



## The Dice Report\*

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Despite recent reports that technology professionals are increasingly turning to certifications in IT security rather than college degrees to increase their salary potential, most Dice users claim that these certifications do not offer the same respect as a college degree (45 percent). In fact, only 24 percent of Dice users think that a certification in IT security is comparable.

This month, total job postings on Dice.com reached 101,438. The New York metro area continued to dominate the Top Tech Metro Areas with job postings reaching 10,915 this month. The Dallas metro area overtook Philadelphia's placement on the list with 3,493 job postings.

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### Available Tech Jobs:

*(Number of jobs posted on Dice as of 6.29.07\*)*

101,438

### Top Tech Metro Areas

*(Based on number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of 6.29.07\*\*\*)*

<b>1. New York/New Jersey</b> (New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Northern New Jersey)	10,915
<b>2. Washington D.C.</b> (Baltimore, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland)	8,282
<b>3. Silicon Valley</b> (San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, CA)	6,706
<b>4. Los Angeles</b> (Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County, CA)	5,021
<b>5. Chicago</b> (Chicago and Suburbs)	4,372
<b>6. Boston</b> (Boston and Suburbs)	4,415
<b>7. Dallas</b> (Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounding Suburbs)	3,493
<b>8. Philadelphia</b> (Philadelphia, Allentown, Southern New Jersey, Delaware)	3,304
<b>9. Atlanta</b> (Atlanta and Suburbs)	3,043
<b>10. Seattle</b> (Seattle and Suburbs)	2,310

### Consultant Countdown

*(Number of contract vs. permanent positions on Dice as of 6.29.07\*)*

<b>Contract:</b>	38,561
<b>Permanent:</b>	70,409

## Top Tech Skills

(Skills most in demand based on job postings on Dice as of 6.29.07\*\*\*)

<b>Operating Systems</b>	1.	Windows	16,999
	2.	Unix	15,109
<b>Databases</b>	1.	Oracle	20,254
	2.	SQL	15,678
<b>Programming Languages</b>	1.	C, C++, C#	18,122
	2.	J2EE/Java	14,015

## Tech Topic Poll Results:

Certifications in IT security are gaining popularity for those wanting to increase salary potential without earning a traditional diploma in the field. Is a security certification as good as a college degree?

No way. A security certification will never have the same respect as a college degree.	45%
Maybe. If someone only wants to work in IT security.	31%
Yes. A security certification is comparable, without the hassle of a university program.	24%

\* Please note that data reflects public information posted by Dice users and customers. For example, 15,109 jobs posted on Dice as of June 29, 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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