



**The Dice Report\***  
**September 2005**

Companies are continuing to show increased demand for technology professionals as the summer draws to a close, with job postings rising to 75,097. Washington D.C. showed the strongest gain this month, with job postings increasing 11 percent to 8,473. However, top metro area New York has demonstrated the strongest long term growth, with job postings increasing 53 percent since January.

This month's Dice Tech Topic Poll reveals that 48 percent of Dice users view education as the best way for older technology professionals to compete with younger and cheaper tech workers, while 30 percent named experience.

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**Top Tech Metro Areas** (Based on jobs posted on dice.com\*)

1. <b>New York/New Jersey</b> (New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Northern New Jersey)	9,564
2. <b>Washington D.C.</b> (Baltimore, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland)	8,473
3. <b>Silicon Valley</b> (San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, CA)	6,695
4. <b>Los Angeles</b> (Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County, CA)	5,036
5. <b>Philadelphia</b> (Philadelphia, Allentown, Southern New Jersey, Delaware)	3,067
6. <b>Chicago</b> (Chicago and Suburbs)	2,949
7. <b>Boston</b> (Boston and Suburbs)	2,372
8. <b>Dallas</b> (Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounding Suburbs)	2,228
9. <b>Atlanta</b> (Atlanta and Suburbs)	2,003
10. <b>Seattle</b> (Seattle and Suburbs)	1,677

**Available Tech Jobs:** (Number of jobs posted on dice.com as of 08.30.05) 75,097

**Tech Topic Poll Results:**

What's the best way for older IT pros to combat the potential threat poised by younger, cheaper IT workers?

Education- Keep learning new things, and share knowledge with others.	48%
Experience- Tout a proven track record of accomplishments.	30%
Versatility- Volunteer to work on many different types of projects.	14%
Visibility- Make sure higher-ups know your name and what you've done.	9%

**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. Network Architect
2. Network Engineer
3. Any Polygraph holder
4. Java or C+ Software Developer
5. Arabic Linguist

**Top Tech Skills** (Skills most in demand based on jobs posted on dice.com\*)

<b>Operating Systems</b>	1. Windows	11,919
	2. Unix	11,475
<b>Databases</b>	1. Oracle	11,747
	2. SQL	9,816
<b>Programming Languages</b>	1. C, C++	10,883
	2. ASP	9,787

**Average Salary\*\*:** \$ 67,900  
**Contract:** \$ 87,100  
**Permanent:** \$ 64,600

**Consultant Countdown** (Number of contract vs. permanent positions on dice.com as of 08.30.05)

**Contract:** 30,728  
**Permanent:** 49,566

\*Please note that data reflects public information posted by dice.com users and customers. For example, 11,475 jobs posted on dice.com as of August 30, 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 11,800 Dice.com visitors between January 1, 2005 and June 30, 2005.