

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

Year end brought no surprise to the IT job market in Connecticut. Employers posted 11.1% fewer opportunities for technology specialists in December as compared to November. A drop in job postings is a common sight in December as employers close out unfilled positions and prepare for the new business cycle. Nevertheless, there have been years with strong economic growth in the past when the job market continued to grow regardless of the season. This was the case in 2004 and 2005 when the economy recovered from the burst of the Internet bubble.

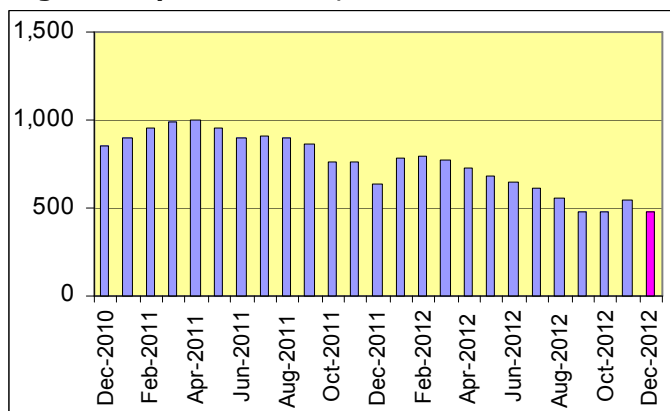
The bright light in December was growing IT labor demand from the Healthcare sector. After significant decline earlier this year, this industry has been posting more job openings for the third month in a row now. Job openings in the Insurance industry remained unchanged compared to November.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Dec 12	Nov 12	Oct 12	Dec 11	Dec 10
480	540	480	730	820

The IT job market in the New York Metro area lost 7.0% of its volume. The national average declined 3.0% in December.

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*

	Dec 12	Dec 11
Total IT Job Market	480	730
IT Architects/Consultants	120	170
Software Development	100	120
IT Management	90	190
Systems Eng./Support	70	130
IT Sales and Marketing	40	20
Systems Administration	40	30
Business/Process Design	10	40
Training/Tech Writing	10	10
Misc.IT Job Categories	20	0

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

	Dec 12	Dec 11
SQL	150	190
Business Analysis	130	180
Oracle DBMS	100	110
Java	90	110
Microsoft SQL Server	80	110
Large system technologies	80	140
Windows OS	80	110
Unix	60	60
C++/VC++	50	70
C#	50	50
Offshore team coordination	50	80
XML	40	80
Linux	40	50
DB2 (IBM)	40	60
Mainframe	40	100



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