



## The Dice Report\*

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This month's Dice Tech Topic Poll revealed that a whopping 87 percent of technology professionals feel they have moderate to high stress levels on the job. This supports the findings from the third Dice Tech Appeal Index released earlier this month. The Index found that 91 percent of IT professionals associate the field with stress, primarily due to workload (26 percent), dealing with clients (23 percent) and the pace of the job (21 percent). Despite these stress levels, the Index also found that technology professionals continue to be overwhelmingly satisfied and loyal to the technology field. Ninety-one percent of respondents report that they are somewhat or very satisfied in their current job, and 92 percent say they intend to stay in the IT field for at least the next six months.

The technology job market remains strong with total job postings reaching 97,291 this month. The New York/New Jersey metro area was the only top-five metro area to add jobs. The area posted 10,938 listings, up from 10,844 in September. Other top metro areas – such as Washington, D.C., Silicon Valley, Los Angeles and Chicago – showed slight decreases in their number of job postings. Oracle was the most in-demand skill in October, with 19,968 job postings.

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### Available Tech Jobs:

*(Number of jobs posted on Dice as of 10.01.07\*)*

97,291

### Top Tech Metro Areas

*(Based on number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of 10.01.07\* \*)*

<b>1. New York/New Jersey</b> (New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Northern New Jersey)	10,938
<b>2. Washington D.C.</b> (Baltimore, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, Southern Maryland)	8,533
<b>3. Silicon Valley</b> (San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, CA)	6,513
<b>4. Los Angeles</b> (Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County, CA)	4,605
<b>5. Chicago</b> (Chicago and Suburbs)	4,402
<b>6. Boston</b> (Boston and Suburbs)	4,230
<b>7. Dallas</b> (Dallas, Fort Worth and Surrounding Suburbs)	3,409
<b>8. Philadelphia</b> (Philadelphia, Allentown, Southern New Jersey, Delaware)	3,230
<b>9. Atlanta</b> (Atlanta and Suburbs)	3,215
<b>10. Seattle</b> (Seattle and Suburbs)	2,526

## Consultant Countdown

(Number of contract vs. permanent positions on Dice as of 10.01.07\*)

<b>Contract:</b>	37,953
<b>Permanent:</b>	69,561

## Dice Tech Salary Survey – Salaries by Industry\*\*

The following chart shows leading average tech salaries by industry and the increase from 2005 to 2006.

Industry	Avg. Salary 2006	% Increase from 2005
Bank / Financial / Insurance	\$82,504	8.43%
Telecommunications	\$78,003	7.69%
Computer Software	\$77,582	3.82%
Government / Defense	\$75,086	8.70%
Medical / Pharmaceutical	\$72,717	1.40%
Manufacturing	\$71,878	7.71%

## Top Tech Skills

(Skills most in demand based on job postings on Dice as of 10.01.07\*\*\*)

<b>Operating Systems</b>	1. Windows	16,909
	2. Unix	14,923
<b>Databases</b>	1. Oracle	19,968
	2. SQL	15,549
<b>Programming Languages</b>	1. C, C++, C#	18,493
	2. J2EE/Java	13,701

## Tech Topic Poll Results:

### How would you describe your average day-to-day stress level at work?

Low: Everything is going really great right now. No complaints!	13%
Moderate: We have our share of problems, but it's tolerable.	41%
High: It's one emergency after the next. Not much fun.	28%
Off the charts: I need professional help... and a new job!	18%

\* Please note that data reflects public information posted by Dice users and customers. For example, 14,923 jobs posted on Dice as of October 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.

\*\* 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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