

**SHORT
TERM
IT JOB
TRENDS**

- Connecticut** ●
- Massachusetts** ▲
- New York Metro** ▲
- National** ●

Summer has arrived with little change of the local IT market. In May, job openings for IT professionals declined slightly. Employers posted 480 daily job opportunities for IT

professionals with work location in the state. This is 2.0% less than in April. Nevertheless, according to April payroll statistics from the Connecticut Department of Labor, the Information sector added 300 jobs. Businesses belonging to the Information sector include Publishing, Motion Picture, Broadcasting, Telecommunication and Data Processing. The Financial Services sector which employs many IT workers added 700 jobs.

Advertisements by industry showed a mixed picture: While IT job postings declined in Healthcare and IT Services we found more job openings on websites of HiTech companies. Employers in Financial Services did not change their position.

The national average remained almost unchanged (down 0.4%) in May.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

May 16	Apr 16	Mar 16	May 15	May 15
480	490	540	620	660

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*

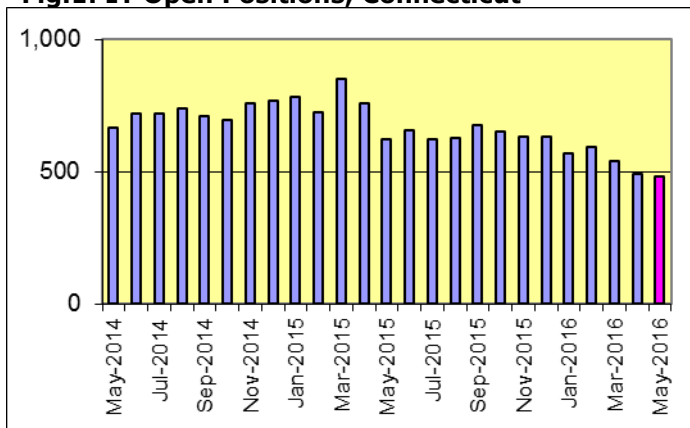


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	May 16	May 15
Total IT Job Market	480	620
Software Development	120	130
IT Architects/Consultants	90	140
IT Management	80	100
Systems Eng./Support	80	130
Systems Administration	50	40
IT Sales and Marketing	30	40
Business/Process Design	20	30
Misc.IT Job Categories	10	10

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

	May 16	May 15
Business Analysis	160	200
SQL	150	190
Oracle DBMS	130	150
Java	100	110
Large system technologies	100	110
Unix	80	100
Web Services	80	70
Linux	70	80
Windows OS	70	80
Microsoft SQL Server	60	80
Offshore team coordination	60	60
XML	60	60
Mainframe	60	70
ETL	50	70
OO (analysis / design / programming)	50	40



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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>.