

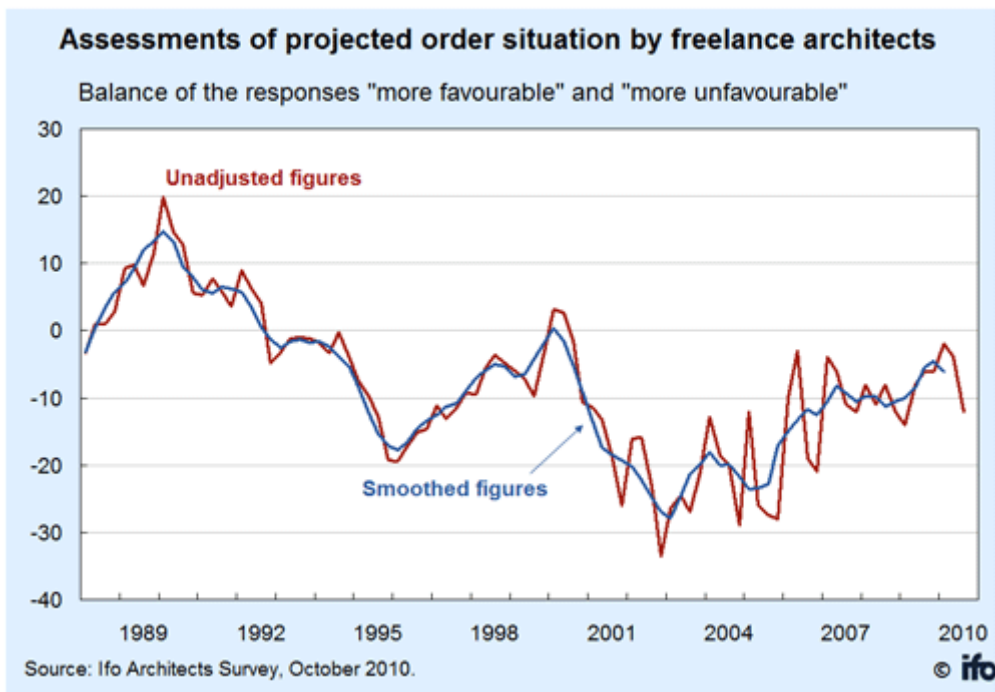
## Ifo Architects Survey

### Ifo Architects Survey: Increase in Orders for Residential Buildings

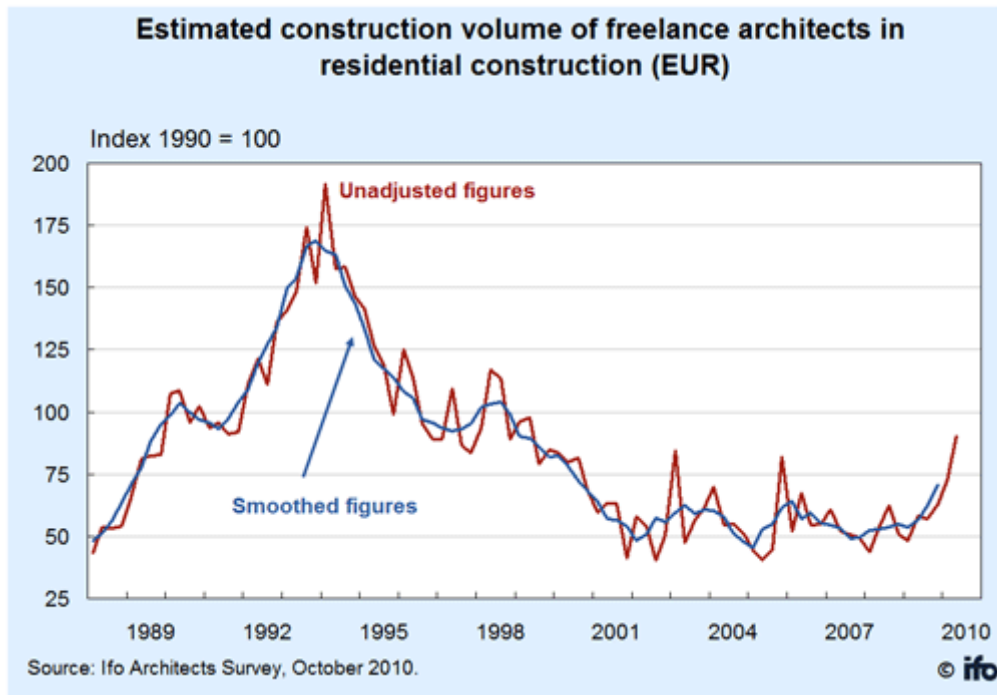
The business climate for free lance architects showed little change at the beginning of the third quarter of 2010 and remains favourable, as it has been for one year.

According to the results of the quarterly survey of the Ifo Institute, 36% of the survey participants assessed their current order situation as "good", an improvement of 4 percentage points over the last survey; the share that submitted "poor" appraisals fell from 24% to 23%.

The estimated construction volume from the newly signed contracts in the second quarter of 2010 for residential construction – new buildings not including architectural planning for existing buildings – was about a quarter above the previous quarter. For the past two years, the architects have been able to continuously increase contracts for the planning of residential buildings. In non-residential construction, the increase only amounted to 8%. Total new orders are more than one seventh larger than in the previous quarter.



The depth of order stocks at the end of the first half year stood at 5.5 months, which is nearly a half a month less than in the previous quarter. The reason for this striking decline was the strong increase in the previous quarter.



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**Legend:** The Ifo Institute has conducted its quarterly survey of freelance architects Germany-wide since 1996 (since 1980 in only four federal states) among a panel of 2,500 architects. The survey gathers data on the business climate, new contracts – from which construction volume is estimated – as well as orders on hand. The quarterly data is supplemented by annually surveyed data on how large the architectural offices are and on their legal forms and volume of fees.