Architecture Billings Index (ABI)
April 2022

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 measures a leading economic indicator that tracks incremental construction activity, by approximately 9-12 months. The survey panel of participants determine whether their billings increased, decreased, or stayed the same in the month that just ended. According to the proportion of respondents reporting each option, a score is generated, which represents an index value for each month. An index score of 50 represents no change in billings from the previous 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 April 2021–April 2022.

National
Business conditions remain strong at architecture firms in April

Graphs represent data from April 2021–April 2022. Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease. 3-month moving average.

Regional
Firms located in the Northeast see first billings growth since last summer

Graphs represent data from April 2021–April 2022 across the four regions. 50 represents the diffusion center. A score of 50 equals no change from the previous month.

Sector
Billings continue to strengthen at firms of all specializations

Graphs represent data from April 2021–April 2022 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 remain committed to employee health and benefits costs are expected to see the largest increase in 2022

Costs for each category were estimated using data from the 2022 AIA Practice in America Survey. All costs are expressed in dollars and are expected to increase on average from the previous year. Unit costs change year over year and are meant to represent a typical cost for the service or material.