FIGURE 1  Overall size of homes are starting to increase

% of respondents reporting “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2017-2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Easing in home sizes continues in entry-level homes while upper-end homes and additions increase

% of respondents indicating that square footage of homes in category is “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 3  Rental units/accessory dwellings continue to remain popular, increasing sharply in popularity in 2021

% of firms reporting “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2021 compared to data from Q1 2020

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
**FIGURE 4**  Accessibility and overall designs for aging in place continue to remain popular while finishing unfinished spaces increase in popularity

% of firms reporting “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2021 compared to data from Q1 2020

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*E.g., basements, attics, garages
Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Emphasis on outdoors continue to remain popular, with outdoor living spaces dramatically increasing since last year

% of firms reporting “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2021 compared to data from Q1 2020

Pools not asked in 2020

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
While architects report increasing difficulties with lot preparation, low maintenance landscaping and green fencing options increased in popularity

% of firms reporting “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2021 compared to data from Q1 2020

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
**FIGURE 7**  Project billings, inquiries, and design contracts continue to remain strong in Q1

Diffusion index: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data are seasonally adjusted; data from Q1 2016-Q1 2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Project backlogs increase in the first quarter of 2021, passing pre-pandemic levels

Number of months of project backlogs, averages across all firms; data are not seasonally adjusted; data from Q1 2016-Q1 2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 9  Business conditions at firms in all regions remain strong in Q1

Diffusion index for billings: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data is seasonally adjusted; data from Q1 2016–Q1 2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
All housing sectors show strong bounce back from initial days of the pandemic

% of respondents reporting sector “improving” minus % reporting “weakening”; data from Q1 2021 compared to data from Q1 2020

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey