

**SHORT
TERM
IT JOB
TRENDS**

Connecticut ▲
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IT job openings eased back last month. Employers in Connecticut posted a daily average of 500 openings for IT professionals. That is 4.2% more than in September. Highest

priority of employers is Software Development where demand grew 7.7% over the past 30 days. Looking at what employers are looking for over the past 12 months we find that Software Development is the only occupational category that has grown. Other categories we track have declined or are stagnant since last year. Nevertheless, driving on I95 signs are very visible of the apparent need. Datto, one of Connecticut's premier technology startups continues to advertise on billboards their search for IT talent.

Last month, demand grew from employers in Healthcare, IT Services and HiTech. We found fewer job openings from employers in Insurance and Banking.

The national IT job market remained unchanged in October.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Oct 16	Sep 16	Aug 16	Oct 15	Oct 14
500	480	530	660	690

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*

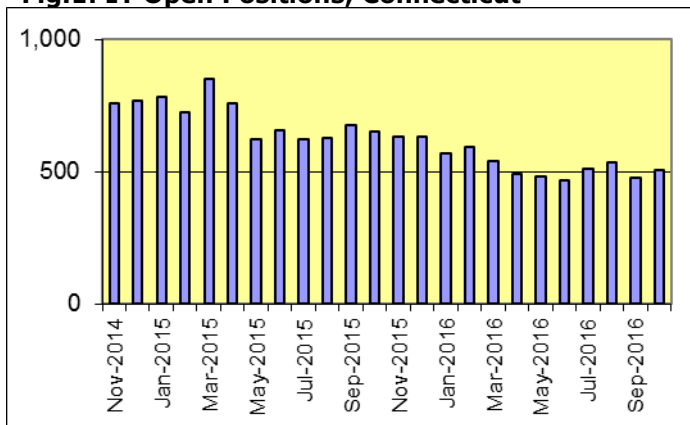


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Oct 16	Oct 15
Total IT Job Market	500	660
Software Development	140	130
IT Architects/Consultants	80	170
IT Management	80	110
Systems Eng./Support	80	110
Systems Administration	50	50
IT Sales and Marketing	30	50
Business/Process Design	20	20
Misc.IT Job Categories	20	10

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

	Oct 16	Oct 15
SQL	170	150
Business Analysis	160	210
Oracle DBMS	140	100
Java	120	120
Large system technologies	120	110
Unix	90	80
Linux	80	80
Web Services	80	90
Mainframe	80	60
Offshore team coordination	70	50
Windows OS	70	80
XML	60	60
Microsoft SQL Server	60	60
DB2 (IBM)	50	40
C++/VC++	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>.