

SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS	Connecticut	●
	Massachusetts	●
	New York Metro	●
	National	●

There is lack of optimism in the current IT job market in Connecticut. The number of job openings for IT professionals dropped 12.3% in May ringing in the slower summer season.

Last year in May the IT job market corrected downward in a similar way. The difference is that today's IT labor demand is about a third lower.

Surprisingly, employers in Healthcare were the biggest contributors to the drop. So far employers in this industry were the support of the IT job market in Connecticut after employers in Financial Services left the market last year. Now it seems that employers in Financial Services are regaining interest. Their IT labor demand is on the rise since the beginning of the year. Unfortunately these new job opportunities do not yet compensate for the losses.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

May 12	Apr 12	Mar 12	May 11	May 10
640	730	770	920	930

The technology job market in Massachusetts is also retreating. Job seekers there faced 4.8% fewer opportunities. The New York Metro area improved slightly (up 1.3%). The national average held steady with an insignificant drop (0.3%).

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*

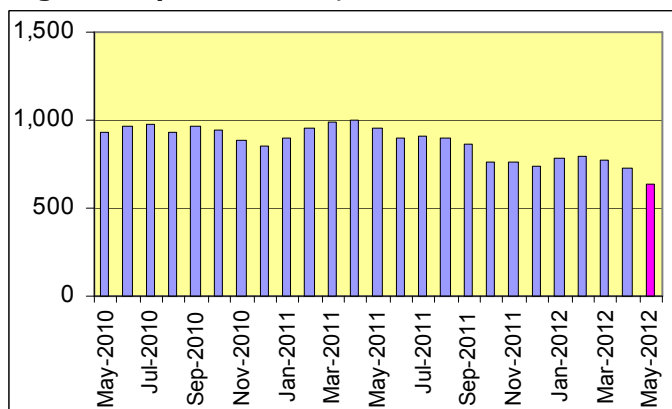


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	May 12	May 11
Total IT Job Market	640	920
IT Management	170	250
Software Development	130	160
Systems Eng./Support	120	200
IT Architects/Consultants	120	150
Systems Administration	50	70
IT Sales and Marketing	20	40
Business/Process Design	20	50
Training/Tech Writing	10	10

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

	May 12	May 11
Business Analysis	160	210
SQL	130	180
Windows OS	110	130
Large system technologies	100	170
Oracle DBMS	90	160
Java	90	160
Linux	90	80
Microsoft SQL Server	80	100
C++/VC++	80	80
Unix	70	100
Offshore team coordination	60	90
XML	60	90
Mainframe	50	80
SAP	40	20
DB2 (IBM)	40	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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