

<b>SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	●
	<b>Raleigh</b>	●
	<b>Charlotte</b>	●
	<b>National</b>	●

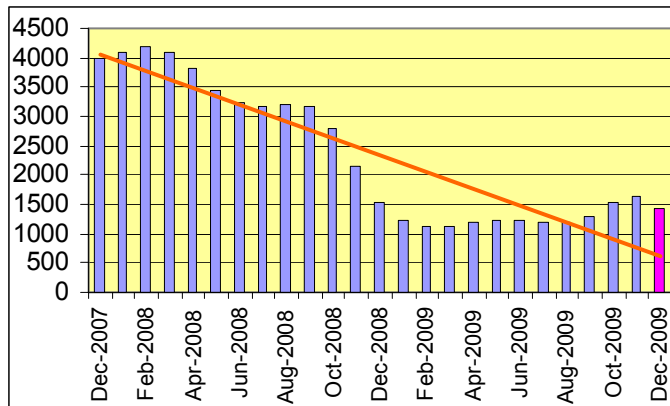
In December, the IT job market in North Carolina lost 10.7% of its job openings. Only employers in IT Services posted more opportunities than in November. Most of the loss in December is seasonal (many employers clean up their job databases at the end of the year). Demand growth over the next several months will provide an indication about the speed of the IT job market recovery. The size of the current IT job market is still less than 40% of what it was in December 2007.

**Table 1: IT Job Openings, North Carolina\***

Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Dec 08	Dec 07
1,580	1,770	1,440	1,390	3,970

Demand for IT workers in Charlotte and Raleigh was mixed. Compared to November, there were more job postings last month in Raleigh while employers in Charlotte posted fewer opportunities. The national IT job market remained unchanged in December.

**Fig.1: IT Open Positions, North Carolina**



Job postings for all job categories declined except for IT professionals in Sales and Marketing (up 36.4%). Categories Systems Engineering / Support (down 5.7%) and IT Management (down 5.3%) fared better than the IT job market average.

\*) Estimated monthly averages are based on actual count of job openings. Estimates for 9/09 and 8/09 have been revised.

**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>.

**Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category\***

	Dec 09	Dec 08
<b>Total IT Job Market</b>	1580	1390
Systems Eng./Support	500	460
Software Development	320	310
IT Architects/Consultants	190	140
IT Management	180	130
IT Sales and Marketing	150	110
Systems Administration	80	130
Business/Process Design	40	40
Hardware Engineering	30	10
Training/Tech Writing	20	40
Misc.IT Job Categories	70	40

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

	Dec 09	Dec 08
Oracle DBMS	230	220
Windows OS	230	270
C++/VC++	220	200
SQL	200	290
Java	180	170
Linux	170	120
Unix	140	140
Microsoft SQL Server	130	150
Large system technologies	120	60
Business Analysis	100	120
SAP	100	90
Peoplesoft	80	20
Perl	80	40
Windows NT/2000/2003 Server	70	130
MCSE	70	80



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