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 for the future of the architecture profession by measuring the change in billings from the previous month. A score above 50 indicates an increase in billings from the previous month, while a score below 50 signifies a decline in billings from the previous month. The index is comprised of three sectors: Commercial/Industrial, Institutional, and Residential. Each sector tracks the number of architects reporting a gain, a decrease, or no change in billings from the previous month.

May 2022

National

Architecture firm billings continue to grow in May

Graphs represent data from May 2021–May 2022 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.

Regional

Business conditions improve in all regions of the country

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Sector

Firm billings continue to rise at fastest pace all firms with a commercial/industrial specialization

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Practice

Education: healthcare projects most likely to see an increase in share designed to meet a rating system in the coming years

According to the survey, the healthcare sector is most likely to see an increase in the share of projects designed to meet a rating system (e.g., LEED v4, WELL, Energy Star) over the next few years. Education projects follow closely with about 40% of respondents indicating an increase in the share of projects designed to meet a rating system.