Outdoor living areas continue to be very popular spaces while dedicated spaces for home automation management grow in popularity

% of respondents reporting popularity of room “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing;” data from Q2 2019 compared to data from Q2 2018

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Outdoor living spaces, mud rooms, and home offices continue to top list of most popular special function rooms

Most popular special function room, % of respondents, data from Q2 2019

- Outdoor living: 34%
- Mud room: 26%
- Home office: 15%
- Au pair/in-law suites: 9%
- Roof decks: 5%
- Sun room/3-season porch: 5%
- All other: 5%

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Accommodations for multiple generations and ramps/elevators grow in popularity for home features

% of respondents reporting popularity of feature “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing;” data from Q2 2019 compared to data from Q2 2018

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Technology friendly features remain a popular system

% reporting popularity of system “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing;” data from Q2 2019 compared to data from Q2 2018

*extra outlet capacity/charging stations, in-wall wireless mobile charging docks, USB wall outlets

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 5  Low maintenance materials continue to remain popular

% of respondents reporting popularity of product/product category “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing;” data from Q2 2019 compared to data from Q2 2018

- **Low maintenance**: 60% (2019) - 58% (2018)
- **Smart thermostats**: 59% (2019) - 55% (2018)
- **Synthetic materials**: 46% (2019) - 51% (2018)
- **Tankless water heater**: 40% (2019) - 42% (2018)
- **Energy efficient**: 32% (2019) - 36% (2018)
- **Sound control drywall**: 32% (2019) - 32% (2018)
- **Products for improving indoor air quality**: 25% (2019) - 25% (2018)
- **Thermal-moisture control**: 24% (2019) - 28% (2018)
- **Automated window shades**: 23% (2019) - 19% (2018)

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Project billings and new project inquiries see stronger growth in Q2

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

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 7  Project backlogs continue to increase in the second 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
Firms in the Midwest saw slower growth, but firms in all regions continue to expand

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

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 9  Most new construction sectors reported to be growing modestly; affordable homes seen as weakening

% of respondents reporting sector “improving” minus % reporting “weakening;” data from Q2 2019 compared to data from Q2 2018

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey