

SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS

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Labor demand for IT professionals dipped again last month. In February, employers reduced their posted openings by 1.5% leaving IT professionals with a daily average of 640

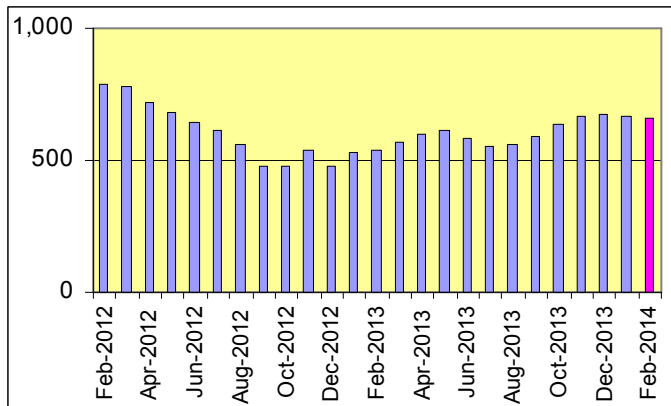
opportunities. The anemic IT job market leads the slow growth of IT employment in the state. The last report of the Bureau of Labor Statistic indicates that Connecticut has not recovered yet from the past recession. Low job posting volume over the past year suggests that the recovery maybe currently progressing slower than right after the end of the past recession in 2010. IT employment in the state reached a low point in 2011 but increased in 2012. For 2013 we expect the Bureau of Labor Statistic to report slow growth in IT employment if any.

Some industries added job postings. They included Financial Services/Banking, IT Services and Healthcare. Other sectors had fewer job postings than in January including Insurance and HiTech employers. The national IT job market remained unchanged compared to January.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Feb 14	Jan 14	Dec 13	Feb 13	Feb 12
640	650	680	530	800

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*

	Feb 14	Feb 13
Total IT Job Market	640	530
Systems Eng./Support	160	110
IT Architects/Consultants	140	120
IT Management	110	100
Software Development	110	110
Systems Administration	40	20
Business/Process Design	30	20
IT Sales and Marketing	20	30
Misc.IT Job Categories	10	20

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

	Feb 14	Feb 13
Business Analysis	200	180
SQL	190	150
Oracle DBMS	140	110
Java	130	120
Large system technologies	130	80
Windows OS	110	80
C++/VC++	110	70
Unix	110	60
Linux	90	40
Microsoft SQL Server	90	70
Offshore team coordination	90	70
Flash	90	50
Mainframe	80	50
XML	80	50
Web Services	70	30



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