

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

Labor demand for technology workers did not develop as expected over the past 30 days. Employers in Connecticut slowed new job postings for IT talent, adding only 2.1% more opportunities to their listings. This is quite disappointing since there are only three more months until vacations time. Rising energy cost not seen since 2008 may be part of the reason why employers are cautious and take more time before making a hiring decision. On the positive side, a new study of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) shows that more employers are planning to hire in the 2nd quarter than during the same time last year.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Mar 11	Feb 11	Jan 11	Mar 10	Mar 09
990	970	850	750	580

The IT labor markets in the New York Metro area and Massachusetts showed similar developments as in Connecticut. Also here increases in demand were below expectations. Employers in the Big Apple posted 4.3% more openings where as in The Bay State job opportunities increased only 3.7%. The national daily average of IT job openings increased 2.5%.

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*

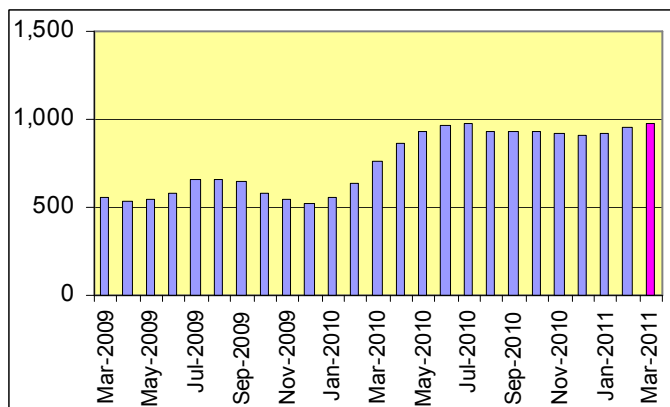


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Mar 11	Mar 10
Total IT Job Market	990	750
IT Management	250	180
Software Development	210	190
Systems Eng./Support	190	150
IT Architects/Consultants	170	140
Systems Administration	60	20
IT Sales and Marketing	40	40
Business/Process Design	40	30
Training/Tech Writing	10	0
Hardware Engineering	0	0

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

	Mar 11	Mar 10
Business Analysis	240	180
Java	200	160
SQL	200	180
Oracle DBMS	180	150
Large system technologies	170	150
Windows OS	120	100
C++/VC++	120	110
Unix	110	100
Microsoft SQL Server	110	90
Web Services	110	60
Linux	100	60
XML	100	70
Offshore team coordination	90	70
Mainframe	90	100
C#	80	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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