



As we reach the half way point of 2005, Dice continues to observe significant increases throughout the technology employment market. Since the beginning of the year, job postings on Dice have increased 26 percent to 69,957. Much of this growth can be attributed to the strong gains seen in select metro areas over the last six months: Philadelphia (up 41 percent), New York (up 38 percent), Boston (up 36 percent) and Dallas (up 35 percent).

Requests for project managers have also shown strong growth since January, rising 42 percent to 9,611 postings. Programming skills continue to climb in demand this year as well, as .NET requests rose 52 percent, HTML postings climbed 38 percent and XML demand increased 37 percent. Conversely, the demand for tech pros with Perl experience has declined 12 percent since the beginning of the year.

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Top Tech Metro Areas (Based on jobs posted on dice.com*)		
1. New York/New Jersey (New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Northern New Jersey)		8,644
2. Washington D.C. (Baltimore, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland)		7,592
3. Silicon Valley (San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, CA)		6,355
4. Los Angeles (Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County, CA)		4,480
5. Chicago (Chicago and Suburbs)		2,991
6. Philadelphia (Philadelphia, Allentown, Southern New Jersey, Delaware)		2,888
7. Boston (Boston and Suburbs)		2,257
8. Dallas (Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounding Suburbs)		2,109
9. Atlanta (Atlanta and Suburbs)		1,669
10. Seattle (Seattle and Suburbs)		1,618

Available Tech Jobs: (Number of jobs posted on dice.com as of 06.01.05)	69,957
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Tech Topic Poll Results:	
What's your attitude toward online job hunting during the workday?	
I never do it. It's just not fair to my current employer.	30%
Only when nobody's around or when I'm working from home.	26%
I'm not proud of it, but I try to keep a low profile.	25%
I'm all for it. Who cares if my boss notices?	19%

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. Job seekers with Lifestyle polygraphs (any skill)	
2. Oracle DBA	
3. UNIX Systems Administrator	
4. Software Developer with C+ and/or Java	
5. Network Architect	

Top Tech Skills (Skills most in demand based on jobs posted on dice.com*)			
Operating Systems	1.	Windows	11,252
	2.	Unix	10,545
Databases	1.	Oracle	10,888
	2.	SQL	9,004
Programming Languages	1.	C, C++	10,103
	2.	ASP	9,336

Average Salary**:	\$ 63,800
Contract:	\$ 83,800
Permanent:	\$ 62,600

Consultant Countdown (Number of contract vs. permanent positions on dice.com as of 06.01.05)	
Contract:	28,782
Permanent:	45,926

*Please note that data reflects public information posted by dice.com users and customers. For example, 10,545 jobs posted on dice.com as of June 1, 2005 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.

** Salary data collected from over 2,300 Dice.com visitors between January 1, 2005 and March 31, 2005.