

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

The signs of summer were in effect last month with the labor market for IT skills in Connecticut showing no change. Employers in the state kept their job openings but did not add any.

While posted openings reflect true needs of real companies, the number of opportunities may not be large enough for more workers to apply. People with the right skills want to have many job opportunities in one location like Hartford, Stamford or New Haven. Yet the density of job openings with established employers has not reached the level we had before the last recession. Hence, job seekers either leave or commute to New York City where the job market for technology skills has more than recovered.

Last month, employers in HiTech, IT Services and Healthcare posted more job openings. These were offset by fewer posted opportunities in Financial Services.

The national average changed little (-0.7%) in July.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Jul 14	Jun 14	May 14	Jul 13	Jul 12
720	720	660	560	620

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*

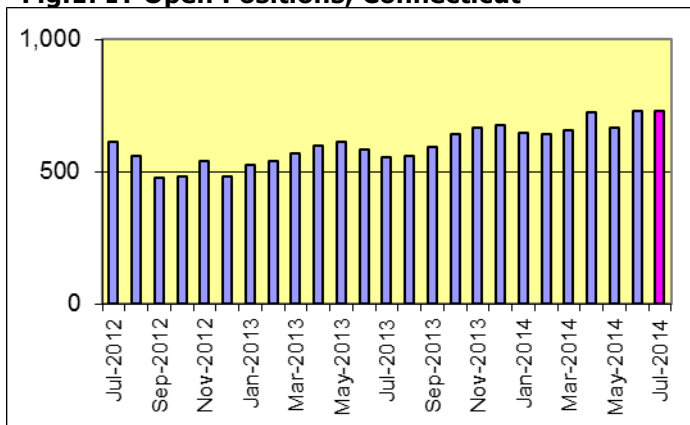


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Jul 14	Jul 13
Total IT Job Market	720	560
IT Management	200	100
Systems Eng./Support	140	100
Software Development	130	110
IT Architects/Consultants	110	150
Systems Administration	40	40
IT Sales and Marketing	40	40
Business/Process Design	20	10
Training/Tech Writing	10	10

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

	Jul 14	Jul 13
Business Analysis	200	180
SQL	180	150
Oracle DBMS	140	120
Large system technologies	140	130
Java	130	100
Windows OS	110	90
Linux	100	70
Offshore team coordination	100	70
Unix	90	80
Microsoft SQL Server	80	70
Web Services	80	50
Mainframe	80	80
Flash	80	110
XML	70	60
C++/VC++	70	50



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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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