

**SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS**

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The economy is coming back but growth in job openings is slowing nationwide. This includes Georgia where employers added 5.1% new IT job opportunities to their listings.

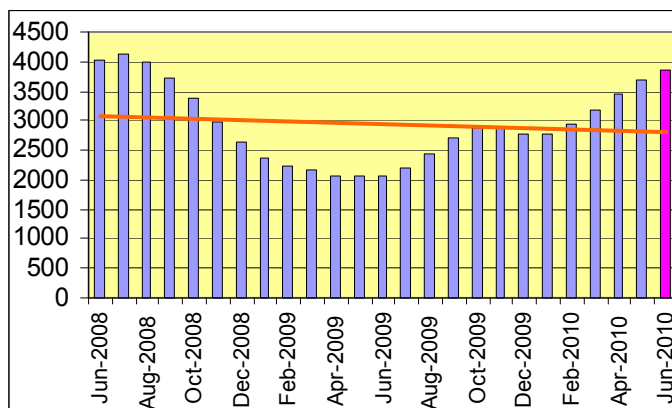
We expect the job market to further slow down as summer is a slow season for hiring and many take vacations. In addition, new economic worries like a stronger Dollar as well as the unknown consequences of the Gulf oil spill may hold employers back from adding staff. Nevertheless, two industry sectors in the state, IT Services and Financial Services are still looking for more workers as additional job postings indicate.

**Table 1: IT Job Openings, Georgia\***

Jun 10	May 10	Apr 10	Jun 09	Jun 08
3,890	3,700	3,350	2,100	4,080

The overall slow down in job posting growth is troubling in times of economic recovery since growth values should be 10% or more per month at the state level during this time as it was the case during the first months of the year. In June, the national IT job market grew only 3.0%.

**Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Georgia\***



On a positive note, demand for software developers increased 18.8% in June followed by IT Sales and Marketing (up 13.2%).

\*) Estimated monthly averages are based on actual count of job openings.

**Table 1: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category\***

	Jun 10	Jun 09
Total IT Job Market	3890	2100
Systems Eng./Support	900	550
IT Management	710	260
IT Architects/Consultants	700	330
Software Development	570	440
IT Sales and Marketing	430	140
Systems Administration	210	200
Business/Process Design	140	60
Training/Tech Writing	60	50
Hardware Engineering	30	10
Misc.IT Job Categories	150	50

**Table 2: Top 15 Needed Skills (Job Openings\*)**

	Jun 10	Jun 09
Windows OS	650	350
C++/VC++	610	290
Oracle DBMS	590	320
Java	530	300
SQL	520	360
Linux	470	190
Unix	430	220
Business Analysis	400	190
Microsoft SQL Server	330	270
XML	260	110
OO (analysis / design / programming)	230	230
A+	220	20
HTML	210	180
Information Assurance	210	70
SAP	190	100



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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>.