

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

The IT job market retreated in January after four consecutive months of growth. Employers posted 650 job opportunities for IT professionals in the state. This is 4.4% less than in December.

Year-over-year the job market grew 25% suggesting that there is some positive movement for local job seekers. Last year was as bad as 2009 the height of the recession. Whether the recent improvements of labor demand will continue remains to be seen. Our indicators suggest that the job market will do better in February as employers tend to post more job openings during the first quarter.

In January, employers in HiTech and Insurance kept their level of labor demand unchanged compared with December while companies in IT Services added job postings. Two large sectors, Health Care and Financial Services posted fewer job openings.

In Massachusetts the IT job market declined 5.2% while the New York Metro area improved by 2.3%. Nationwide the IT job market lost 3.8%.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Jan 14	Dec 13	Nov 13	Jan 13	Jan 12
650	680	670	520	770

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*

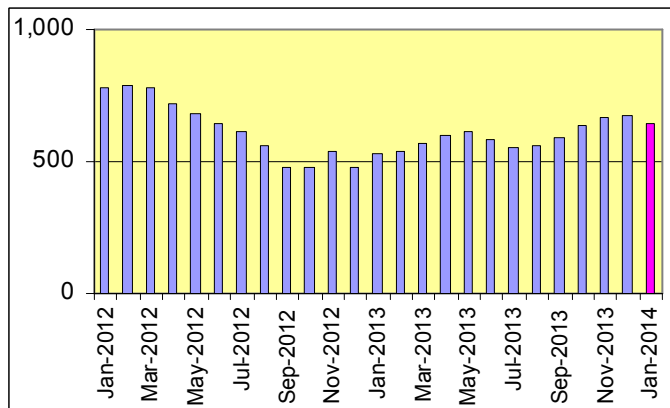


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Jan 14	Jan 13
Total IT Job Market	650	520
Software Development	150	90
IT Architects/Consultants	150	130
Systems Eng./Support	140	90
IT Management	90	120
Systems Administration	40	20
Business/Process Design	30	10
IT Sales and Marketing	20	30
Misc.IT Job Categories	10	20

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

	Jan 14	Jan 13
Business Analysis	180	170
SQL	170	150
Java	140	90
Oracle DBMS	130	90
Large system technologies	130	70
C++/VC++	110	40
Unix	110	50
Windows OS	100	70
Linux	90	40
Microsoft SQL Server	80	70
XML	80	40
Mainframe	80	40
Flash	80	20
JavaScript	70	30
Web Services	70	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>.