

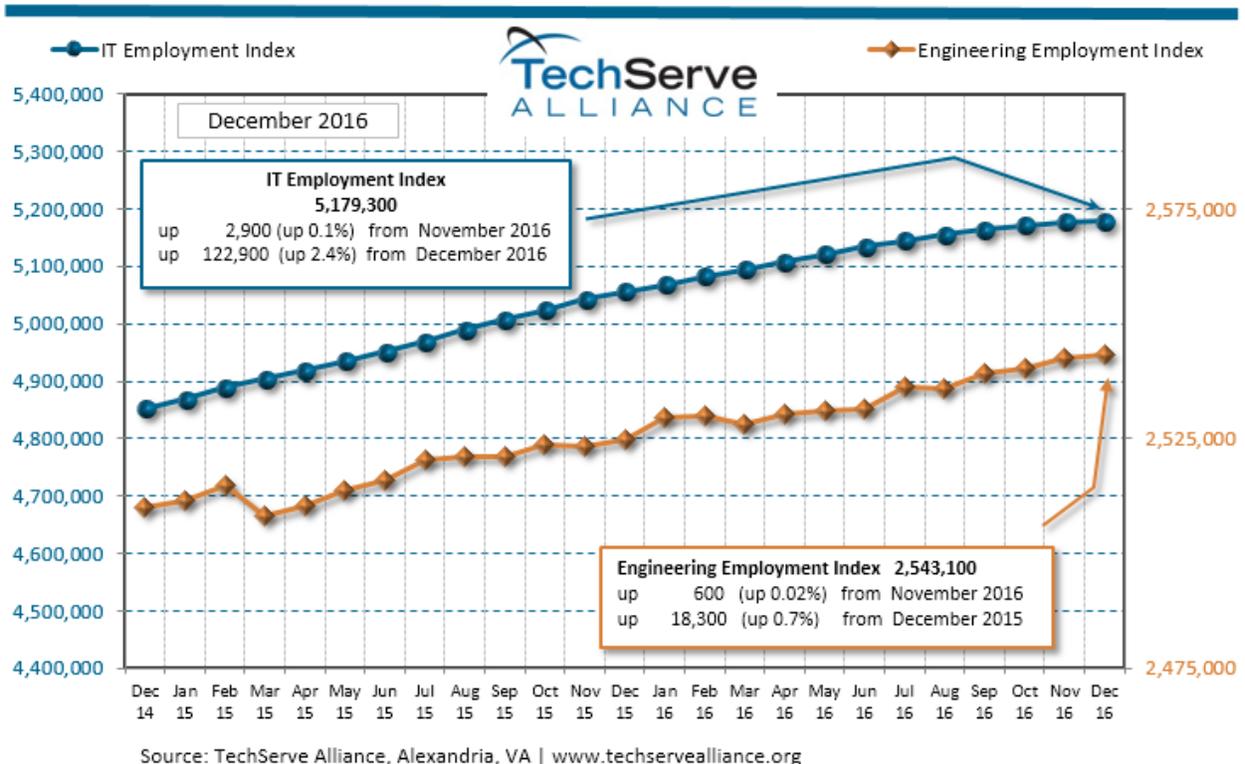
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DECEMBER IT EMPLOYMENT GROWTH RATE SLOWEST OF 2016; ENGINEERING EMPLOYMENT GROWTH RATE REMAINS ANEMIC

Alexandria, VA, January 18, 2017 – The number of IT jobs grew 0.1 percent sequentially last month to 5,179,300, 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 2.4% since December 2016 adding 122,900 IT workers.

Engineering employment growth was barely perceptible increasing by only 0.02 percent sequentially to 2,543,100. On a year-over-year basis, growth in engineering employment remained anemic increasing by only 0.7% since December 2015 or 20,500 engineering workers.



“While the overall rate of growth in IT employment has continued to decelerate throughout the year and reached its low ebb in December, there is reason to be optimistic that demand will increase in 2017,” stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. “With many

economists projecting more robust growth in GDP, we fully expect demand for IT and engineering talent to accelerate as 2017 unfolds. However, we continue to be concerned with the rhetoric supporting more restrictive immigration policies for high skilled workers. Given many IT occupations are effectively at full employment, the lack of an adequate domestic supply of IT and engineering talent may hinder job growth here causing companies to look for ways to outsource jobs overseas---a horrific outcome for everyone," observed Roberts.

IT and engineering 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 and engineering professionals.

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 2016	TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index	Computer systems and design services	Management and technical consulting services	Data processing, hosting and related services	TechServe Alliance Engineering Employment Index	Computer and electronic product manufacturing	Professional and technical services	Federal, State, and Local Government (excluding state and local schools and hospitals)	Total non-farm jobs
number of jobs	5,179,300	2,030,100	1,378,000	299,200	2,543,100	1,032,400	9,037,400	10,860,700	145,303,000
change from previous month	+ 0.06%	+ 0.2%	+ 0.4%	+ 0.5%	+ 0.02%	+ 0.1%	+ 0.1%	- 0.01%	+ 0.1%
change from same month, one year earlier	+ 2.43%	+ 4.1%	+ 6.0%	+ 0.1%	+ 0.72%	- 0.9%	+ 3.2%	+ 0.8%	+ 1.5%

note: all figures are subject to revision
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 and Engineering Employment Index are the first specific measurements of IT and engineering employment. These unique measurements of total IT and engineering employment 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 the monthly IT Employment and Engineering Employment 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 in February with revisions going back several years. The next major revision will be published in February 2017. Additionally, from time-to-time TechServe Alliance reviews and adjusts the algorithm utilized to calculate the indices.

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