

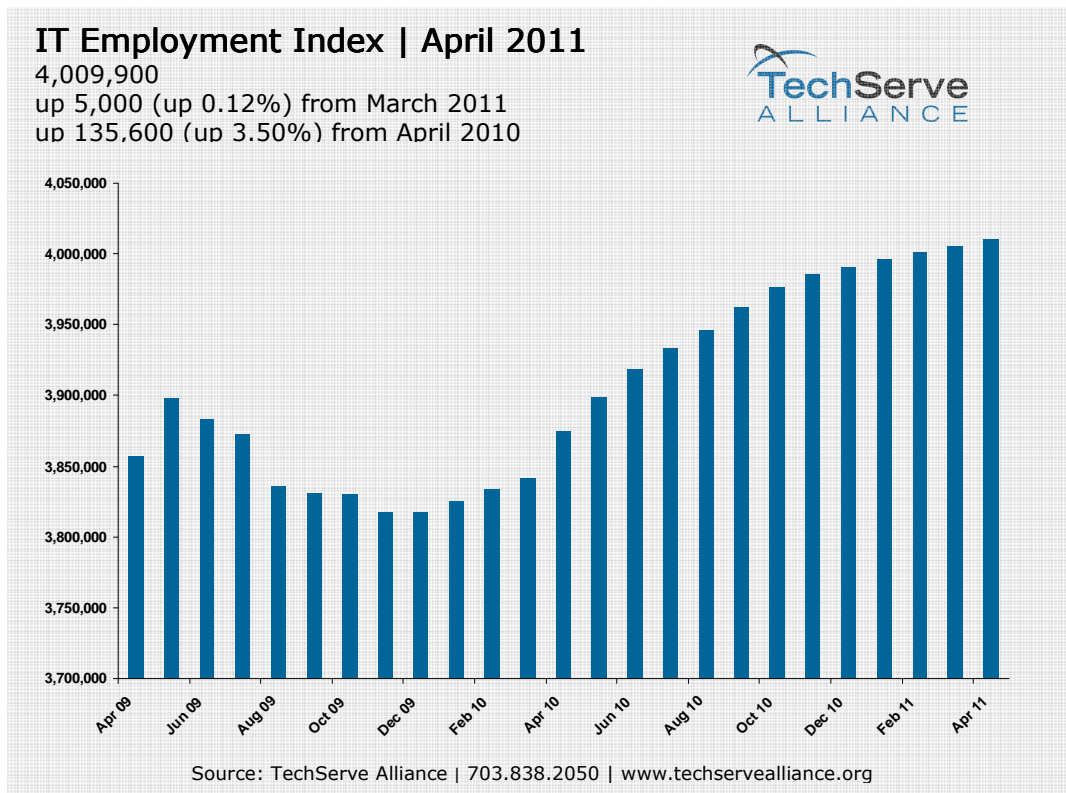
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IT Employment Tops 4 Million Jobs

Alexandria, VA, May 17, 2011 – IT employment topped 4 million with an increase of 5,000 jobs in April. In fact, due to upward revisions of data previously reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of IT jobs actually topped the 4 million mark back in February.

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 for the 16th consecutive month by 0.12 percent in April to 4,009,900, up almost 136,000 jobs from April 2010.



"I am heartened by the continued strength of IT employment topping 4 million jobs for the first time since November 2008," stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. "While a somewhat arbitrary threshold, it is an important psychological milestone putting us well along the path toward surpassing the previous all-time record for IT employment in the near future," observed 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					
February 2011	TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index	Computer systems and design services	Data processing, hosting and related services	Telecommunications	Total non-farm jobs
number of jobs	4,009,900	1,493,200	239,300	871,900	131,028,000
change from previous month	+ 0.12%	+ 0.52%	- 0.04%	- 0.34%	+ 0.19%
change from same month, one year earlier	+ 3.50%	+ 4.24%	- 1.36%	- 4.36%	+ 1.01%
<i>note: all figures are subject to revision</i> Sources: Department of Labor/U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and TechServe Alliance					

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 22 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 2011 with the publication of the BLS January 2011 employment report, which included revisions to several years of employment data. The next revision will be published in February 2012.

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