

SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS

North Carolina ↓
 Raleigh ○
 Charlotte ↓
 National ↓

The year 2008 ended with another significant drop of IT job openings in North Carolina. Caused by economic and seasonal conditions, employers reduced employment

opportunities by 30.8%. This left IT job seekers with 1,390 vacancies (estimate) to choose from. Compared with 2007 (annual average), employers posted 34.5% fewer IT job openings in 2008.

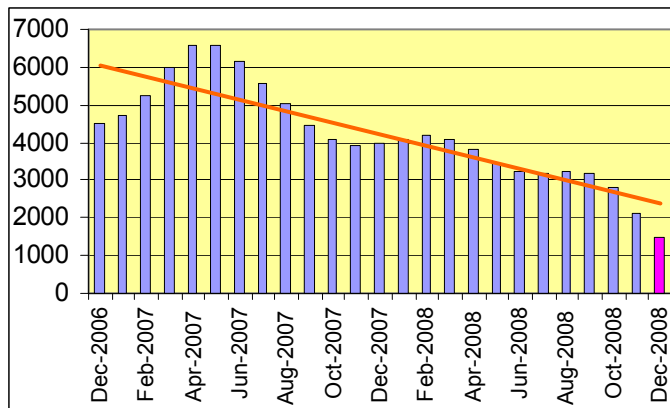
Going forward, we believe the IT job market will be flat in 2009 due to the uncertain economic outlook.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, North Carolina*

Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Dec 07	Dec 06
1,390	2,010	2,960	3,970	4,410

While the IT job market in Charlotte declined in line with the state wide development, the contraction of available job openings was not quite as severe in Raleigh where employers posted 14.3% fewer vacancies. In December, the national IT job market declined 15.1%.

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, North Carolina



IT job seekers should focus on skills with high growth demand like SOA, open source technologies, Virtualization and Microsoft Sharepoint in order to stay competitive.

Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Dec 08	Dec 07
Total IT Job Market	1390	3970
Systems Eng./Support	460	1180
Software Development	310	630
IT Architects/Consultants	140	580
IT Management	130	570
Systems Administration	130	240
IT Sales and Marketing	110	310
Business/Process Design	40	110
Training/Tech Writing	40	70
Hardware Engineering	10	220

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

	Dec 08	Dec 07
SQL	250	630
Windows OS	230	550
Oracle DBMS	190	290
C++/VC++	170	320
Java	140	450
Microsoft SQL Server	130	230
Unix	120	570
Windows NT/2000/2003 Server	110	150
XML	110	240
Linux	100	410
Business Analysis	100	420
SAP	80	50
CCNA	80	140
MCSE	70	150
OO (analysis / design / programming)	70	60



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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>.