

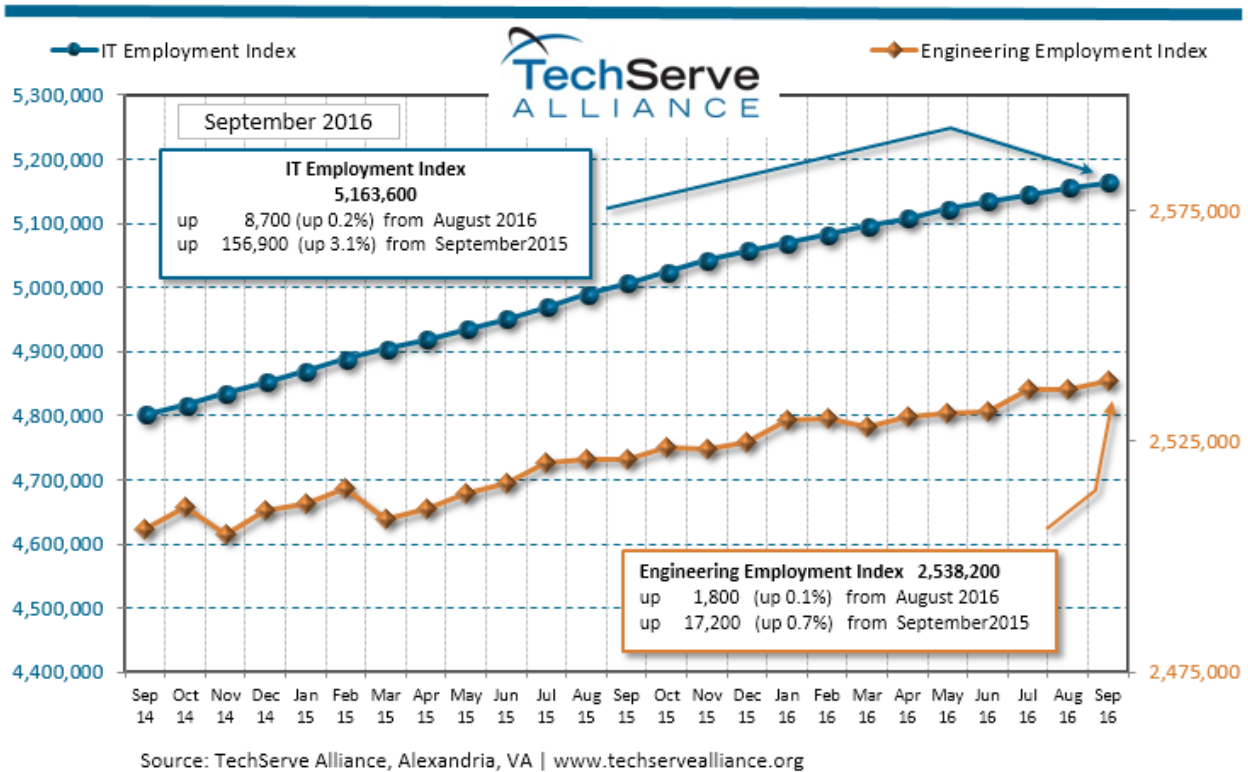
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## IT JOBS GROWTH CONTINUES DECELERATION; ENGINEERING EMPLOYMENT IMPROVES MODESTLY

Alexandria, VA, October 14, 2016 – The number of IT jobs grew 0.17 percent sequentially last month to 5,163,600, 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 3.1% since September 2015 adding 156,900 IT workers.

While still sluggish, engineering employment increased modestly, growing 0.1 percent sequentially to 2,538,200. On a year-over-year basis, growth in engineering employment still remains anemic increasing by only 0.7% since September 2015 or 17,200 engineering workers.



“While the rate of growth in IT employment continues to decelerate, it is important to put this trend in context. While demand is not as robust in certain sectors and for some skill sets, there continues to be a chronic shortage for high demand IT skills.” stated Mark

Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. "Further, despite the deceleration in the rate of growth, IT employment continued to outperform the overall job market on both a month-over-month and year-over-year basis," 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.*

<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>September 2016</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>5,163,600</b>	2,008,100	1,349,700	300,700	<b>2,538,200</b>	1,034,600	8,854,900	10,839,900	<b>144,747,000</b>
change from previous month	<b>+ 0.17%</b>	+ 0.3%	+ 1.2%	+ 0.2%	<b>+ 0.07%</b>	- 0.1%	+ 0.3%	- 0.02%	<b>+ 0.1%</b>
change from same month, one year earlier	<b>+ 3.13%</b>	+ 4.1%	+ 7.1%	+ 0.4%	<b>+ 0.68%</b>	- 1.3%	+ 3.6%	+ 0.7%	<b>+ 1.7%</b>

*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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