Outdoor Living, Household Management Areas Continue as Popular Special Function Rooms

% of respondents reporting popularity of room “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q2 2016

2016
2015

Outdoor living
Mud room
Home office
Au pair/in-law suite
Home auto. manage./mechanical room
Sun room/3-season porch

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q2
FIGURE 2  Most Popular Special Function Rooms Remain Concentrated in Just a Few Categories

Most popular special function room, % of respondents, Q2 2016

- Outdoor Living: 29%
- Mud room: 23%
- Home office: 20%
- Au pair/in-law: 11%
- All other: 7%
- Home theater: 4%
- Sun room/3-season porch: 3%
- Roof decks: 2%

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q2
FIGURE 3  Accessibility Remains Goal of Many Popular Home Features

% respondents reporting popularity of feature “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q2 2016

- **First floor master bedroom**
  - 2016: 54
  - 2015: 51

- **Super-insulated**
  - 2016: 44
  - 2015: 56

- **Ramps/elevators**
  - 2016: 42
  - 2015: 45

- **On-grade entry**
  - 2016: 36
  - 2015: 37

- **Easy-to-use features (e.g., handles)**
  - 2016: 26
  - 2015: 32

- **Multiple laundry rooms**
  - 2016: 21
  - 2015: 25

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q2
Along With Continued Popularity of Energy Efficiency and Home Automation Systems, Electrical Docking Stations for Cars Beginning to Build Momentum

% reporting popularity of system “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q2 2016

Note: Air replenishment systems not covered in survey in 2015.
Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q2
FIGURE 5

Low Maintenance and Home Automation Products Top List of Popular Home Products

% respondents reporting popularity of product/product category “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q2 2016

- Low maintenance: 60 - 59 = 1
- Smart thermostats: 59 - 59 = 0
- Synthetic mats: 48 - 48 = 0
- Energy efficient: 50 - 47 = 3
- Reclaim./salvage materials: 41 - 40 = 1
- Water saving: 40 - 38 = 2
- Tankless water heater: 36 - 35 = 1
- Improv. indoor air: 33 - 34 = -1
- Interior motion sensor lights: 33 - 28 = 5
- Thermal-moisture cont.: 34 - 28 = 6

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q2
Residential Firms Seeing Slower Growth in Project Billings and Inquiries in Q2

Diffusion index: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data are not seasonally adjusted.

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q2
FIGURE 7  Project Backlogs at Firms Continue to Trend Up, But at a Slow Pace

Number of months of project backlogs, averages across all firms; data are not seasonally adjusted

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q2
FIGURE 8  Second Quarter Slowdown Business Conditions Greatest at Firms in the South and Northeast

Diffusion index for billings: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data are not seasonally adjusted

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q2
Weakness Emerging in Key Residential Construction Sectors

% of respondents reporting sector “improving” minus % reporting “weakening”, Q2 2016

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2016 Q2