

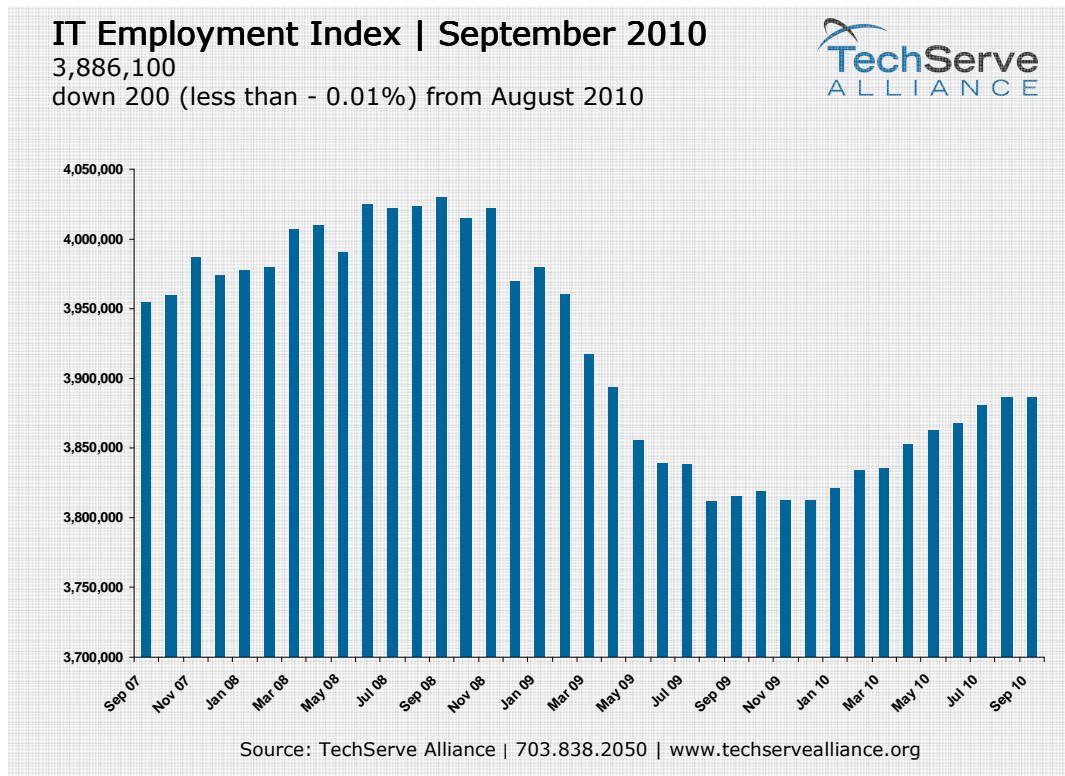
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## IT Employment Essentially Flat in September

Alexandria, VA, October 13, 2010 – IT employment was essentially flat in September after growing steadily throughout much of the year.

According to a monthly index of IT jobs developed and published by TechServe Alliance, a collaboration of IT services firms, clients, consultants and suppliers, IT employment in September was essentially flat compared with August, dipping by only 200 jobs (0.0051 percent) to 3,886,100. On a year-over-year basis, IT employment remains up 1.8 percent; robust growth when compared with overall employment which has only posted anemic growth of only 0.26 percent during the same time period.



"While there is always going to be some month-to-month variance reflecting the dynamic nature of the labor market, September's numbers in no way dissuade us from our bullish outlook for the remainder of 2010," stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. "My members continue to report increasing demand for their services with many candidates in high-demand skill-sets receiving multiple offers; a sure sign we are moving in the right direction," 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.*

<b>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</b>					
<b>September 2010</b>	<b>TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index</b>	Computer systems and design services	Data processing, hosting and related services	Telecommunications	<b>All private-sector jobs</b>
number of jobs	<b>3,886,100</b>	1,458,700	243,800	914,200	<b>130,201,000</b>
change from previous month	<b>&lt;- 0.01%</b>	- 0.06%	-0.08%	- 0.57%	<b>- 0.07%</b>
change from same month, one year earlier	<b>+ 1.85%</b>	+ 2.33%	- 2.52%	- 5.43%	<b>+ 0.26%</b>
<i>note: all figures are subject to revision</i>					
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 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.

### **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.