

ARCHITECTURE BILLING INDEX

November 2015

The Architecture Billing 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.

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* All graphs represent data from November 2014 – November 2015.

NATIONAL

Architecture Firm Billings Soften in November

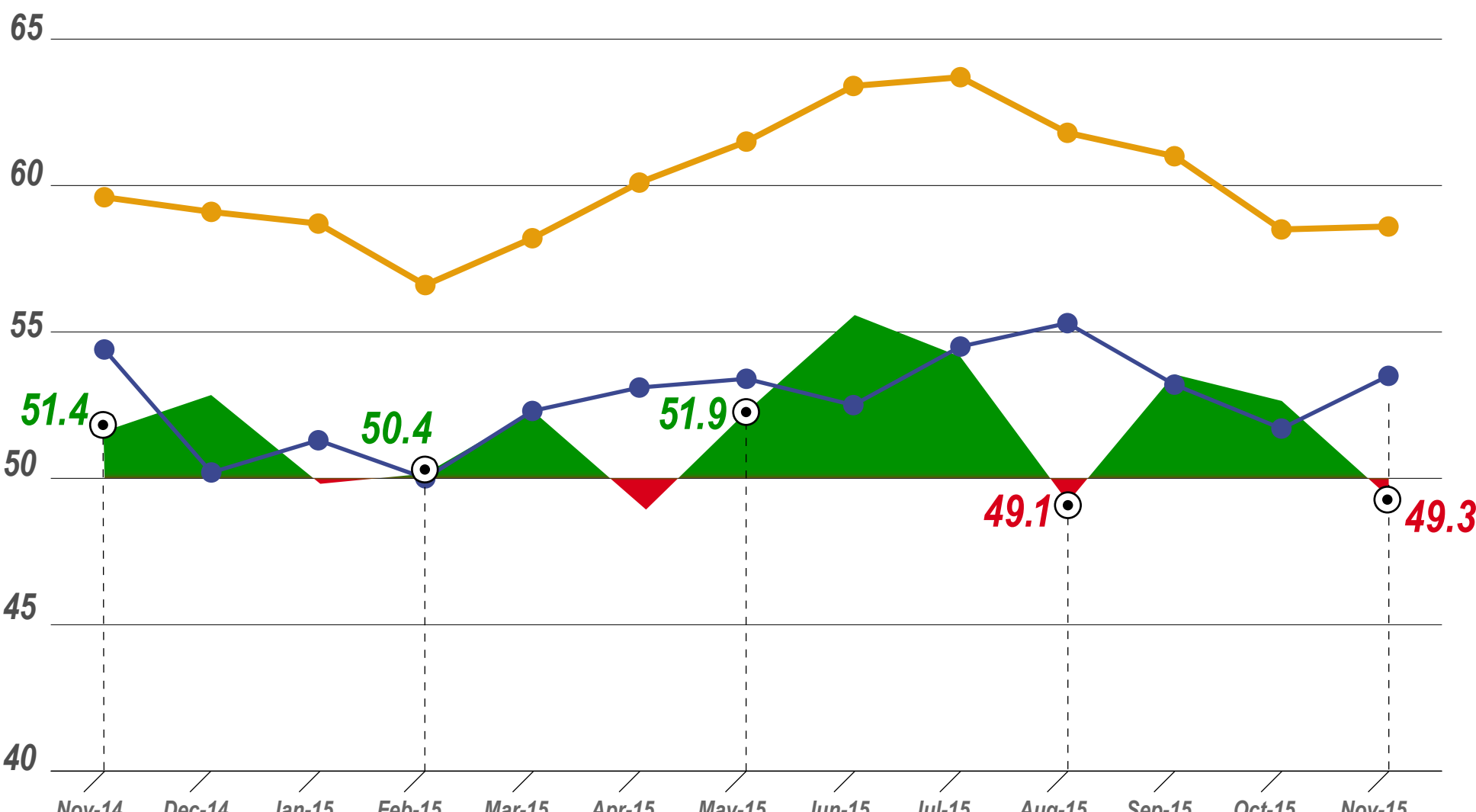
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Above 50 = 

Below 50 = 

50 = No change from previous period

Design Contracts Inquiries Billings

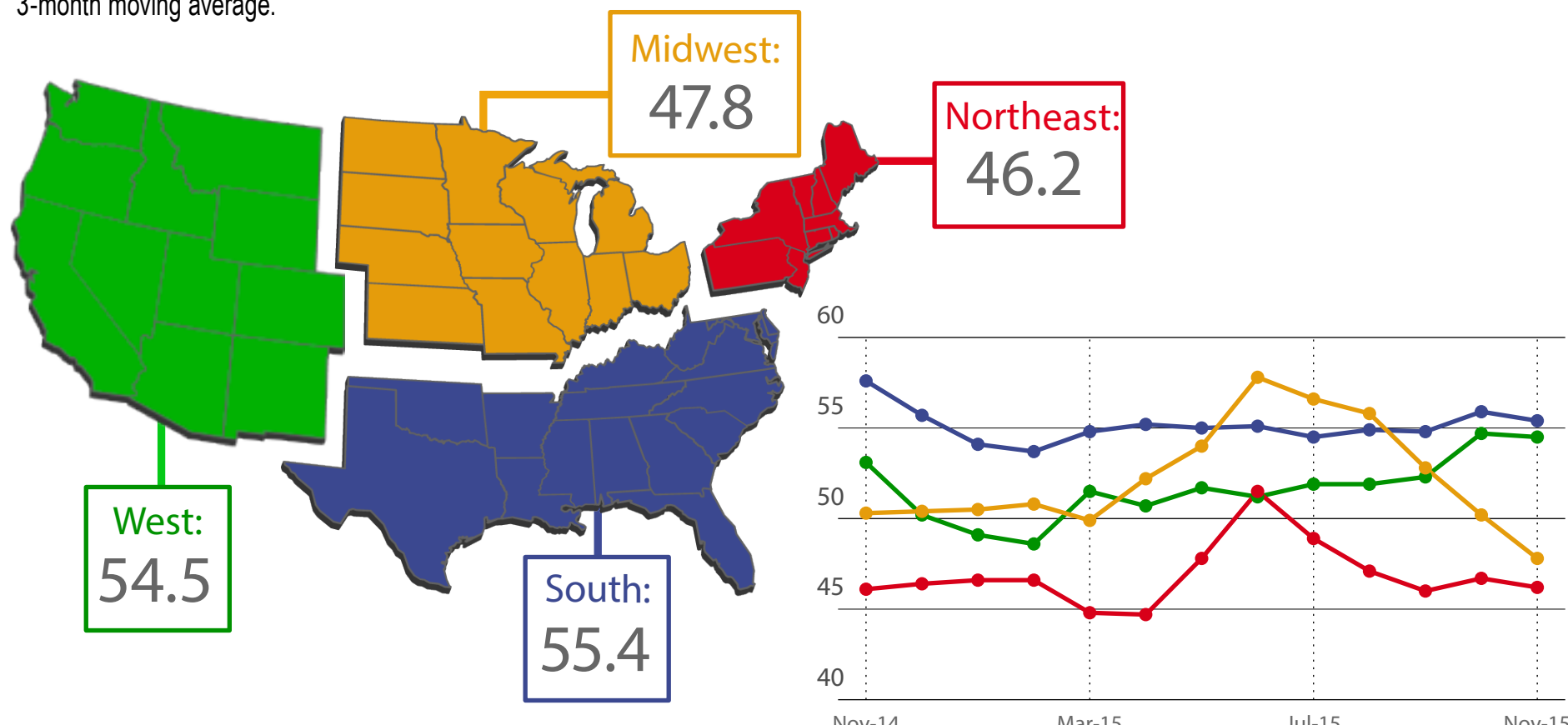


REGIONAL

Business Conditions Remain Depressed in Northeast, Soften in Midwest

Graphs represent data from November 2014 – November 2015 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

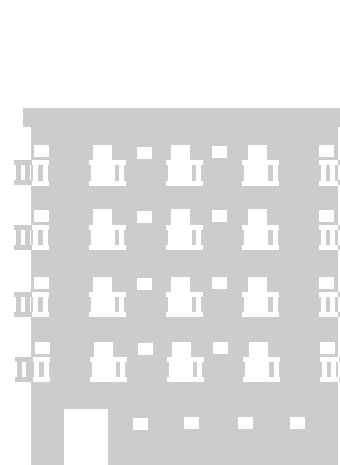
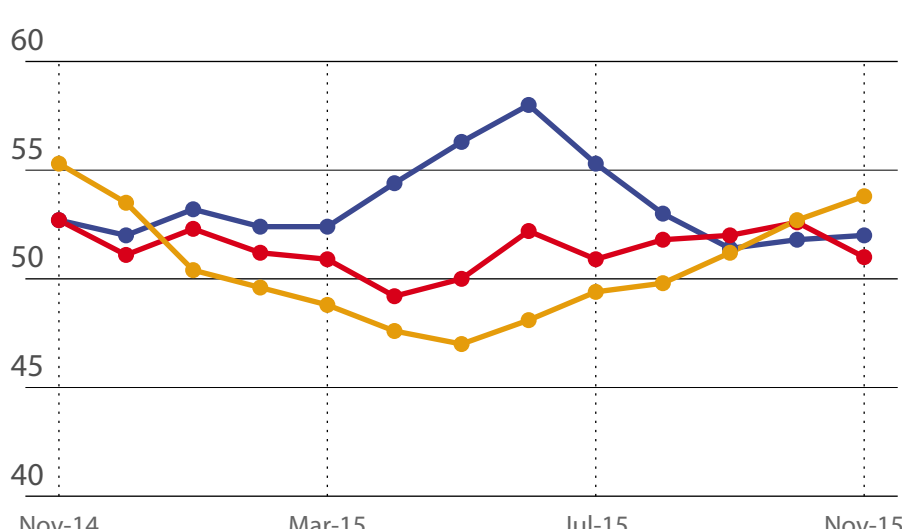
Firms of All Specializations Seeing Healthy Trends

Graph represents data from November 2014 – November 2015 across the three sectors.

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3-month moving average.



Commercial/Industrial: 51.0

Institutional: 52.0

Residential: 53.8

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More Than Half of Firms Report Higher Revenue in 2015, Few Firms Anticipate Declines for 2016

Units: % of firms, estimated amount of change in gross firm revenue from 2014 to 2015 and from 2015 to 2016

Estimated change in revenue from 2014 to 2015:

Projected change in revenue from 2015 to 2016:

