SkillPROOF™ Connecticut IT Job Trends

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SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS	
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The Connecticut IT labor market continued to expand in January. Employers posted a daily average of 780 positions for job seekers in the state. This is 4.0% more than in December. This confirms the positive trend we are seeing with labor demand growing now for the fourth month in a row. Nevertheless, Connecticut is still lagging neighboring job markets New York City and Massachusetts where job openings for IT professionals have been increasing at a much higher rate over the past year.

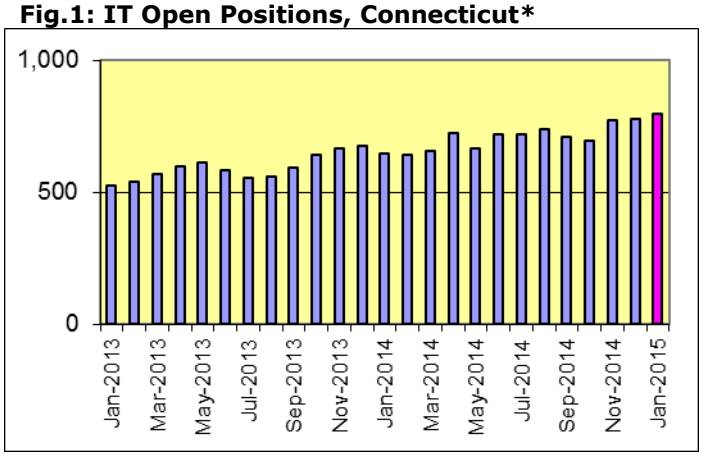
Last month, the clearest signal for growth came from employers in Healthcare. Companies in this sector showed a significant increase of IT job postings on their corporate websites. Employers in IT Services also posted more while employers in HiTech and Financial Services remained unchanged.

The national average increase 2.3% in January.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Jan 15	Dec 14	Nov 14	Jan 14	Jan 13
780	750	760	650	520

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*



*) Estimated monthly averages are based on actual count of job openings.

Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Jan 15	Jan 14
Total IT Job Market	780	650
IT Management	230	90
IT Architects/Consultants	160	150
Software Development	140	150
Systems Eng./Support	140	140
Systems Administration	30	40
Business/Process Design	30	30
IT Sales and Marketing	20	20
Misc.IT Job Categories	10	10

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

	Jan 15	Jan 14
Business Analysis	280	180
SQL	220	170
Oracle DBMS	180	130
Java	160	140
Large system technologies	130	130
Unix	120	110
Offshore team coordination	110	70
Windows OS	110	100
Linux	100	90
C++/VC++	90	110
Web Services	90	70
ETL	90	60
Mainframe	80	80
JavaScript	80	70
SOA (Service Oriented Architecture)	80	40

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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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