



# AIA/Deltek Architecture Billings Index (ABI)

## May 2023

The AIA/Deltek 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 May 2022–May 2023.

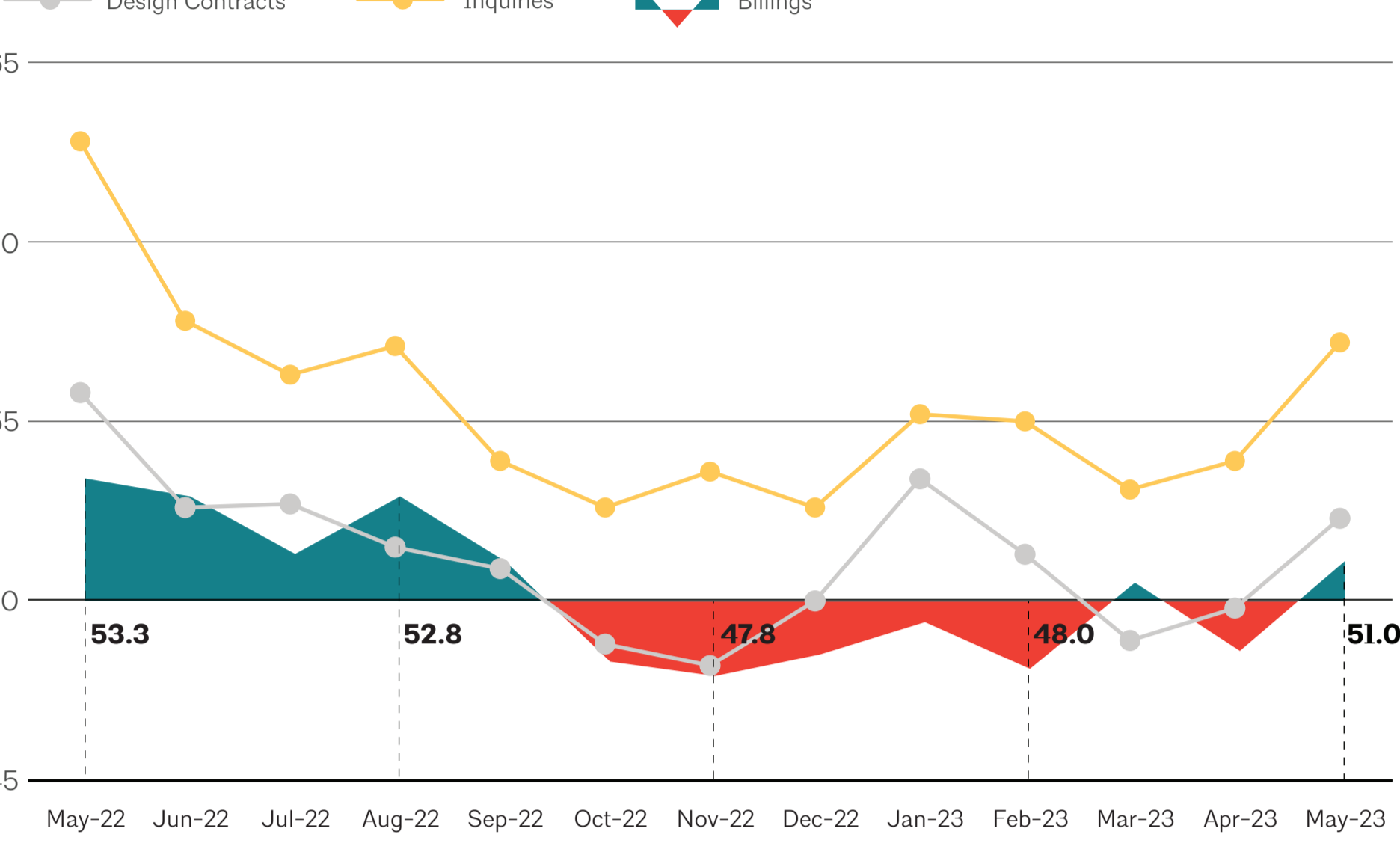
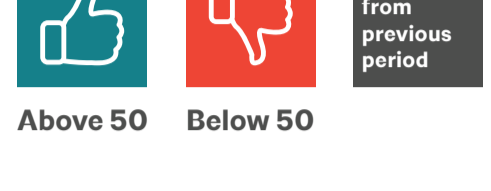
### ABI

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## National

### Business conditions at architecture firms improve in May

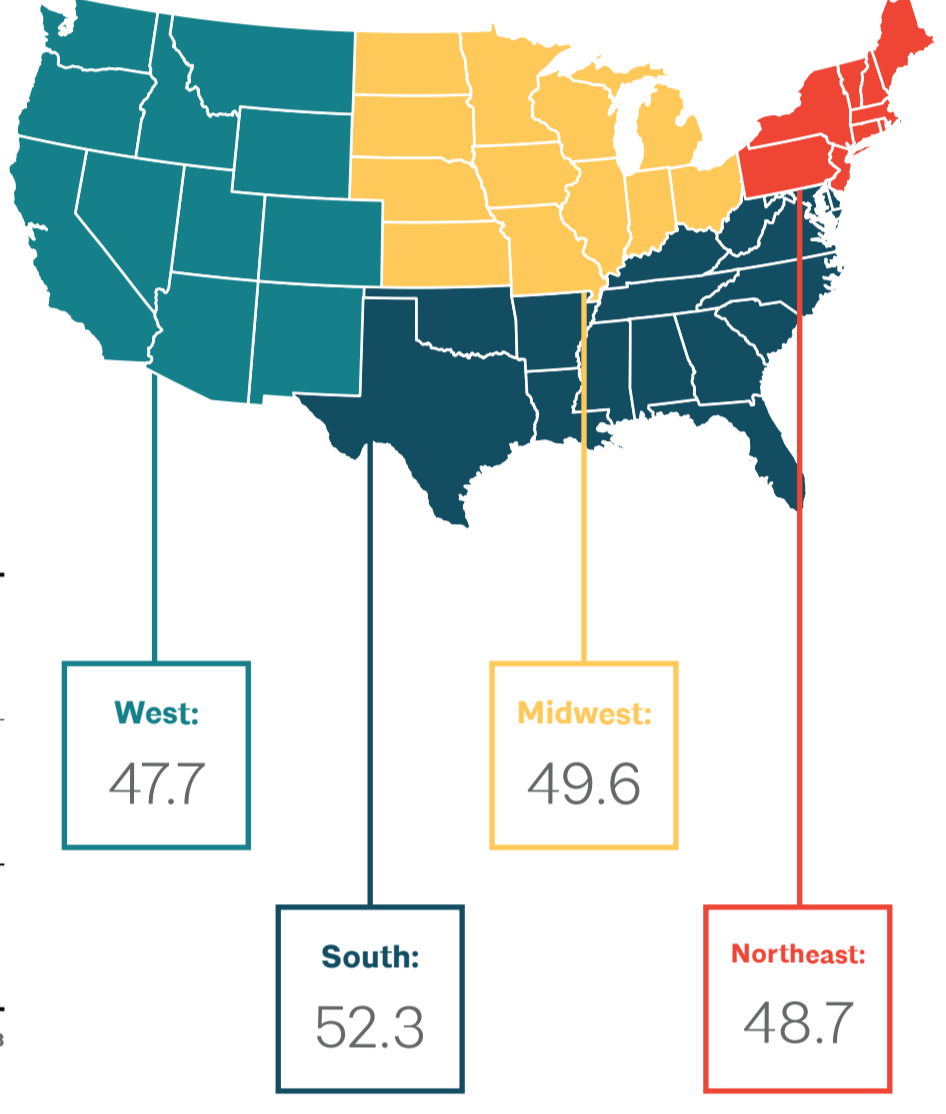
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## Regional

### However, conditions remain more mixed regionally

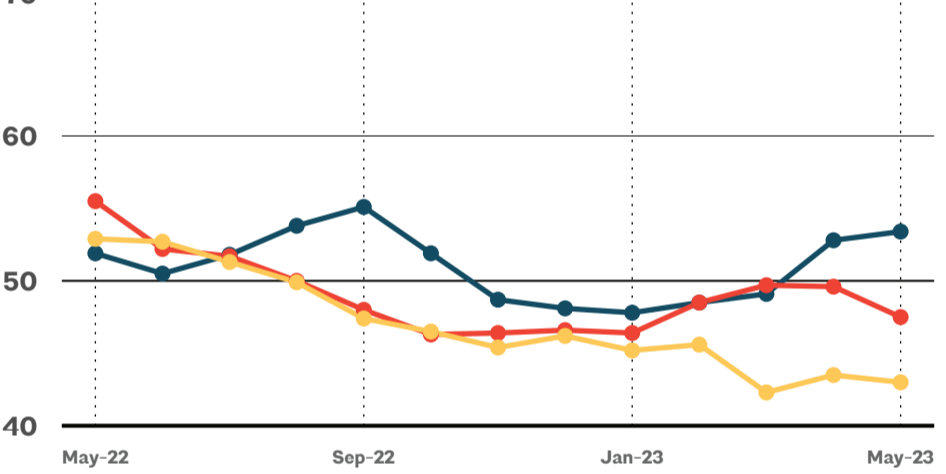
Graphs represent data from May 2022–May 2023 across the four regions. 50 represents the diffusion center. A score of 50 equals no change from the previous month. Above 50 shows increase; Below 50 shows decrease. 3-month moving average.



## Sector

### Firm billings growth continues at firms with an institutional specialization

Graphs represent data from May 2022–May 2023 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

### Most firms report monitoring staff productivity

units: % of firms indicating extent to which they make an effort to monitor staff productivity;  
% of firms that indicated that they track specific measures of staff output, most useful productivity method their firm quantifies

