

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

As predicted last month employers in North Carolina stabilized their demand for additional IT specialists. The number of posted job openings increased 2.1% in October, a positive sign that the strong increase in September signaled a solid fall season ahead. For November we don't expect any large moves in the job market as employers begin to get ready for year end.

Employers in Defense were the only ones holding back in October. All others had more job openings than in September.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, North Carolina*

Oct 11	Sep 11	Aug 11	Oct 10	Oct 09
3,940	3,860	3,440	4,240	1,440

The regional markets Raleigh and Charlotte had mixed results. The Raleigh job market improved 6.3% in October while job openings in the Charlotte area declined 4.1%.

The national IT job market declined 3.0% in October indicating labor demand comparable to January of this year. A significant contributor to this decline is the weakening job market in the New York Metro area where Financial Services firms are expected to lay off staff in significant numbers over the next year.

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, North Carolina

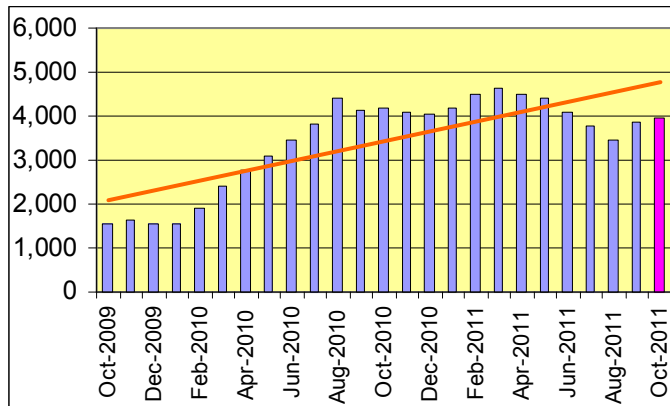


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Oct 11	Oct 10
Total IT Job Market	3940	4240
Systems Eng./Support	1310	1100
IT Architects/Consultants	760	830
Software Development	620	640
IT Management	530	620
IT Sales and Marketing	350	430
Systems Administration	130	210
Hardware Engineering	120	120
Business/Process Design	70	140
Training/Tech Writing	10	130
Misc.IT Job Categories	60	40

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

	Oct 11	Oct 10
Windows OS	690	880
SQL	620	620
Unix	530	460
Oracle DBMS	520	780
Java	470	570
C++/VC++	460	390
Linux	450	390
Microsoft SQL Server	350	320
Business Analysis	330	720
Large system tech.	310	480
Information Assurance	310	270
CCNA	300	120
ITIL	280	210
CISSP	240	110
Windows Server	230	150

* 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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