

<b>SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS</b>	<b>Connecticut</b>	●
	<b>Massachusetts</b>	●
	<b>New York Metro</b>	●
	<b>National</b>	●

Demand for IT specialists in Connecticut continues to disappoint. In October, the number of IT job openings declined 10.6% leaving job seekers with 760 opportunities (estimate). This is the lowest demand since March 2010.

All industry sectors retreated except Pharmaceuticals where we found a small improvement.

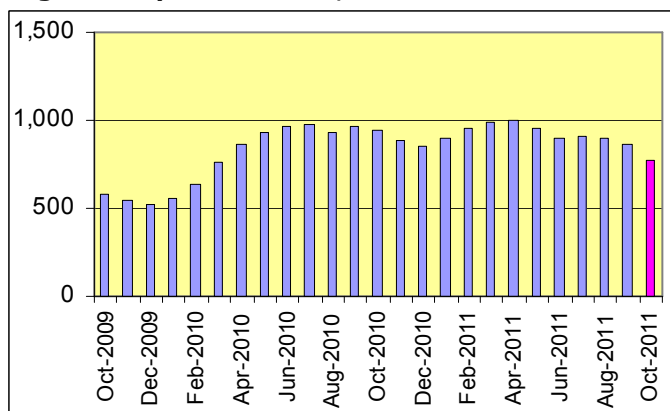
**Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut\***

Oct 11	Sep 11	Aug 11	Oct 10	Oct 09
760	850	930	950	560

The Connecticut job market tends to receive some spillover effects from the New York Metro area. The Big Apple lost significant demand for IT labor (down 20.5%) last month. The New York Comptroller expects that Wall Street will lose 10,000 jobs by the end of 2012.

In Massachusetts, the IT job market was basically unchanged (down 0.2%). The national job market declined 3.0%. Nevertheless, losses in labor demand may be slowing and the job market may stabilize towards the end of the year.

**Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut\***



\*) 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 11	Oct 10
<b>Total IT Job Market</b>	760	950
IT Management	190	270
IT Architects/Consultants	180	160
Systems Eng./Support	140	170
Software Development	110	180
Systems Administration	50	30
Business/Process Design	50	40
IT Sales and Marketing	20	60
Training/Tech Writing	10	10
Hardware Engineering	0	0

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

	Oct 11	Oct 10
Business Analysis	190	230
Large system technologies	170	140
SQL	160	170
Oracle DBMS	150	140
Microsoft SQL Server	110	70
Java	110	180
Web Services	100	70
Mainframe	100	50
Windows OS	90	120
XML	90	80
Offshore team coordination	80	90
Linux	70	90
DB2 (IBM)	70	50
Unix	70	140
C++/VC++	60	130



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