

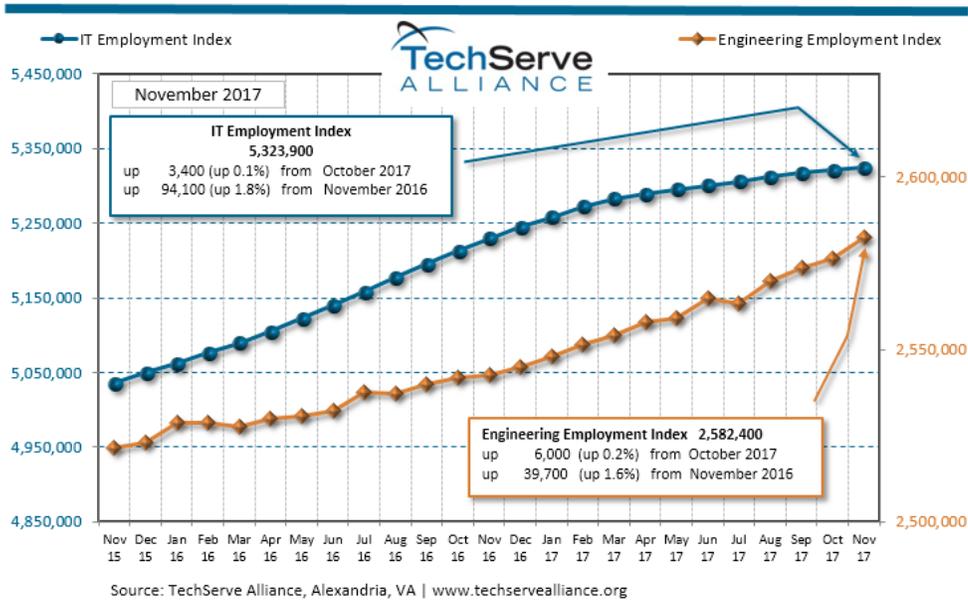
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## RATE OF IT JOB GROWTH REMAINS AT LOW EBB; ENGINEERING TICKS UP

Alexandria, VA, December 15, 2017 – The number of IT jobs grew 0.1% sequentially last month to 5,323,900 according to TechServe Alliance, the national trade association of the IT & Engineering Staffing and Solutions industry. On a year-over-year basis, IT employment grew by 1.8% since November 2016 adding 94,100 IT workers.

Engineering employment increased by 0.2 percent sequentially to 2,582,400. On a year-over-year basis, growth in engineering employment increased by 1.6% since November 2016 or 39,700 engineering workers.



“As 2017 draws to a close, the rate of IT job growth remains at its lowest level in years,” stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. “While I remain very bullish about demand for highly skilled IT professionals, the restrictive immigration policies being pursued by the Administration is cause for great concern. Without access to an adequate domestic supply of talent, the ability to grow the U.S. IT workforce is significantly diminished, causing more work to be pushed offshore---an unfortunate outcome for U.S.-based businesses as well as

IT professionals that would otherwise make up part of the U.S.-based team," added Roberts.

*The following table presents information about the total number of jobs in certain sectors that provide a significant amount of employment for IT and engineering professionals.*

<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 non-farm jobs</b>									
<b>November 2017</b>	<b>TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index</b>	Computer systems and design services	Management and technical consulting services	Data processing, hosting and related services	<b>TechServe Alliance Engineering Employment Index</b>	Computer and electronic product manufacturing	Professional and technical services	Federal, State, and Local Government (excluding state and local schools and hospitals)	<b>Total non-farm jobs</b>
number of jobs	<b>5,323,900</b>	2,076,000	1,465,900	307,900	<b>2,582,400</b>	1,052,000	9,230,800	10,881,200	<b>147,241,000</b>
change from previous month	<b>+ 0.06%</b>	+ 0.2%	+ 0.5%	+ 0.7%	<b>+ 0.23%</b>	+ 0.4%	+ 0.3%	+ 0.005%	<b>+ 0.2%</b>
change from same month, one year earlier	<b>+ 1.80%</b>	+ 2.5%	+ 4.4%	+ 3.0%	<b>+ 1.56%</b>	+ 1.0%	+ 2.7%	- 0.3%	<b>+ 1.4%</b>
<p><i>note: all figures are subject to revision</i> Sources: Department of Labor/U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and TechServe Alliance</p>									

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*Technical note: TechServe Alliance's IT Employment Index and Engineering Employment Index are the first specific measurements of IT and engineering employment. These are 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 and nearly two dozen engineering occupations in 30 select industries and industry sectors employing significant numbers of engineering workers. Both Indices are based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data, which is subject to monthly revisions, and is revised accordingly. Both indices were rebenchmarked this month with revisions going back several years. The next major revision will be published in February 2018. Additionally, from time-to-time TechServe Alliance reviews and adjusts the algorithm utilized to calculate the indices.*

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