

**SHORT  
TERM  
IT JOB  
TRENDS**

**Georgia** ↑  
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The IT job market in Georgia expanded 5.4% in January compared to December. This is a strong 30-day gain which added to the growing demand we saw already in December. Employers

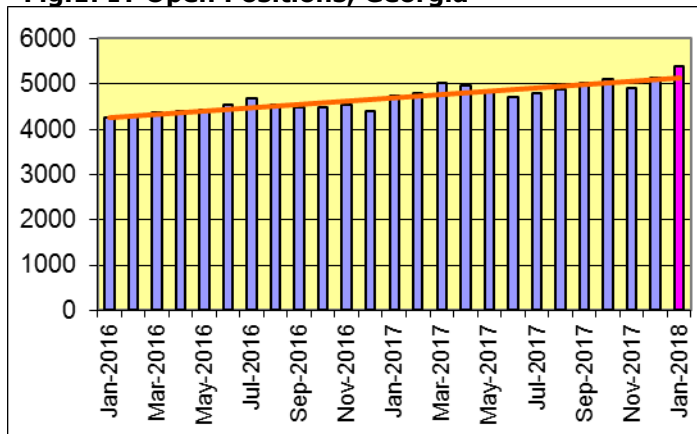
posted a daily average of 5,390 job openings for IT professionals in the state. Job opportunities in all categories increased except for Business/Process Design. Year over year, labor demand for IT professionals grew 14.0%. Since we began tracking the Georgia IT job market in 2004, demand has only been twice at this level: In 2006 job openings hovered at 5,500 and in 2011 employers posted about 5,300 daily opportunities.

Payroll in IT heavy sectors grew in 2017 according to the Department of Labor. The Information sector increased payroll by 3,700 jobs, Financial Services grew by 800 jobs and the Scientific and Technical segment of the Professional Services sector increased by 6,300 jobs.

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

| Jan 18 | Dec 17 | Nov 17 | Jan 17 | Jan 16 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 5,390  | 5,120  | 4,900  | 4,730  | 4,250  |

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



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

|                           | Jan 18 | Jan 17 |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| Total IT Job Market       | 5390   | 4730   |
| Systems Eng./Support      | 1280   | 1170   |
| Software Development      | 1250   | 810    |
| IT Architects/Consultants | 1000   | 700    |
| IT Management             | 550    | 650    |
| Business/Process Design   | 460    | 390    |
| Systems Administration    | 250    | 280    |
| Training/Tech Writing     | 250    | 240    |
| IT Sales and Marketing    | 200    | 240    |
| Misc.IT Job Categories    | 150    | 250    |

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

|                             | Dec 18 | Dec 17 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Java                        | 1070   | 750    |
| SQL                         | 910    | 1020   |
| Agile                       | 860    | 530    |
| Python                      | 850    | 400    |
| Linux                       | 740    | 720    |
| Javascript                  | 630    | 480    |
| CSS (Cascading Style Sheet) | 600    | 340    |
| Microsoft Sql Server        | 580    | 480    |
| C# Programming              | 440    | 320    |
| Microsoft .Net              | 400    | 350    |
| Relational Databases        | 400    | 330    |
| Application Development     | 370    | 250    |
| Unix Operating Systems      | 350    | 310    |
| SDLC                        | 350    | 460    |
| Information Security        | 340    | 350    |



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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>.



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