

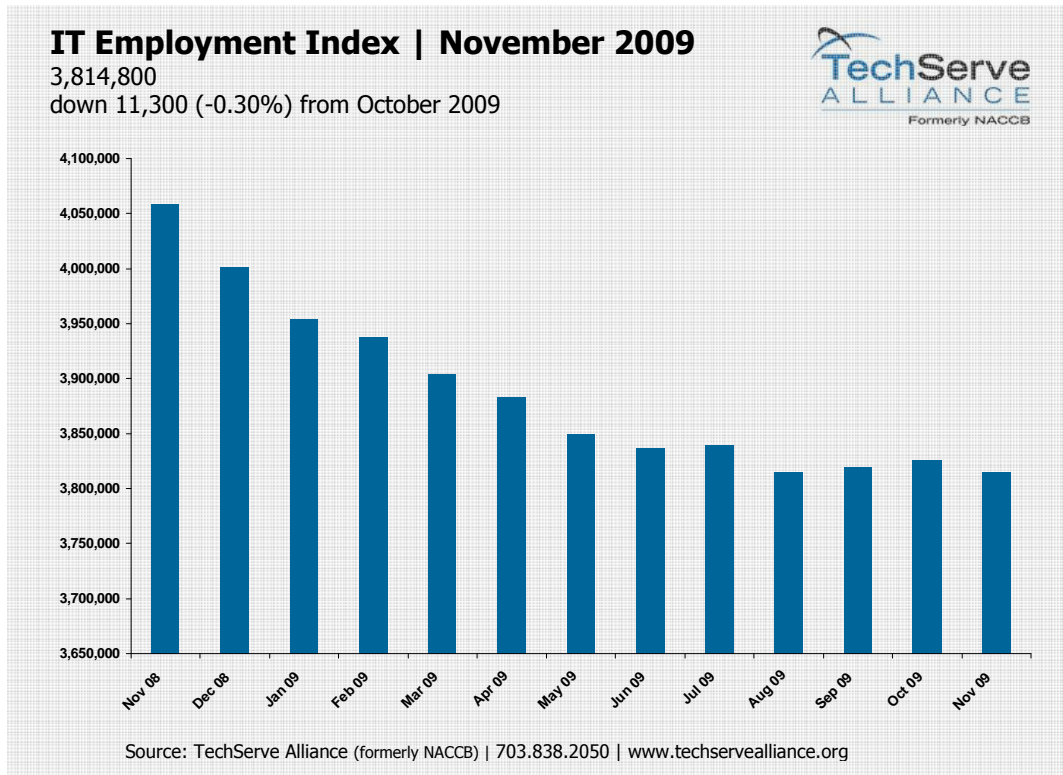
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IT Employment Posts Modest Decline in November as Longer Term Trend Stabilizes

Alexandria, VA, December 7, 2009 – After experiencing consistent IT job losses earlier in the year, IT employment appears to have stabilized in recent months, according to TechServe Alliance, a collaboration of IT services firms, clients, consultants and suppliers.

IT employment was 3,814,800 in November 2009, which was a decline of 0.3 percent from October. IT jobs reached their peak in November 2008 almost a year after the recession officially started and are down 6 percent from that time.



“Although there was a modest month-over-month decline of IT employment in November, it appears that IT employment is continuing to level off and we anticipate growing demand as the economy improves,” said Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance.

“IT job metrics vary on a month-to-month basis, as with employment numbers across all industries. However, we have clearly seen a trend over the past quarter suggesting IT employment has stabilized,” Roberts said. “This is further validated by the results of TechServe Alliance’s recent Pulse Survey tracking performance of IT staffing and solutions firms which points to growth in client demand for the services of these companies. We see this as a positive harbinger for the overall IT employment picture, and a strong indicator that we will see growth in overall IT employment in the foreseeable future.”

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					
November 2009	TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index	Computer Systems and Design Services	ISPs, Search Portals and Data Processing	Telecommunications	All Jobs
Number of Jobs	3,814,800	1,473,600	254,000	966,500	130,996,000
Change from Previous Month	- 0.30%	+ 0.07%	- 0.35%	- 0.88%	- 0.01%
Change from Same Month, One Year Earlier	- 6.00%	+ 0.39%	- 1.36%	- 4.33%	- 3.51%

Note: All figures are subject to revision
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 in February 2009 with the publication of the BLS January 2008 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 the 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.