

**SHORT
TERM
IT JOB
TRENDS**

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

Heading into the last quarter of the year, the IT job market in Connecticut dropped slightly. The number of posted opportunities declined 9.4% from August.

This is a drop of 40 advertised job openings over the last 30 days. Employers may still not feel optimistic enough to post more needs. Job postings are an indicator whether employers feel optimistic or not. If they predict more business ahead they post more job openings hoping business will come and they are ready to hire. It also means that more job openings are posted than jobs will be available because there is no downside to posting too many openings.

Payroll data from the Connecticut Department of Labor shows that the Information sector has lost 1,000 jobs since April. Another IT heavy sector, Financial Services has lost 1,100 jobs since June after a nice build up earlier this year.

The national IT job market lost 0.5% in September.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Sep 16	Aug 16	Jul 16	Sep 15	Sep 14
480	530	510	580	710

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*

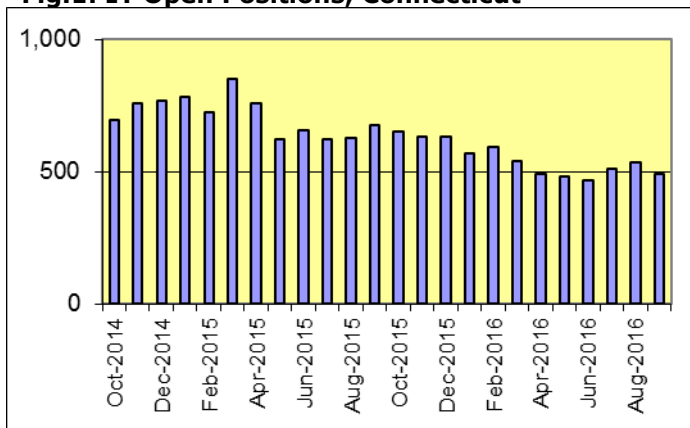


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Sep 16	Sep 15
Total IT Job Market	480	580
Software Development	130	110
IT Architects/Consultants	80	160
IT Management	80	100
Systems Eng./Support	80	110
Systems Administration	40	40
IT Sales and Marketing	30	30
Business/Process Design	20	20
Misc.IT Job Categories	20	10

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

	Sep 16	Sep 15
Business Analysis	170	230
SQL	150	160
Oracle DBMS	130	110
Java	110	120
Large system tech	110	120
Unix	80	90
Web Services	80	100
Mainframe	80	70
Linux	70	80
C++/VC++	60	50
XML	60	70
Offshore team coordination	60	80
HTML	50	70
OO (analysis / design / programming)	50	40
Microsoft SQL Server	50	80



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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>.