

AIA/Deltek Architecture Billings Index (ABI) May 2025

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 2024–May 2025.





Sector

National Pace of billings decline slows modestly in May

Graphs represent data from May 2024–May 2025.





Regional Business conditions remain soft across the country

Graphs represent data from May 2024–May 2025 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 continue to report declining billings

Graphs represent data from May 2024–May 2025 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.







Commercial/Industrial: 43.8

Institutional: 46.2

Practice

Firms report using design staff chargeability/utilization rates for a variety of staff management functions

units: % of firms that track design staff chargeability/utilization rates, purposes for which they use design staff chargeability/utilization rate data at their firm, multiple responses permitted





