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 April 2023–April 2024.*
National
Architecture firm billings remain soft

Graphs represent data from April 2023–April 2024.
Regional
Business conditions weaken further at firms across the country

Graphs represent data from April 2023–April 2024 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 report declining billings

Graphs represent data from April 2023–April 2024 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:** 47.4
- **Institutional:** 46.1
- **Residential:** 45.6
Nearly two thirds of firms with billings from international projects report that those billings account for at least 5% of their gross billings.

Units: % of firms that currently have any billings from international projects (projects that will be built outside of the US either for a foreign or domestic client), approximate share of gross billings at their firm (all offices) over the past year from international projects.

Average share of firm billings from international projects = 9.1%