

SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS

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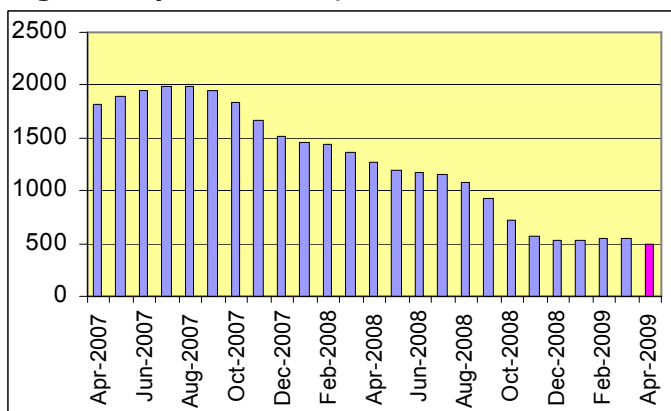
While the first quarter showed a few signs of hope, the IT job market in Connecticut remains flat as predicted in our earlier reports. Employers in the state posted 10.3% fewer job opportunities as compared to March. Posting volume came in at a daily average of 520 job vacancies. We expect demand to stay at this level with additional weakness during the summer.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Apr 08	Apr 07
520	580	530	1,170	1,810

Neighboring IT job markets continue to stabilize. Demand for technology workers in New York City increased 6.8% making it the second month of positive growth after a year long decline. The IT job market in Massachusetts continued to decline at a slower pace. We expect job market there to bottom out soon. The national IT job market declined 1.9% compared to March.

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut



Demand for most job categories declined, reversing gains from the previous month. Only demand for IT Management, which includes project management, remained unchanged.

Demand for classic technology skills continued to dominate employers' wish list. The exception is SOA and Web Services, which are typically tied to long-term projects.

*) Estimated monthly averages are based on actual count of job openings.

Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Apr 09	Apr 08
Total IT Job Market	520	1170
IT Management	120	310
Systems Eng./Support	120	260
Software Development	100	230
IT Architects/Consultants	80	170
Systems Administration	30	40
IT Sales and Marketing	30	60
Business/Process Design	20	70
Training/Tech Writing	0	20
Misc.IT Job Categories	10	20

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

	Apr 09	Apr 08
SQL	130	290
Large system technologies	130	200
Business Analysis	120	270
Oracle DBMS	110	230
Unix	110	190
Mainframe	90	100
Windows OS	90	170
DB2 (IBM)	70	110
Java	70	160
Microsoft SQL Server	60	130
XML	60	120
Web Services	60	70
SOA (Service Oriented Architecture)	50	50
C++/VC++	50	50
ETL	50	40



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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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