

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

The slowdown of the IT job market in Connecticut continues. In April, employers in the state posted a daily average of 490 job opportunities for Information Technology professional with work location in Connecticut. This is 9.3% less than in March. While the percentage drop may sound alarming it is not as alarming as the low demand for technology skills. We believe that it will take years before losses of STEM jobs can be recovered after major employers with high demand for this skill set are either shrinking their work force or leaving the state altogether. On the upside, the Connecticut Department of Labor reported payroll increases in the Information sector. Most significant, employment increased in February compared to January after a flat 2015.

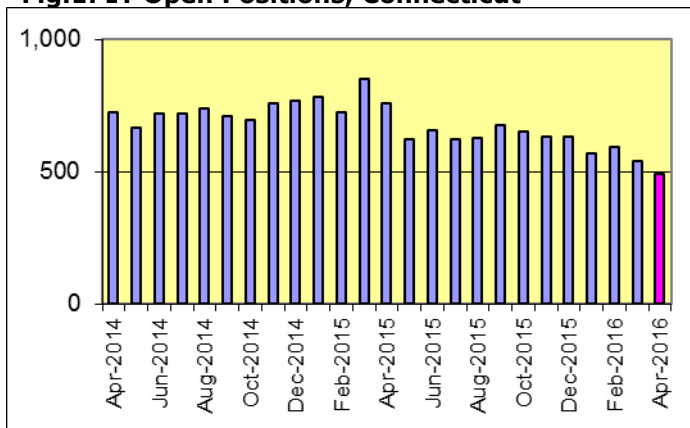
Labor demand declined from employers in healthcare, IT Service and Banking. The volume of posted job openings remained unchanged in HiTech an Insurances businesses.

The national average slipped slightly (down 0.8%) in April.

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

Apr 16	Mar 16	Feb 16	Apr 15	Apr 14
490	540	590	710	700

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



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

	Apr 16	Apr 15
<b>Total IT Job Market</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>710</b>
Software Development	130	140
IT Architects/Consultants	100	150
IT Management	80	150
Systems Eng./Support	70	140
Systems Administration	40	40
IT Sales and Marketing	30	40
Business/Process Design	20	40
Misc.IT Job Categories	20	10

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

	Apr 16	Apr 15
Business Analysis	170	250
SQL	160	230
Oracle DBMS	140	180
Java	100	140
Large system technologies	100	120
Unix	90	120
Web Services	80	70
Flash	80	50
Windows OS	80	70
Linux	70	100
Microsoft SQL Server	70	80
Offshore team coordination	70	80
XML	70	70
JavaScript	60	60
Mainframe	60	70



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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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