

SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS

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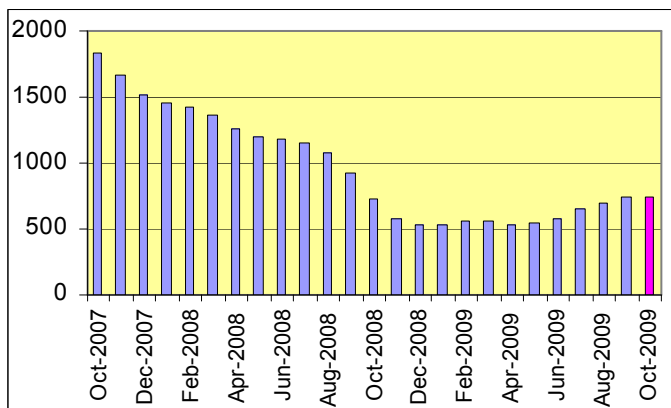
While the stock market is returning fast, the job market may follow. Even though IT job seekers in Connecticut found their job market unchanged from September the nationwide situation is improving. More job opportunities were posted by the Financial Services industry while other sectors held back. Employers posted a daily average of 720 vacancies, which is 1.4% less than in September.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Oct 09	Sep 09	Aug 09	Oct 08	Oct 07
720	730	730	660	1,820

The IT job market roller coaster in the New York Metro area continues. After a steep decline last year, the market is on an equally steep incline this year, growing 13.8% compared with September. At the same time the national IT job market continued to expand at a healthy rate of 5.8%. This may indicate that the labor market may make a stronger comeback in 2010 than predicted so far.

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut



Compared with September, occupations with more job openings in Connecticut included Software Development (up 5.3%) and Systems Engineering and Support (up 7.1%). There was less demand for professionals in IT Management (down 8.3%).

*) Estimated monthly averages are based on actual count of job openings. Estimates for 9/09 and 8/09 have been revised.

METHODOLOGY
SkillPROOF surveys the inventories of job openings at large, regional and nationwide direct employers. Job openings are counted and verified every 24 hours. All data sources have been verified for timely removal of filled or closed positions. No data from job boards or search firms are included.
For this report SkillPROOF estimates the counts of job openings. Estimates are calculated directly from SkillPROOF's actual daily counts of job openings. As a base for its calculations, SkillPROOF uses data and findings from reports of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) <http://www.bls.gov>.

Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Oct 09	Oct 08
Total IT Job Market	720	660
Software Development	200	120
IT Architects/Consultants	150	90
Systems Eng./Support	150	150
IT Management	110	170
Systems Administration	40	40
Business/Process Design	30	20
IT Sales and Marketing	30	50
Hardware Engineering	0	0
Training/Tech Writing	0	10

Table 3: Top 15 Needed Skills (Job Openings*)

	Oct 09	Oct 08
Java	230	80
SQL	200	170
Unix	160	90
Business Analysis	160	130
Large system technologies	160	130
C++/VC++	150	30
Oracle DBMS	110	120
Linux	110	50
Windows OS	110	80
C#	100	20
XML	100	60
Perl	80	10
DB2 (IBM)	80	50
Mainframe	80	60
OO (analysis / design / programming)	80	50



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