



The Dice Report*

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Do rising instances of cheating on IT certification exams decrease the overall value of the certification? Technology companies have made this argument and say cheating is a disservice to people who have studied hard in order to earn their qualifications. However in this month's Dice Tech Topic Poll we found that most respondents (44 percent) are not concerned by cheating as the true test comes into play in the real world where you have to prove your skills.

The overall technology job market remains strong and total job postings on Dice reached 98,639 at the beginning of June. Demand in the New York/New Jersey metro area remained the highest with job postings increasing 13.9 percent since January to 10,544 by the beginning of June.

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Available Tech Jobs:

(Number of jobs posted on Dice as of 6.1.07)* 98,639

Top Tech Metro Areas

(Based on number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of 6.1.07 *)*

1. New York/New Jersey (New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Northern New Jersey)	10,544
2. Washington D.C. (Baltimore, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland)	8,026
3. Silicon Valley (San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, CA)	6,539
4. Los Angeles (Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County, CA)	4,608
5. Chicago (Chicago and Suburbs)	4,280
6. Boston (Boston and Suburbs)	4,140
7. Philadelphia (Philadelphia, Allentown, Southern New Jersey, Delaware)	3,168
8. Dallas (Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounding Suburbs)	3,333
9. Atlanta (Atlanta and Suburbs)	2,887
10. Seattle (Seattle and Suburbs)	2,256

Consultant Countdown

(Number of contract vs. permanent positions on Dice as of 6.1.07)*

Contract:	38,206
Permanent:	68,025

Top Tech Skills

(Skills most in demand based on job postings on Dice as of 6.1.07* *)

Operating Systems	1.	Windows	16,776
	2.	Unix	15,043
Databases	1.	Oracle	17,512
	2.	SQL	15,573
Programming Languages	1.	J2EE/Java	18,220
	2.	C, C++	13,728

Tech Topic Poll Results:

How do you feel about the increasing number of test-takers trying to cheat on IT certification exams?

It doesn't bother me. To succeed, people need to prove their skills in the real world too.	44%
It burns me up. It's a disservice to people who study hard and play fair.	40%
It's a problem, but it's impossible to eliminate all cheating.	16%

* Please note that data reflects public information posted by Dice users and customers. For example, 15,043 jobs posted on Dice as of June 1, 2007, 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.

+ As of April 2, 2007, Dice data for Top Metro Areas and Top Tech Skills is being reported using our new search engine protocols. Tech job postings by metro area are now calculated by zip code rather than area code, which provides a more precise reflection of job postings by geographic region.

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