

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

The IT job market in Connecticut improved slightly in March. Employers posted 3.1% more job openings for technology professionals than in February. This brings the average daily number of posted job openings to 660, a far cry from where labor demand for technology workers in the state used to be. Never between 2004 and the onset of the last recession did labor demand dip below 1000 job openings. Now it seems getting to 1000 job openings may be a very slow crawl. Nevertheless, during the first quarter of this year job openings are up compared to the same time last year when the average daily job market was about 100 job openings smaller.

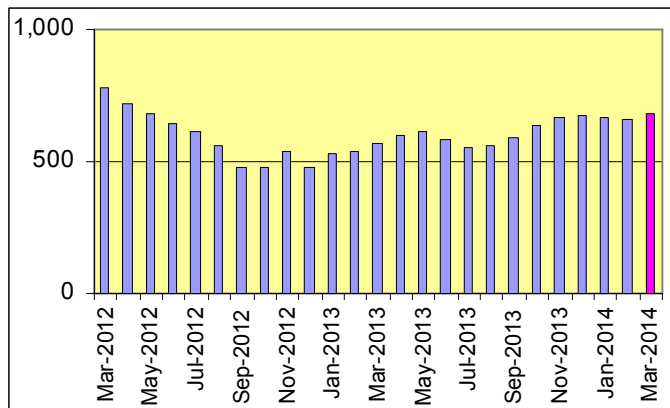
In March, we saw increased market participation from employers in Financial Services / Banking as well as Insurance. Fewer job openings were posted by the HiTech and IT Services sectors. Healthcare remained unchanged from February.

The national IT job market grew 0.8% in March.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Mar 14	Feb 14	Jan 14	Mar 13	Mar 12
660	640	650	530	770

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*

	Mar 14	Mar 13
Total IT Job Market	660	530
Systems Eng./Support	160	110
IT Architects/Consultants	140	120
IT Management	140	110
Software Development	120	110
Systems Administration	40	20
Business/Process Design	20	10
IT Sales and Marketing	20	20
Misc.IT Job Categories	20	20

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

	Mar 14	Mar 13
Business Analysis	210	180
SQL	180	150
Large system technologies	150	90
Oracle DBMS	140	120
Java	120	120
Unix	110	80
C++/VC++	100	70
Offshore team coord.	100	90
Linux	90	60
XML	90	60
Mainframe	90	50
Windows OS	90	90
Web Services	80	40
Microsoft SQL Server	80	70
ETL	60	40



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