

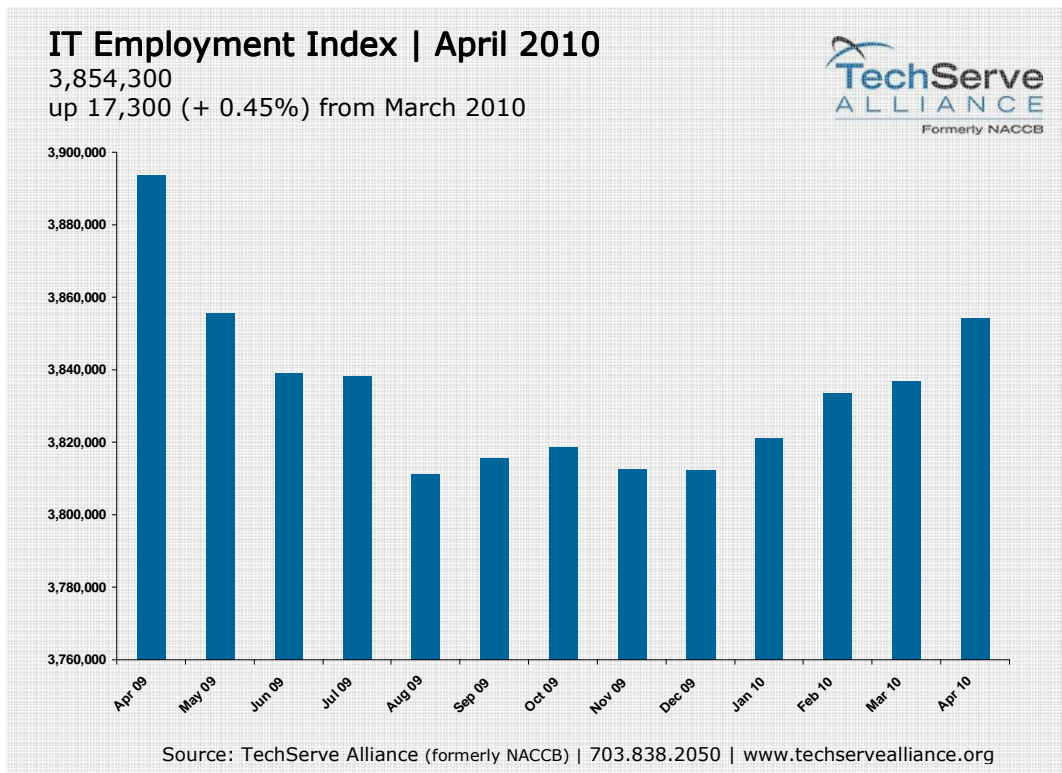
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As Robust Demand for IT Jobs Returns, Firms with Insight & Strong Management Are Equipped to Take Advantage

Alexandria, VA, May 10, 2010 - IT employment returned to the pattern of robust growth in April, according to TechServe Alliance, a collaboration of IT services firms, clients, consultants and suppliers.

Since a low point in August 2009, employers have added more than 43,000 IT jobs to their payrolls with the vast majority of those hires occurring in 2010. Currently, the number of total IT jobs stands at over 3.8 million and is now only about 1.0 percent lower than a year ago. The most recent employment gain of about 0.4 percent in April, which is more than 17,000 jobs over the previous month, is clear evidence that the IT job market has gained strong momentum.



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					
April 2010	TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index	Computer systems and design services	ISPs, search portals and data processing	Telecommunications	All jobs
Number of jobs	3,854,100	1,445,700	247,800	943,500	129,750,000
Change from previous month	+ 0.45%	+ 0.510%	+ 0.12%	- 0.71%	+ 0.22%
Change from same month, one year earlier	- 1.01%	+ 1.40%	- 1.27%	- 4.63%	- 1.05%

Note: all figures are subject to revision
Sources: Department of Labor/U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and TechServe Alliance (formerly NACCB)

“April’s IT job numbers show improved and growing demand for IT talent. It is a trend that has been gaining momentum since the beginning of 2010 and TechServe Alliance projects continued IT job expansion as the year unfolds,” said Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. “This marks a critical moment for IT services firms as they work to take advantage of the opportunities in the marketplace. When we look back at 2009 business performance through the TechServe Alliance Operating Practices Report, we can see that strong management is the most critical factor enabling IT services firms to successfully take advantage of positive trends in IT hiring and service demand.”

TechServe Alliance released the 2010 Operating Practices Report—the industry’s most comprehensive financial and operational performance analysis—on May 10, 2010. An in-depth analysis of performance over the course of 2009, the report identified the characteristics and best practices that divide high-profit IT services firms from typical firms.

More insight into the IT Employment Index and the TechServe Alliance 2010 Operating Practices Report can be found at www.techservealliance.org. To purchase a copy of the 2010 Operating Practices Report call 703-838-2050 or email staff@techservealliance.org.

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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 this month (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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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.