

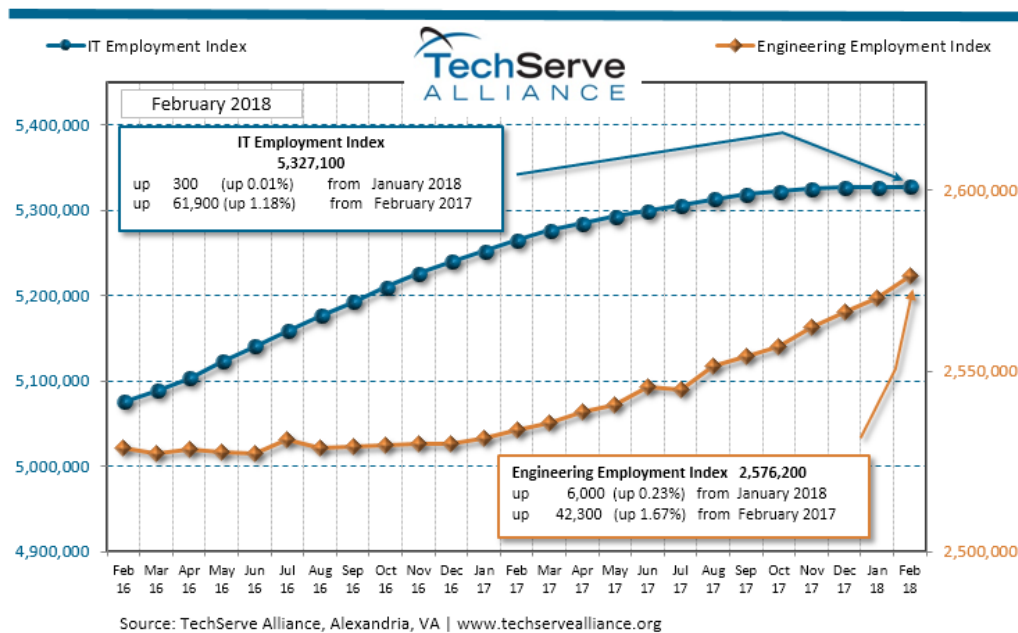
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IT JOB GROWTH STUCK IN NEUTRAL; TALENT SHORTAGE TO BLAME

Alexandria, VA, March 14, 2018 – The number of IT jobs grew 0.01% sequentially last month to 5,327,100 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 1.18% since February 2017 adding 61,900 IT workers.

Engineering employment increased by 0.23 percent sequentially to 2,576,200. On a year-over-year basis, growth in engineering employment increased by 1.67% since February 2017 or 42,300 engineering workers.



“Despite a robust economy and very strong demand for talent in many IT skill sets, the rate of IT job growth decelerated throughout 2017. We begin 2018 with the rate of IT job growth essentially flat,” stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. “This is clearly attributable to the shortage of IT talent in many high demand skill sets which is being further exacerbated by restrictive immigration policies and its associated chilling effect,” added Roberts.

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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									
February 2018	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	5,327,100	2,071,500	1,434,200	323,700	2,576,200	1,058,200	9,110,900	10,891,000	148,177,000
change from previous month	+ 0.01%	+ 0.1%	- 0.1%	+ 0.7%	+ 0.23%	+ 0.1%	+ 0.2%	- 0.02%	+ 0.2%
change from same month, one year earlier	+ 1.18%	+ 2.2%	+ 4.1%	+ 3.5%	+ 1.67%	+ 2.1%	+ 2.1%	- 0.1%	+ 1.6%
<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 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 2019. Additionally, from time-to-time TechServe Alliance reviews and adjusts the algorithm utilized to calculate the indices.

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TechServe Alliance is the national trade association of the IT & Engineering staffing and solutions industry. Hundreds of IT & Engineering staffing and solutions 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 & Engineering staffing and solutions for clients and exceptional professional opportunities for every consultant.