

**SHORT
TERM
IT JOB
TRENDS**

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Fall is here and the IT job market is improving incrementally. We saw few changes in September with employers posting a daily average of 680 opportunities for IT professionals. This is 7.9%

more than in August but that relative increase does not help much. The situation for IT professionals remains tense with a much diminished plate of opportunities around. While technology startups are forming they do not produce the number of jobs in their field that would be required to make a difference in people's perception. CT DOL reported payroll statistics show a flat line in the Information sector since 2010 without signs of improvement. Financial Services, a key employer of IT skills began hiring this year for the first time after steady decline since 2011.

Looking at labor demand posted as job openings on corporate websites we found that most industries had more opportunities in September than in August. This includes Banking, HiTech, IT Services and Healthcare. There were fewer job postings in the Insurance sector.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Sep 15	Aug 15	Jul 15	Sep 14	Sep 13
680	630	620	710	590

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*

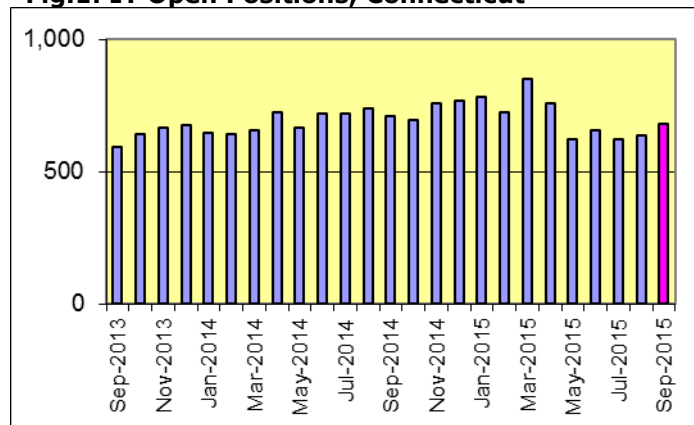


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Sep 15	Sep 14
Total IT Job Market	680	710
IT Architects/Consultants	160	140
Software Development	140	120
Systems Eng./Support	120	120
IT Management	110	200
Systems Administration	50	40
IT Sales and Marketing	40	30
Business/Process Design	30	20
Misc.IT Job Categories	30	30

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

	Sep 15	Sep 14
Business Analysis	230	200
SQL	160	200
Java	120	140
Large system technologies	120	110
Oracle DBMS	110	160
Web Services	100	80
Unix	90	110
Microsoft SQL Server	80	70
Linux	80	90
Offshore team coordination	80	90
Windows OS	80	100
HTML	70	40
XML	70	70
Mainframe	70	60
JavaScript	60	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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