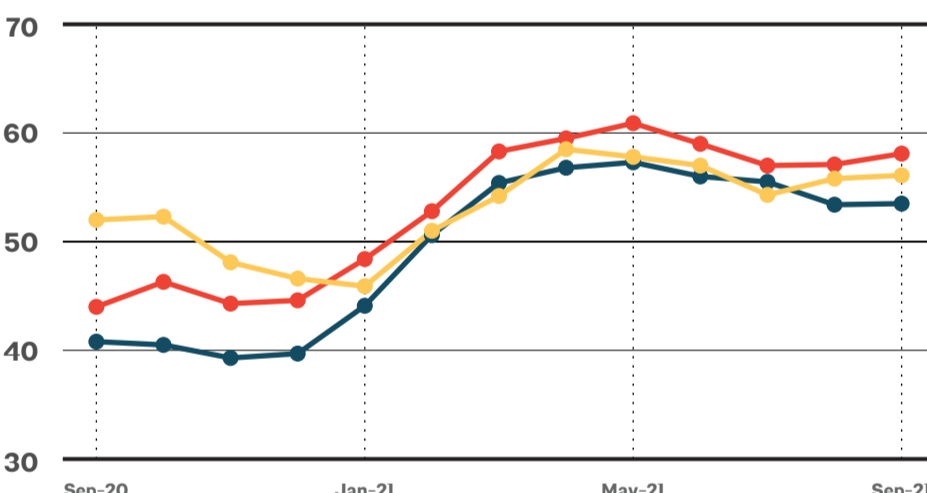
Graphs represent data from September 2020–September 2021 across the four regions. 50 represents the diffusion center. A score of 50 equals no change from the previous month. Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease. 3-month moving average.



## Sector

Conditions remain strong at firms of all specializations

Graphs represent data from September 2020–September 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

Architecture firms are most heavily invested in technologies to assist with managing their firm and projects

units: % of firms, rating degree of implementation at their firm of each technology type

