



## The Dice Report\*

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This month's Dice Online Poll revealed that Dice.com users see international experience as an important skill for CIOs due to the increasing globalization of business. Our poll, which asked what skills would benefit CIOs the most in the next five years, found that international experience ranked second (29 percent) after technical experience (35 percent). Respondents saw "navigating the executive suite" as the least important (4 percent).

The overall technology job market continues to show strength as total job postings on Dice.com reached 96,548 this month. The New York metro area led Dice's Top Tech Metro Areas with its job postings reaching 11,046 this month. However it's the Dallas metro area that's shown the greatest growth since the beginning of the year. Since January, job postings in the area have increased 54 percent to 3,508. Finally, the most popular tech skill on Dice.com this month was Oracle with 19,807 postings.

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**Available Tech Jobs:**  
(Number of jobs posted on Dice as of 8.1.07\*) 96,548

**Top Tech Metro Areas**  
(Based on number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of 8.1.07\* \*)

<b>1. New York/New Jersey</b> (New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Northern New Jersey)	11,046
<b>2. Washington D.C.</b> (Baltimore, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland)	8,138
<b>3. Silicon Valley</b> (San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, CA)	6,610
<b>4. Los Angeles</b> (Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County, CA)	4,772
<b>5. Chicago</b> (Chicago and Suburbs)	4,342
<b>6. Boston</b> (Boston and Suburbs)	4,149
<b>7. Dallas</b> (Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounding Suburbs)	3,508
<b>8. Philadelphia</b> (Philadelphia, Allentown, Southern New Jersey, Delaware)	3,182
<b>9. Atlanta</b> (Atlanta and Suburbs)	3,094
<b>10. Seattle</b> (Seattle and Suburbs)	2,352

## Consultant Countdown

(Number of contract vs. permanent positions on Dice as of 8.1.07\*)

<b>Contract:</b>	37,562
<b>Permanent:</b>	69,441

## Top Tech Skills

(Skills most in demand based on job postings on Dice as of 8.1.07\*\*)

<b>Operating Systems</b>	1. Windows	16,895
	2. Unix	14,954
<b>Databases</b>	1. Oracle	19,807
	2. SQL	15,196
<b>Programming Languages</b>	1. C, C++, C#	17,959
	2. J2EE/Java	13,860

## Tech Topic Poll Results:

Which job skill or experience will be most valuable to CIOs in the next five years?

Technical expertise and experience with core technology skills	35%
International experience for managing business globalization	29%
Business management	23%
External vendor management	8%
Navigating the executive suite	4%

\* Please note that data reflects public information posted by Dice users and customers. For example, 14,954 jobs posted on Dice as of August 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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