



The Dice Report*

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This month's Dice Tech Topic Poll revealed that only half of respondents believe that a work/life balance is an important aspect of their lives and took their regular vacation time. This month's online poll asked how Dice.com users spent their summer vacation, and an unfortunate 16 percent said that taking time off is just too much trouble and preferred to be working. Thirty-two percent of respondents escaped from the office, but still continued to check in regularly.

The technology job market continues to steadily grow and total job postings on Dice.com reached 98,006 this month, representing a 12 percent increase since January 2007. The rising demand for full-time technology professionals significantly contributed to this growth, as these postings grew 17 percent since January to 70,205 this month.

Once again, Oracle was the most in-demand skill in September (20,036 job postings), and the New York metro area was the location with the largest demand for tech professionals (10,844 job postings).

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Available Tech Jobs: 98,006
(Number of jobs posted on Dice as of 9.04.07*)

Top Tech Metro Areas

(Based on number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of 9.04.07***)

1. New York/New Jersey (New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Northern New Jersey)	10,844
2. Washington D.C. (Baltimore, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland)	8,541
3. Silicon Valley (San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, CA)	6,593
4. Los Angeles (Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County, CA)	4,712
5. Chicago (Chicago and Suburbs)	4,535
6. Boston (Boston and Suburbs)	4,105
7. Dallas (Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounding Suburbs)	3,441
8. Philadelphia (Philadelphia, Allentown, Southern New Jersey, Delaware)	3,159
9. Atlanta (Atlanta and Suburbs)	3,136
10. Seattle (Seattle and Suburbs)	2,440

Consultant Countdown

(Number of contract vs. permanent positions on Dice as of 9.04.07*)

Contract:	38,085
Permanent:	70,205

Dice Salary Survey – Gender Gap**

Average Salary:	\$73,308
Male:	\$74,823
Female:	\$67,542

Top Tech Skills

(Skills most in demand based on job postings on Dice as of 9.04.07***)

Operating Systems	1.	Windows	16,821
	2.	Unix	15,339
Databases	1.	Oracle	20,036
	2.	SQL	15,671
Programming Languages	1.	C, C++, C#	18,448
	2.	J2EE/Java	13,981

Tech Topic Poll Results:

A recent survey reported that 35 percent of Americans don't take all of their allotted vacation days, and that many still work while away. How did you spend your summer vacation?

Work/life balance is important, and I took my hard-earned vacation time.	52%
I went away, but I still regularly checked in with the office.	32%
Taking time off is too much trouble. I'd rather be working.	16%

* Please note that data reflects public information posted by Dice users and customers. For example, 15,339 jobs posted on Dice as of September 4, 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.

** Salary data collected from 19,182 registered Dice.com job seekers and visitors between August 2 and November 30, 2006

+ 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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