Overall size of homes continues to increase

% of respondents indicating that square footage of overall homes is “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2018–2022

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 2  Entry-level home sizes continue to decline while upper-end homes and additions report growth

% of respondents indicating that square footage of homes in category is “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2022

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Rental units/accessory dwellings continue to remain popular, although declining slightly along with micro housing options

% of respondents reporting popularity of home characteristics “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2022 compared to data from Q1 2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 4  Accessibility and overall designs for aging in place continue to remain a focus of a home’s layout, growing in popularity

% of respondents reporting popularity of home layouts/designs “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2022 compared to data from Q1 2021

*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, blended indoor/outdoor spaces, and outdoor firepits topping the list

% of respondents reporting popularity of exterior features “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2022 compared to data from Q1 2021

Outdoor fireplaces/fire pits not asked in 2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
While architects report increasing difficulties with lot preparation, low maintenance landscaping continued to increase in popularity.

% of respondents reporting popularity of lot/ground trends “increasing” minus % reporting “decreasing”; data from Q1 2022 compared to data from Q1 2021.

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
Diffusion index: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data are seasonally adjusted; data from Q1 2017-Q1 2022

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
FIGURE 8  Project backlogs increase in the first quarter of 2022, reaching a record high since this survey began in 2005

Number of months of project backlogs, averages across all firms; data are not seasonally adjusted; data from Q1 2017–Q1 2022

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

Diffusion index for billings: 50 = no change from previous quarter; data is seasonally adjusted; data from Q1 2017–Q1 2022

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey
All housing sectors reported declines in growth while affordable homes reported weakness

% of respondents reporting sector “improving” minus % reporting “weakening”; data from Q1 2022 compared to data from Q1 2021

Source: The American Institute of Architects Home Design Trends Survey