

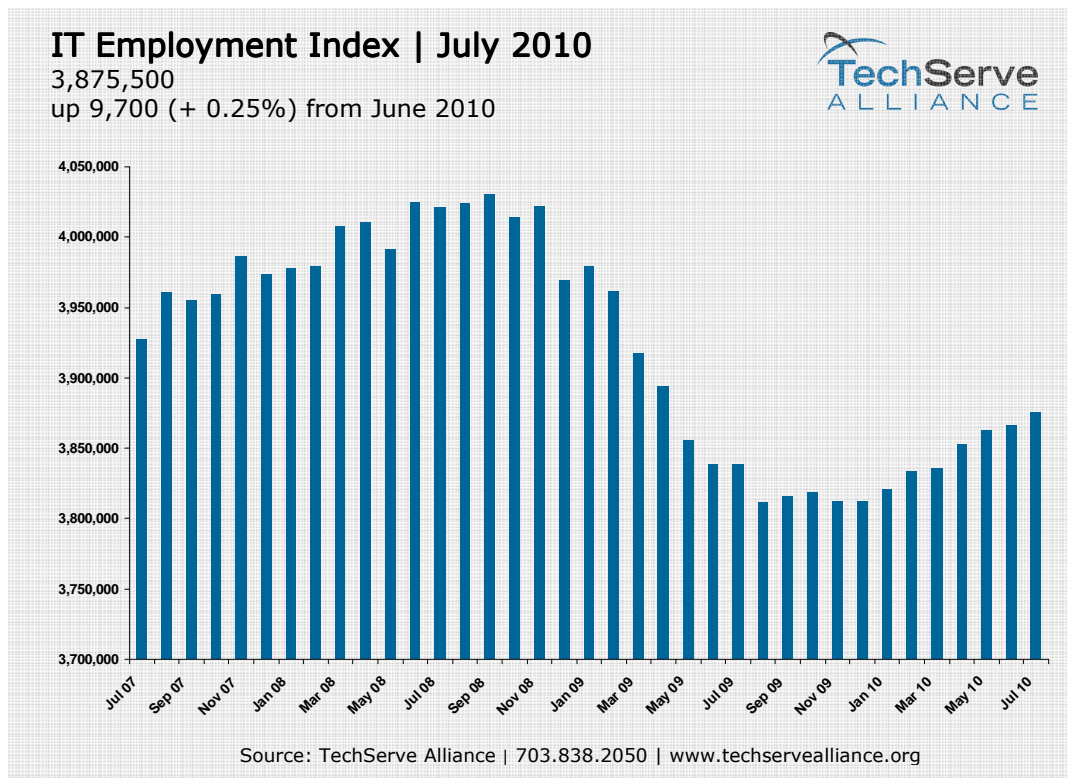
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IT Employment Continues Upward Trend in July

Alexandria, VA, August 6, 2010 – The growth of information technology jobs accelerated in July signifying a strong technology employment market in an environment of weak overall employment.

According to a monthly index of IT jobs developed and published by TechServe Alliance, a collaboration of IT services firms, clients, consultants and suppliers, the number of IT jobs grew by 9,700 in July to 3,875,500. IT employment has increased by more than 63,000 jobs, or 1.7 percent, since January when technology hiring began to rebound. While the number of IT jobs created in July 2010 was almost 1.0 percent higher than in July 2009, overall private-sector job growth is down from a year earlier.



"Despite a generally anemic employment environment, IT employment continues to show strength. With July's growth, IT employment has increased in each of the last seven months," observed, Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance.

“While IT employment would not be immune should the recovery derail, at present we remain very bullish on continued growth in the sector for the foreseeable future,” said 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 private-sector jobs					
July 2010	TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index	Computer systems and design services	ISPs, search portals and data processing	Telecommunications	All private-sector jobs
number of jobs	3,875,500	1,451,700	245,800	919,400	107,737,000
change from previous month	+ 0.25%	- 0.40%	-0.12%	- 0.63%	+ 0.07%
change from same month, one year earlier	+ 0.98%	+ 1.97%	- 1.40%	- 5.11%	- 0.04%
<p><i>note: all figures are subject to revision</i> Sources: Department of Labor/U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and TechServe Alliance (formerly NACCB)</p>					

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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 2010 with the publication of the BLS January 2010 employment report, which included revisions to several years of employment data.

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