

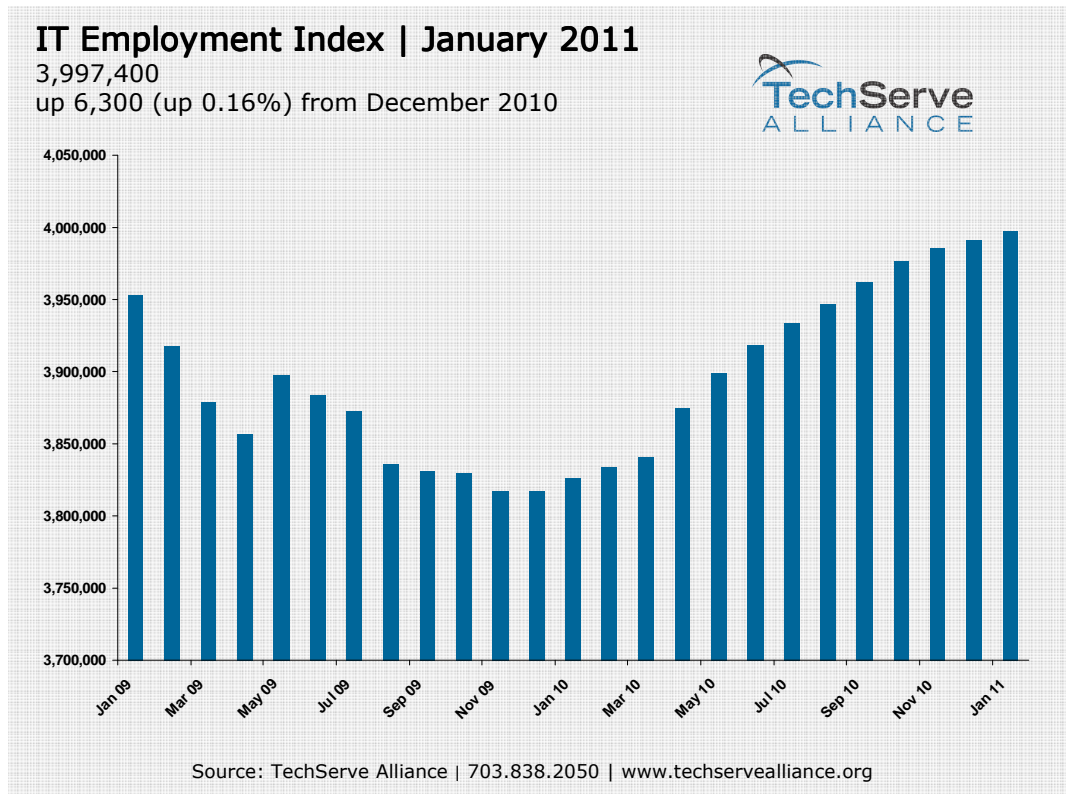
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## **IT Employment Posts Gains in January; Approaches 4 Million Jobs**

Alexandria, VA, February 8, 2011 — Following a strong 2010, IT employment continued its pattern of month-over-month growth by adding more than 6000 jobs in January.

According to a monthly index of IT jobs developed and published by TechServe Alliance, a collaboration of IT services firms, clients, consultants and suppliers, in January, IT employment stood at 3,997,400 jobs; reflecting incremental growth of 0.2, while overall non-farm employment only rose by .03 percent. On a year-over-year basis, IT employment was up 4.5 percent, compared to only a 0.8 percent increase in total non-farm employment.



"With January's strong IT employment numbers, 2011 is off to a good start. With increased demand, we are again hearing of shortages of qualified IT professionals in certain skill sets," commented Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. "We continue to maintain a very bullish outlook for IT employment in 2011," added 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					
January 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	3,997,400	1,474,000	239,400	878,700	130,265,000
change from previous month	+ 0.16%	+ 0.59%	- 0.79%	- 0.41%	+ 0.03%
change from same month, one year earlier	+ 4.50%	+ 3.49%	- 2.44%	- 5.14%	+ 0.76%

*note: all figures are subject to revision*  
Sources: Department of Labor/U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and TechServe Alliance

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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 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 this month (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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