

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

The IT job market in Connecticut did not improve in March. Employers kept their labor demand for IT specialists at the same level as in February. This disappoints because it is during the first few months in the year when employers signal their expectations for the current business cycle. If they feel that they need more help this year they will express it now by posting more job openings every month until April or May. After that the summer season will provide little change. The fall may have some more activity but it's not guaranteed.

Job market participation of the different industry sectors was mixed: While employers in Healthcare and IT Services increased the number of job openings, the need for staff in Insurance, HiTech and Banking declined.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Mar 13	Feb 13	Jan 12	Mar 12	Mar 11
530	530	520	770	990

The IT job markets in Massachusetts and New York City improved in March. In Massachusetts employers posted 1.3% more employment opportunities while in the Big Apple the need increased 13.7%. Nationwide IT job opportunities increased 2.3%.

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*

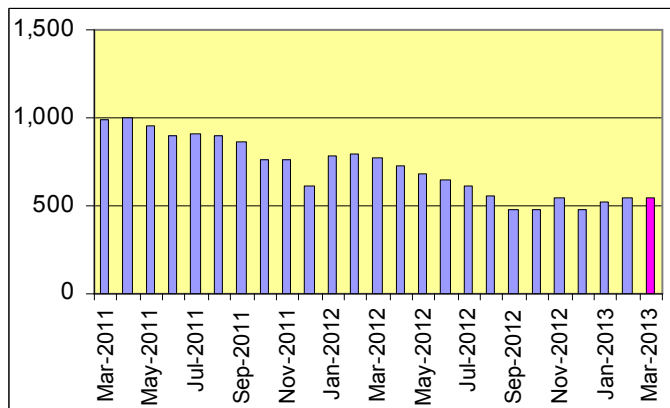


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Mar 13	Mar 12
Total IT Job Market	530	770
IT Architects/Consultants	120	170
IT Management	110	210
Software Development	110	120
Systems Eng./Support	110	150
Systems Administration	20	50
IT Sales and Marketing	20	10
Business/Process Design	10	40
Misc.IT Job Categories	20	10

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

	Mar 13	Mar 12
Business Analysis	180	220
SQL	150	150
Oracle DBMS	120	100
Java	120	100
Offshore team coordination	90	40
Windows OS	90	100
Large system technologies	90	170
Unix	80	50
C++/VC++	70	70
Microsoft SQL Server	70	100
Linux	60	70
XML	60	70
Flash	60	0
Mainframe	50	80
C#	50	30



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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>.



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