The number of kitchen areas in homes continue to grow, while size has started to stabilize

Change in the number and size of kitchens, % of respondents; data from Q4 2021 compared to data from Q4 2020

*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 very desirable features, growing in popularity along with working pantries

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q4 2021 compared to data from Q4 2020

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey

* (more, larger windows)
FIGURE 3  Induction cooking appliances and drinking water filtration see significant gains in popularity

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q4 2021 compared to data from Q4 2020

- **Built-in appliances**: 30% (2021) vs. 24% (2020)
- **Induction cooking appliances**: 33% (2021) vs. 30% (2020)
- **Upper-end appliances**: 36% (2021) vs. 34% (2020)
- **Drinking water filtration**: 27% (2021) vs. 24% (2020)
- **Undercounter appliances**: 33% (2021) vs. 30% (2020)
- **Concealed and disguised lighting***: 27% (2021) vs. 24% (2020)
- **Hands free/sensor faucets**: 22% (2021) vs. 20% (2020)
- **Duplicate appliances**: 27% (2021) vs. 24% (2020)
- **Antimicrobial surfaces/coatings**: 23% (2021) vs. 21% (2020)
- **Smart appliances**: 12% (2021) vs. 10% (2020)

*(e.g., lighting strips under cupboards)
Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Bathrooms remain a popular focus in homes as the number and size stabilize

Change in the number and size of bathrooms, % of respondents; data from Q4 2021 compared to data from Q4 2020

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Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 5  Larger walk-in showers continue to be a leading feature for bathrooms, while radiant heated floors increase in popularity

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q4 2021 compared to data from Q4 2020

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Accessible and upscale showers continue to be leading preferences in bathroom design features, while wall hung toilets increase in popularity

% of respondents reporting popularity “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q4 2021 compared to data from Q4 2020

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 7  Project billings, inquiries, and design contracts end the year strong

Diffusion index: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data are seasonally adjusted; data from Q4 2016-Q4 2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 8  Project backlogs remain healthy at residential architecture firms

Number of months of project backlogs, averages across all firms; data are not seasonally adjusted; data from Q4 2016–Q4 2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Firms in all regions continue to report solid business conditions in Q4

Diffusion index for billings: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data is seasonally adjusted; data from Q4 2016-Q4 2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Home improvement sectors continue to outpace new construction, while affordable homes weaken

% of respondents reporting sector “improving” minus % reporting “weakening”; data from Q4 2021 compared to data from Q4 2020

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey