

**SHORT
TERM
IT JOB
TRENDS**

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

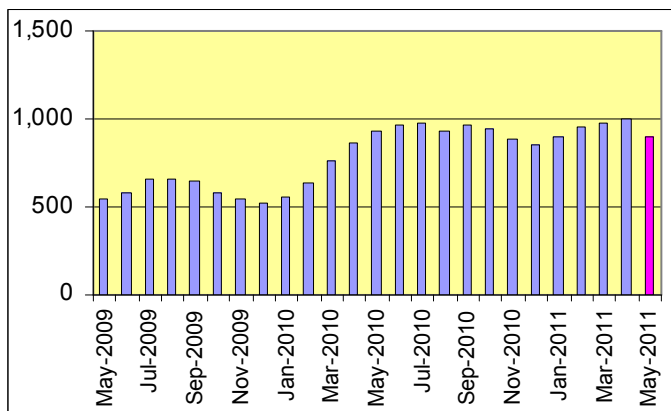
Bad news for Connecticut's IT job seekers: After April's good news of increased availability of job openings, employers pulled back in May following a broader trend in the job market. The number of job openings in Connecticut declined 9.8% in May effectively erasing gains made in April. The drop of job openings was across industries. It also puts us back to a level of labor demand we saw a year ago. It is tough out there.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

May 11	Apr 11	Mar 11	May 10	May 09
920	1,030	990	930	490

Unlike Connecticut which had steady gains since the beginning of the year, neighboring job markets went slower and peaked earlier. Demand for technology workers in the New York City Metro area remained the same in May as compared to April (up 0.3%). There was no excitement in Massachusetts either (down 0.6%). The national average reflected the current anemic situation rising only 0.7%.

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*



The only bright spot in demand is for Systems Engineers / Support where the number of job opening increased 5.3%.

Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	May 11	May 10
Total IT Job Market	920	930
IT Management	250	250
Systems Eng./Support	200	200
Software Development	160	200
IT Architects/Consultants	150	150
Systems Administration	70	30
Business/Process Design	50	30
IT Sales and Marketing	40	50
Training/Tech Writing	10	0
Misc.IT Job Categories	20	20

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

	May 11	May 10
Business Analysis	210	200
SQL	180	190
Large system technologies	170	100
Oracle DBMS	160	180
Java	160	170
Windows OS	130	100
Microsoft SQL Server	100	90
Unix	100	110
Offshore team coordination	90	60
XML	90	60
Web Services	90	50
C++/VC++	80	130
Linux	80	80
Mainframe	80	70
DB2 (IBM)	70	60



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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>.