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Since August of 2005, the demand for leading programming language skills on Dice.com has outpaced the demand for other categories of tech skills, including operating systems and databases. As of August 1, 2006, there were 15,621 job postings requiring C, C++ (up 52 percent from 2005), 8,909 job postings for XML (up 43 percent), and 6,285 for SAP (up 41 percent). Notably, demand for Visual Basic skills has seen the strongest growth among popular skill sets in the last year with a 175 percent increase to 6,050 postings.

Among the top 10 metro areas, Boston has experienced the largest growth to date in 2006. Demand for technology professionals in Boston has increased 24 percent since the beginning of the year to 2,938 postings. In contrast, Washington D.C. is the lone member of this group that saw a decline during the same period, down 5.3 percent to 8,689 postings.

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Top Tech Metro Areas (Based on jobs posted on Dice.com as of 8.1.06*)

1.	New York/New Jersey (New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Northern New Jersey)	11,225
2.	Washington D.C. (Baltimore, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland)	8,689
3.	Silicon Valley (San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, CA)	8,531
4.	Los Angeles (Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County, CA)	5,358
5.	Chicago (Chicago and Suburbs)	3,610
6.	Philadelphia (Philadelphia, Allentown, Southern New Jersey, Delaware)	3,250
7.	Boston (Boston and Suburbs)	2,938
8.	Dallas (Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounding Suburbs)	2,645
9.	Atlanta (Atlanta and Suburbs)	2,320
10.	Seattle (Seattle and Suburbs)	1,853

Available Tech Jobs: (Number of jobs posted on Dice.com as of 8.1.06*) **86,640**

Consultant Countdown (Number of contract vs. permanent positions on Dice.com as of 8.1.06*)

Contract:	34,066
Permanent:	58,065

Top Tech Skills (Skills most in demand based on jobs posted on Dice.com as of 8.1.06*)

Operating Systems	1.	Windows	13,977
	2.	Unix	13,866
Databases	1.	Oracle	15,474
	2.	SQL	12,972
Programming Languages	1.	C, C++	15,621
	2.	.Net	12,086

Tech Topic Poll Results:

Hewlett-Packard is reducing the number of workers it allows to telecommute, saying workers are more efficient when they see each other face-to-face. What's your reaction?

I disagree. It provides needed flexibility and is cost-effective for companies.	41%
I agree. People who telecommute tend to be out of touch.	31%
I'm on the fence. I see HP's point, but remote workers can be very productive.	28%

ClearanceJobs Most Wanted (Most requested positions on ClearanceJobs.com, the premier job board for candidates with active U.S. government security clearances and a Dice company)

1. Engineering-Aerospace and Aviation
2. Systems Engineer
3. IT Software-Java/J2EE
4. IT Management-Network Admin
5. Engineering-Military Communications

* Please note that data reflects public information posted by Dice.com users and customers. For example, 13,866 jobs posted on Dice.com as of August 1, 2006 describe Unix as a skill needed for the position advertised. A single job posting may reflect more than one skill, location and type of position (permanent vs. contract); therefore total figures for these attributes may be greater than total jobs posted.

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