FIGURE 1  Infill remains a very popular neighborhood design trend

% of firms reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q3

- **Infill development**: 63% (2018) - 59% (2017)
- **Higher-density development**: 56% (2018) - 54% (2017)
- **Increase in tear-downs**: 55% (2018) - 56% (2017)
- **Mixed-use facilities**: 54% (2018) - 59% (2017)
- **Access to public transportation**: 49% (2018) - 53% (2017)
- **More recreational opportunities**: 47% (2018) - 42% (2017)
- **Sustainable neighborhoods (mixed residential, commercial, and recreational)**: 47% (2018) - 47% (2017)
- **Multi-generational housing**: 46% (2018) - 54% (2017)
- **More walkable neighborhoods**: 44% (2018) - 46% (2017)

Contemporary home styles remain a popular trend as simpler detailing on exteriors strengthen

% of firms reporting popularity of trend “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q3

Durability/low maintenance remains a popular choice for home exteriors

% of firms reporting popularity of trend “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; Q3

**FIGURE 4**  Project billings and inquiries remain strong at residential firms in third quarter

Diffusion index: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data is seasonally adjusted

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, Q1-2013 to Q3-2018
Project backlogs at residential architecture firms remain flat for the third quarter

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

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, Q1-2013 to Q3-2018
Business conditions healthy at residential architecture firms in all regions as Northeast and Midwest regions see increase in growth

Diffusion index for billings: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data is seasonally adjusted

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey, Q1-2013 to Q3-2018
Custom/luxury homes continue to have strong growth among new construction sectors

% of respondents reporting sector “improving” minus % reporting “weakening”; Q3

- Remodeling: additions/alterations
  - 2018: 55%
  - 2017: 60%

- Remodeling: kitchen/bath
  - 2018: 52%
  - 2017: 52%

- First-time buyer/affordable homes
  - 2018: -3%
  - 2017: -2%

- Move-up homes
  - 2018: 17%
  - 2017: 20%

- Custom/luxury homes
  - 2018: 14%
  - 2017: 20%

- Townhouse/condo
  - 2018: 14%
  - 2017: 16%

- Second/vacation homes
  - 2018: -16%
  - 2017: -2%