Kitchens continue to remain a popular focus in homes

Change in the number and size of kitchens, % of respondents; Q4 2017

* Number of separate kitchen facilities or secondary food storage/food prep. areas

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2017 Q4
FIGURE 2  Outdoor kitchens continue to be reported as growing in popularity

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q4 2017

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2017 Q4
FIGURE 3  Drinking water filtration reported as growing in popularity

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q4 2017

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2017 Q4
Bathrooms remain a popular focus in homes, but increases in number continue to wane

Change in the number and size of bathrooms, % of respondents; Q4 2017

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2017 Q4
FIGURE 5  Larger walk-in showers reported as growing in popularity and take lead in consideration for bathroom design features

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q4 2017

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2017 Q4
FIGURE 6  Showers reported as leading consideration in bathroom design features

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q4 2017

- Doorless/no threshold shower: 2017 - 56, 2016 - 65
- Upscale shower: 2017 - 23, 2016 - 21
- Water saving toilets: 2017 - 18, 2016 - 25
- Smart toilets: 2017 - 7

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2017 Q4
Project billings and inquiries continue to remain strong at residential firms. 

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

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, Q1-2012 to Q4-2017
FIGURE 8  Project backlogs increase in the fourth quarter

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, Q1-2011 to Q4-2017
FIGURE 9  Business conditions remain healthy in all regions in fourth quarter

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, Q1-2013 to Q4-2017
FIGURE 10  Home improvement sectors continue to outpace new construction, while first-time buyers weakens

% of respondents reporting sector “improving” minus % reporting “weakening”; Q4 2017

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, 2017 Q4