

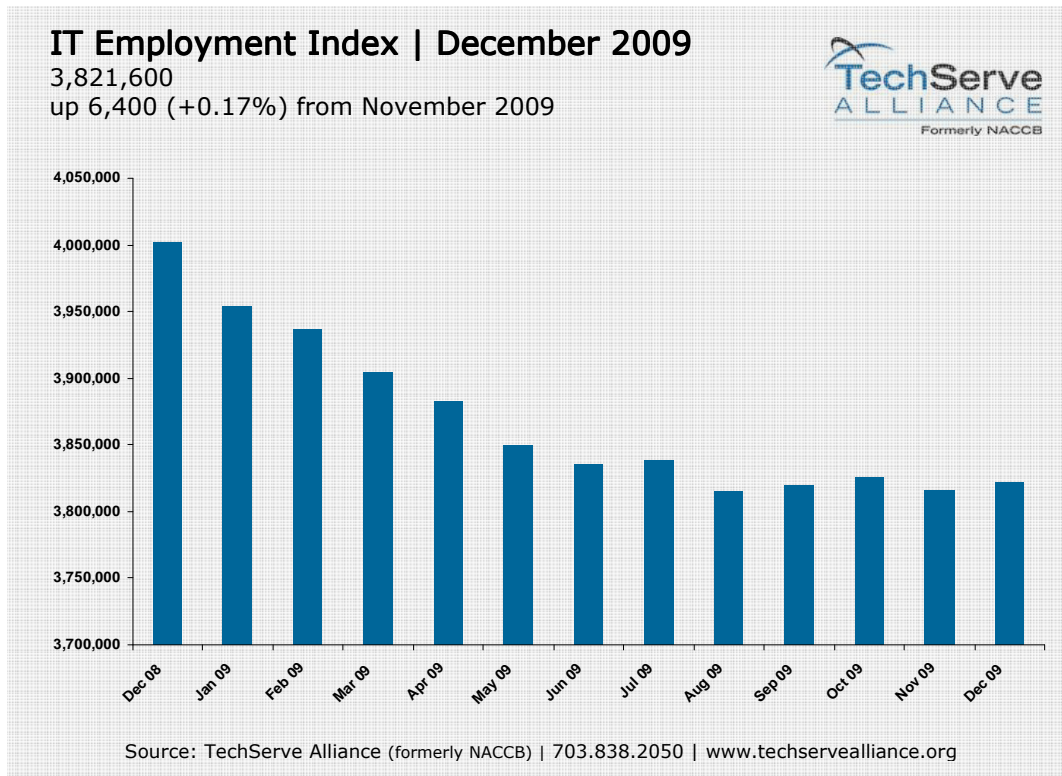
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IT gains jobs in December

Alexandria, VA, January 8, 2010 – IT employment has been stable in the second half of 2009, and has started to show signs of growing as businesses begin to put delayed projects back on-line, according to TechServe Alliance, a collaboration of IT services firms, clients, consultants and suppliers.

IT employment was 3,821,600 in December 2009, which was an increase of 6,400, or about 0.2% percent from the November level.



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

December 2009	TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index	Computer systems and design services	ISPs, Search Portals and Data Processing	Telecommunications	All jobs
number of jobs	3,821,600	1,477,100	254,200	965,900	130,910,000
change from previous month	+ 0.17%	+ 0.23%	+ 0.28%	- 0.36%	- 0.06%
change from same month, one year earlier	- 4.50%	+ 0.70%	- 0.86%	- 3.79%	- 3.08%
<i>note: all figures are subject to revision</i>					
Sources: Department of Labor/U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and TechServe Alliance (formerly NACCB)					

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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 will be benchmarked next month (February 2010) with the publication of the BLS January 2010 employment report, which will include revisions to several years of employment data.

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