FIGURE 1  The share of firms reporting an increase in the number of kitchens continues to grow while kitchen sizes continue to stabilize

Change in the number and size of kitchens, % of respondents; data from Q4 2018 compared to data from Q4 2017

* Number of separate kitchen facilities, secondary food storage/food prep. areas, or messy kitchen
Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Outdoor kitchens continue to be reported as a popular feature

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q4 2018 compared to data from Q4 2017

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Concealed and disguised lighting was reported as a popular kitchen product

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q4 2018 compared to data from Q4 2017

- Concealed and disguised lighting (e.g., lighting strips under cupboards):
  - 2018: 32%
  - 2017: 30%

- Upper-end appliances:
  - 2018: 30%
  - 2017: 25%

- Undercounter appliances:
  - 2018: 26%
  - 2017: 30%

- Mix of countertop materials (such as a combination of wood and metal):
  - 2018: 26%
  - 2017: 26%

- Smart appliances:
  - 2018: 26%
  - 2017: 25%

- Induction cooking appliances:
  - 2018: 22%
  - 2017: 26%

- Built-in appliances:
  - 2018: 21%
  - 2017: 18%

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Bathrooms remain a popular focus in homes, with more firms reporting that size is increasing.

Change in the number and size of bathrooms, % of respondents; data from Q4 2018 compared to data from Q4 2017.

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 5  Larger walk-in showers continue to be reported as a leading feature for bathrooms

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q4 2018 compared to data from Q4 2017

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Showers continue to be reported as leading consideration in bathroom design features

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q4 2018 compared to data from Q4 2017

- **Doorless/no threshold shower**: 62% (2018) - 56% (2017)
- **Upscale shower**: 26% (2018) - 23% (2017)
- **Water saving toilets**: 16% (2018) - 18% (2017)
- **Smart toilets**: 13% (2018) - 7% (2017)

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 7  Project billings and inquiries softened this quarter but remain positive

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

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Project backlogs continue to trend down

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
While the Midwest saw faster growth this quarter, the Northeast and West declined in billings and the South saw slower growth.

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

First time buyers and second/vacation homes continue to weaken as all other sectors report considerably slower growth

% of respondents reporting sector “improving” minus % reporting “weakening”; data from Q4 2018 compared to data from Q4 2017

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey