

Work Local

A new wave of job market improvements is shaping a fresh set of career opportunities for technology professionals - every major metropolitan market has more opportunities this year than last, as measured by the number of jobs posted on Dice.

While Silicon Valley or New York may hold an irresistible allure for some, technology professionals can find interesting opportunities in cities as diverse as Detroit, Miami, Pittsburgh, or Cincinnati. Here is the list of fastest growing metropolitan areas for technology jobs:

- Detroit tops the list with more than 800 available tech positions on any given day - that's double the number posted last year. Let's extend those two minutes of Detroit super bowl advertising goodness, by highlighting that technology professionals make on average \$71,445 per year in the Motor City, up two percent from a year ago.
- Ohio has state bragging rights with three cities on the list, Cincinnati (#2), Cleveland (#3) and Columbus (#4). Technology professionals can find opportunities with financial services companies, retailers, manufactures and retailers in the region.
- Job openings in Seattle are up 54 percent year/year to more than 2,200 which makes it the fastest growing large market on the list. That demand is translating into slightly more pay as Seattle-based technology professionals earn on average \$86,168 per year, an increase of two percent from last year.
- Pittsburgh technology professionals can expect to take home more than \$65,000 a year with job opportunities in the area up 45 percent year/year. Technology and engineering professionals can find opportunities in specialty metals, healthcare and financial services.
- Two Florida cities make the list, with Miami at number seven (job postings at 533, up 43% yr/yr) and Jacksonville at number eight (job postings at 380, up 41% yr/yr). Technology professionals in these cities can expect to make at least \$68,000 per year - and those in defense with security clearance much more.
- Job opportunities in Chicago (#9) and Silicon Valley (#10) are up 40 percent year/year - with more than 3,200 and nearly 4,800 jobs posted respectively. For these two major markets to be growing this fast a year into the recovery, only bodes well for new career opportunities and increasing wages.

With demand improving in more metropolitan areas, the recovery starts to cement for technology professionals across the country. The task for tech talent is to take advantage of the new opportunities.

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Dice by the Numbers

As of February 1, 2011*

Available Tech Jobs	74,413
Full-time Positions	46,837
Contract Positions	32,239
Part-time Positions	1,524

Fastest Growing Metro Areas for Technology Jobs

Based on number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice February 2011 vs. February 2010

Detroit	101%
Cincinnati	75%
Cleveland	62%
Columbus	57%
Seattle	54%
Pittsburgh	45%
Miami	43%
Jacksonville	41%
Chicago	40%
Silicon Valley	40%

Top Tech Metro Areas

Based on the number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of February 1, 2011 and the change as compared to the same period a year ago.

Washington DC/Baltimore	8,538	+33%
New York/New Jersey	8,454	+18%
Silicon Valley	4,792	+40%
Chicago	3,236	+40%
Los Angeles	2,912	+22%
Boston	2,571	+28%
Atlanta	2,496	+38%
Dallas	2,401	+36%
Seattle	2,259	+54%
Philadelphia	1,531	+14%

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