

<b>SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS</b>	<b>Connecticut</b>
	<b>Massachusetts</b>
	<b>New York Metro</b>
	<b>National</b>

More IT job opportunities in Connecticut! There is an unexpected uptick in labor demand for IT professionals. Employers posted a daily average of 510 opportunities.

That is 8.5% more than in June. While demand for specialists in Software Development remained unchanged we saw more opportunities for IT Architects / Consultants (up 12.5%) and IT Management (up 14.3%).

Most industries posted increased openings including Healthcare, IT Services and HiTech. The number of job postings from the Financial Services sector remained unchanged.

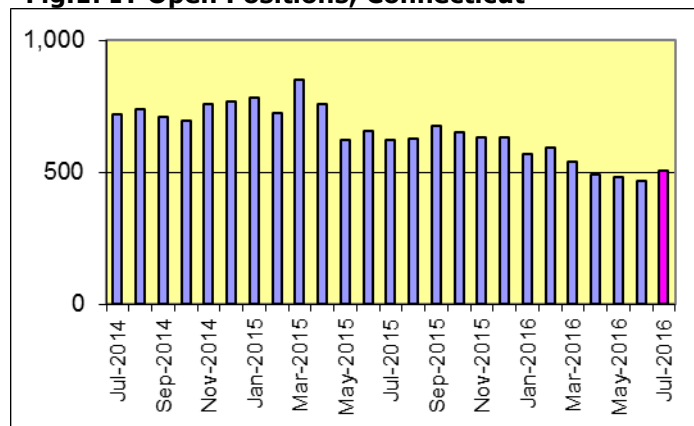
Our labor demand observations tie in with increased hiring. The Connecticut Department of Labor reports IT heavy sectors added jobs to their payrolls in June compared to May. These include Information (+400 jobs), Financial Activities (+2200 jobs) and Professional / Business Services (+1000 jobs).

Nationwide, labor demand increased 2.1% in July.

**Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut\***

Jul 16	Jun 16	May 16	Jul 15	Jul 14
510	470	480	530	720

**Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut\***



**Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category\***

	Jul 16	Jul 15
<b>Total IT Job Market</b>	510	530
Software Development	130	80
IT Architects/Consultants	90	120
IT Management	80	120
Systems Eng./Support	70	110
Systems Administration	50	40
Business/Process Design	40	10
IT Sales and Marketing	30	40
Misc.IT Job Categories	20	10

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

	Jul 16	Jul 15
Business Analysis	180	170
SQL	170	150
Oracle DBMS	140	110
Java	110	80
Large system technologies	110	120
Unix	80	90
Web Services	80	50
Mainframe	70	80
Linux	60	70
Microsoft SQL Server	60	60
Offshore team coordination	60	60
XML	60	40
Windows OS	60	80
HTML	50	20
DB2 (IBM)	50	50



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\*) Estimated monthly averages are based on actual count of job openings.

**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>.



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