

SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS	Connecticut	↓
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The events in the financial markets in early October and the resulting negative impact on payrolls of employers in the financial services industry have shaped work force demand over

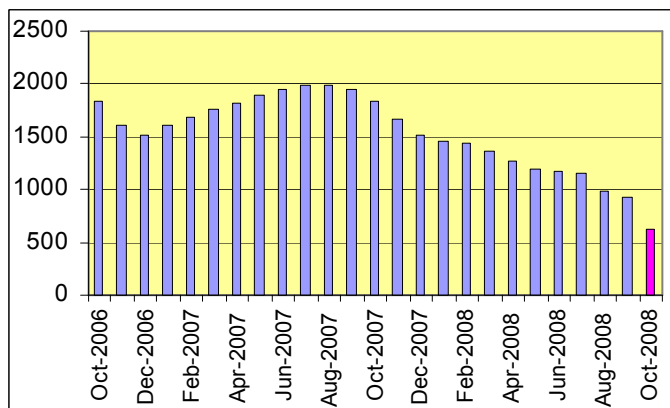
the past four weeks. The ripple effects on other industries are just beginning. In Connecticut, employers reduced their demand for new hires by 33.3% leaving a growing number of IT job seekers with just 660 (estimate) to choose from. We expect the IT job market to continue its downward trend at least until the end of this year.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Oct 07	Oct 06
660	990	1,080	1,820	1,820

In the New York Metro area, demand for new IT workers declined 5.4%, much more moderate than in Connecticut. This may be due to the fact that the IT job market in this area saw steep declines already earlier this year. At a national level, the number of IT job vacancies declined 8.8%

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut



Demand for all IT job categories declined significantly. Only positions in IT Management (down 29.2%) stayed below the state wide average. Reduced demand for technology skills was in line with the drop in job vacancies.

*) 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>.

Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Oct 08	Oct 07
Total IT Job Market	660	1820
IT Management	170	520
Systems Eng./Support	150	410
Software Development	120	310
IT Architects/Consultants	90	250
IT Sales and Marketing	50	60
Systems Administration	40	100
Business/Process Design	20	120
Training/Tech Writing	10	20
Misc.IT Job Categories	10	30

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

	Oct 08	Oct 07
SQL	170	480
Business Analysis	130	370
Large system technologies	130	270
Oracle DBMS	120	380
Unix	90	310
Java	80	280
Windows OS	80	220
Microsoft SQL Server	80	160
Mainframe	60	100
XML	60	140
VB/VB.NET	50	140
DB2 (IBM)	50	120
OO (analysis / design / programming)	50	120
Linux	50	100
HTML	40	80



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