

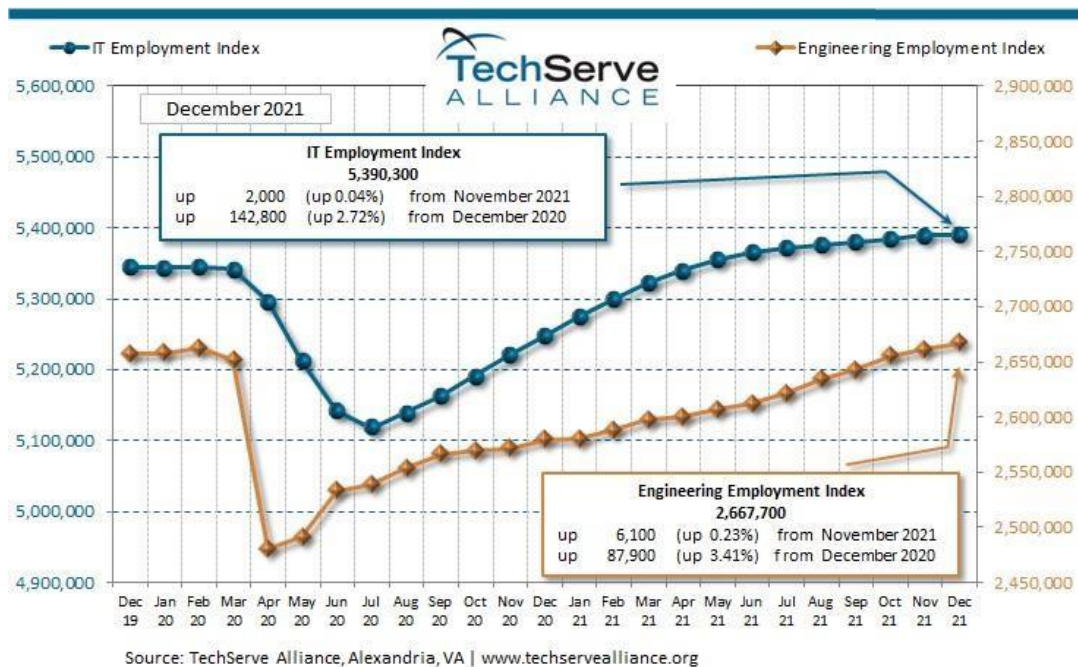
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## IT JOBS GROWTH RATE FLATTENS IN DECEMBER

Alexandria, VA, January 12, 2022 – In line with a second consecutive month of disappointing national employment numbers, the IT sector added only 2,000 jobs in December. This is a sequential increase of a meager 0.04% to 5,390,300 jobs, according to [TechServe Alliance](http://TechServeAlliance.org), the national trade association of the IT & Engineering Staffing and Solutions Industry. On a year-over-year basis, IT employment was up 2.72% since December 2020, adding 142,800 IT workers.

Engineering employment grew by 0.23% sequentially to 2,667,700. On a year-over-year basis, engineering employment increased by 3.41% since December 2020, adding 87,900 engineering workers.



"We expect a continued slowdown in hiring with flat employment growth rate in the IT and engineering sectors for some time to come," said Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. "With tech unemployment rate dropping to 2%, it is clear the slowdown is more a function of companies struggling to find qualified talent rather than lack of demand."

“If you haven’t done so already, now’s a good time to revisit compensation and benefits packages to ensure they are competitive in today’s new normal, work with your recruiters to adopt a location-no-bar hiring policy, update your technology and security to enable smooth remote work environment,” Roberts added.

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 2021	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 nonfarm jobs
number of jobs	5,390,000	2,324,500	1,692,800	381,900	2,667,700	1,091,900	10,120,900	10,759,400	148,951,000
change from previous month	+ 0.04%	+ 0.4%	+ 0.5%	- 0.4%	+ 0.23%	- 0.1%	+ 0.4%	- 0.1%	+ 0.1%
change from same month, one year earlier	+ 2.72%	+ 5.1%	+ 8.9%	+ 7.3%	+ 3.41%	+ 1.8%	+ 6.2%	- 0.5%	+ 4.5%
<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 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 are also subject to periodic revisions and annual rebenchmarking that includes revisions to several years of employment data, which also may incorporate new occupational definitions. Both indices were re-benchmarked going back several years through January 2021 data. In addition, both indices are subject to minor revisions to March and April data. The next major revision will be published in February 2022.*

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