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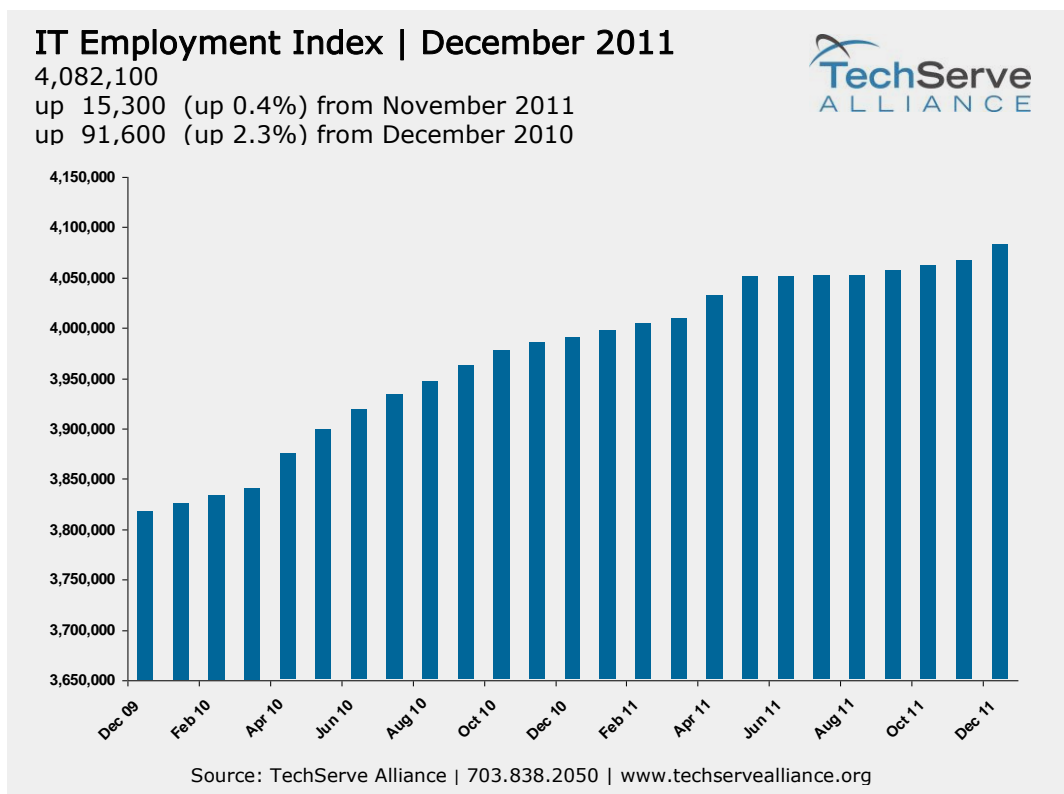
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IT Employment Finishes Strong in 2011

Alexandria, VA, January 17, 2012 — In December, the economy added IT jobs at a robust pace, contributing to the totals of an already strong year for IT employment.

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 increased by more than 15,300, (.4%) rising to 4,082,100 jobs in December. On an annual basis, IT jobs were up 3.3% in 2011 over 2010. This reflects an annual rate of growth in IT employment that is more than double rate the growth rate experienced in 2009 (1.3%).

By comparison, overall job growth for the economy was up only 1% year-over-year; though an improvement over 2010 when the labor force actually contracted on year-over-year basis (-.7%).



"As we begin 2012, I am heartened to see accelerating growth in IT employment," stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. "Based upon both the data and anecdotal reports of my members companies, one of our greatest challenges going forward will be a shortage of IT talent in key skillsets," 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 non-farm jobs					
December 2011	TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index	Computer systems and design services	Management and technical consulting services	Data processing, hosting and related services	Total non-farm jobs
number of jobs	4,082,100	1,525,100	1,069,000	238,900	131,900,000
change from previous month	+ 0.4%	+ 0.1%	+ 0.4%	- 0.1%	+ 0.2%
change from same month, one year earlier	+ 2.3%	+ 4.1%	+ 6.1%	- 0.9%	+ 1.3%
<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 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. (August 2011 value of the IT Employment Index incorporates striking workers who were officially not counted during the survey week, but did have a job in August.)

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.