

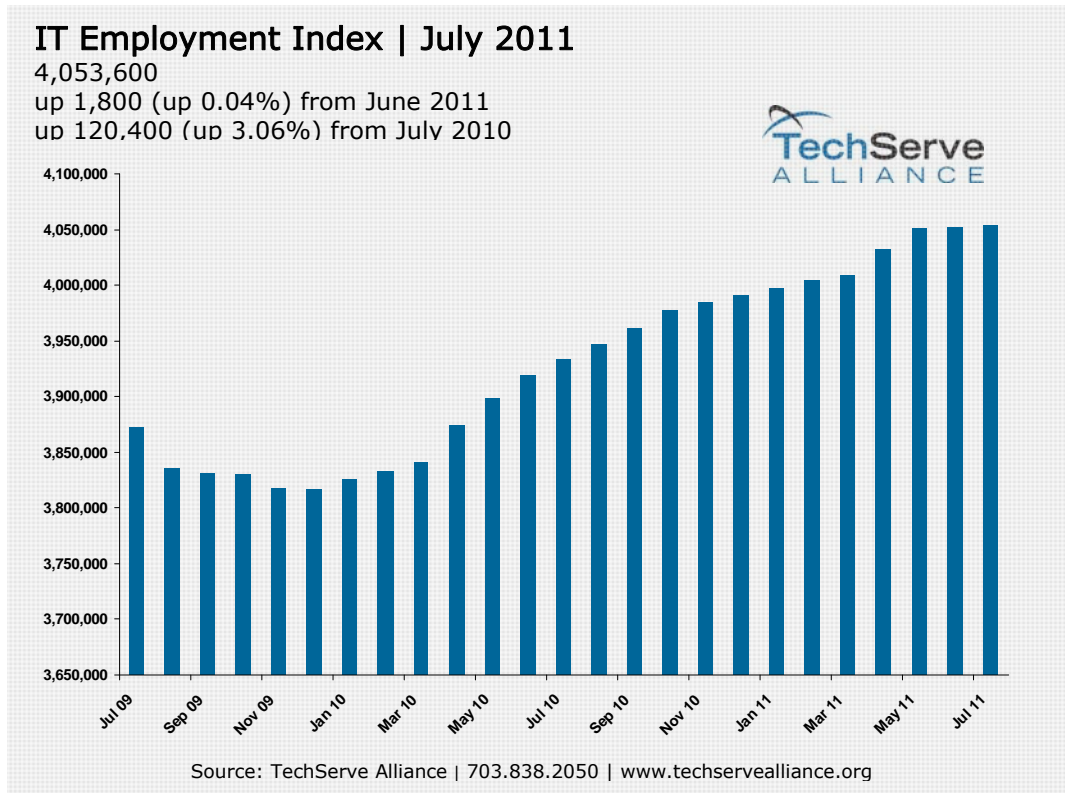
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IT Employment Continues Ascent; Bucks Broader Economic Trends

Alexandria, VA, August 10, 2011 – Bucking the broader economic trends, IT employment continued its month-over-month climb last month growing for the 18th consecutive month.

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 1,800 to 4,053,600 jobs in July and is up by more than 120,000 jobs from July 2010.



Due to regularly reported revisions of BLS data upon which the IT Index analysis is based, the previously reported 300 job June decline is now an 800 job gain—continuing the month-over-month growth trend.

“Despite the tepid recovery, IT employment remains a bright spot. Both the data and the anecdotal reports of our member companies confirm that demand for IT professionals remains robust with an acute shortage of qualified professionals in certain skill sets,” stated Mark Roberts CEO of TechServe Alliance. “While mindful that the IT employment is not immune to the broader macroeconomic trends, we remain optimistic about the prospect of continued growth in IT employment for the foreseeable future,” commented 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 | | | | | |
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| July 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 | 4,053,600 | 1,512,700 | 239,300 | 865,700 | 131,190,000 |
| change from previous month | + 0.04% | + 0.40% | - 0.08% | - 0.31% | + 0.09% |
| change from same month, one year earlier | + 3.1% | + 4.92% | - 0.91% | - 3.18% | + 0.97% |
| <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.

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.