

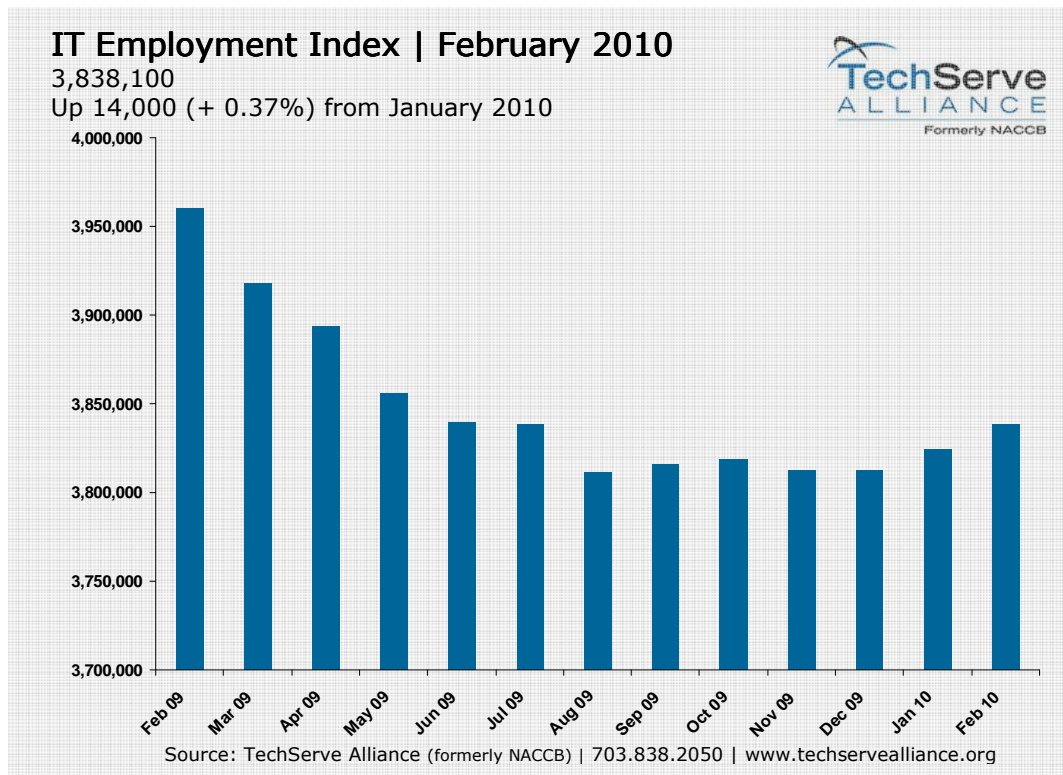
IT Employment Continues Recovery in February

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Alexandria, VA, March 5, 2010 – IT employment continued to grow in February according to TechServe Alliance, a collaboration of IT services firms, clients, consultants and suppliers.

IT employment stood at more than 3.8 million jobs last month, reflecting a strong .37 percent increase over the previous month. The February increase follows on the heels of a 0.3 percent increase in IT employment in January. Despite strong sequential growth the last two months, on a year-over-year basis, IT employment is still about 3 percent lower than it was in February 2009.



After peaking in November 2008, IT employment continued to drop through August 2009. Subsequently, IT employment had remained essentially flat until January's increase.

"Following January's encouraging IT employment report, February's accelerating growth strongly suggests last month's positive numbers were not an anomaly" observed Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance.

"Posting an increase of over 25,000 IT jobs during the first two months of the year is both heartening and a positive harbinger for the future. I believe the data reflects renewed optimism among business leaders as they reverse recession-driven cutbacks and tackle

critical IT projects that had been temporarily shelved. We expect to see an improving environment for both IT services and their affiliated professionals as the year unfolds,” commented Roberts.

IT jobs are found in virtually every sector and industry in varying degrees. The following table presents information about the total number of jobs in certain sectors that provide a significant amount of employment for IT professionals as well as to the number of all jobs.

Comparisons of TechServe Alliance's IT Employment Index to employment in some key sectors with significant numbers of IT jobs as well as to all jobs					
February 2010	TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index	Computer systems and design services	Securities commodity contracts investments	Telecommunications	All jobs
Number of jobs	3,838,100	1,443,500	790,800	949,000	129,526,000
Change from previous month	+ 0.37%	+ 0.56%	- 0.32%	- 0.40%	- 0.03%
Change from same month, one year earlier	- 3.10%	+ 0.83%	- 4.94%	- 4.46%	- 2.48%
<i>Note: All figures are subject to revision</i>					
Sources: Department of Labor/U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and TechServe Alliance (formerly NACCB)					

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Technical note: TechServe Alliance's IT Employment Index is the first, specific measurement of IT employment. This unique measurement of total IT employment is created monthly by studying the ongoing staffing patterns of a dozen IT and computer-related occupations in 16 industries and industry sectors employing significant numbers of IT workers including the manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, financial, information services, business and professional services, and education and health industries. The monthly IT Employment Index is based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data, which is subject to monthly revisions, and therefore, the Index is revised accordingly. The IT Employment Index is also subject to annual revisions and was benchmarked this month (February 2010) with the publication of the BLS January 2010 employment report, which included revisions to several years of employment data.

ABOUT TechServe Alliance

TechServe Alliance is a collaboration of IT services firms, clients, consultants and suppliers dedicated to advancing excellence and ethics within the IT services industry. Hundreds of IT staffing, IT solutions and IT consulting firms and tens of thousands of affiliated professionals, count on TechServe Alliance to keep their leadership informed, engaged and connected. TechServe Alliance serves as the voice of the industry before policymakers and

the national and trade press. By providing access to the knowledge and best practices of an entire industry and tapping the “collective scale” of hundreds of companies, TechServe Alliance supports its members in the efficient delivery of best-in-class IT services for clients and exceptional professional opportunities for every IT consultant.