

SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS	North Carolina	●
	Raleigh	●
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	National	●

December had a nice surprise in store for job seekers in North Carolina. Demand for IT specialists rose 7.5% last month compared to November. The last month of the year typically

shows less demand. Not so this time. The increase of available positions may indicate that employers are more optimistic than previously thought and are now trying to get a head start on the new recruiting season.

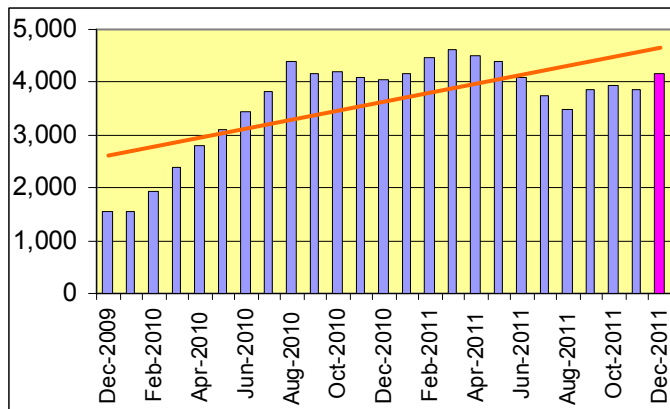
Employers in all sectors posted more job openings. This was most noticeable with employers in HiTech and Defense.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, North Carolina*

Dec 11	Nov 11	Oct 11	Dec 10	Dec 09
4,180	3,890	3,940	3,910	1,580

The development in North Carolina was not unique. Other states had similar results. This makes us more optimistic regarding the coming months. In North Carolina the general job market had higher losses than the IT job market over the past seven months. While IT job opportunities have begun to increase again the general job market has not turned around yet.

Fig. 1: IT Open Positions, North Carolina



The national IT job market lost 0.2% in December.

Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Dec 11	Dec 10
Total IT Job Market	4180	3910
Systems Eng./Support	1280	1110
Software Development	740	520
IT Architects/Consultants	670	670
IT Management	630	570
IT Sales and Marketing	380	460
Systems Administration	150	180
Hardware Engineering	150	180
Business/Process Design	80	110
Training/Tech Writing	40	80
Misc.IT Job Categories	60	40

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

	Dec 11	Dec 10
Unix	620	470
Windows OS	620	920
Oracle DBMS	560	670
Linux	530	470
SQL	530	490
Java	500	510
C++/VC++	440	530
Business Analysis	400	550
Large system technologies	340	360
ITIL (IT Infrastructure Library)	340	360
Microsoft SQL Server	340	250
Virtualization Tech	250	320
XML	240	210
C#	240	170
Web Services	230	150



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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>.