

## A Note from Tom Silver

The economy is never far from anyone's mind these days, and, given Dice's vantage point on the industry, I'm often asked how technology jobs are faring. While no sector is immune from economic pressure, technology continues to have low unemployment, 2.8%. That is well under the overall national average of 4.8%.

I wanted to share with you a few facts that highlight the vitality in the industry. There are more than 91,000 jobs on Dice. The average length of time a job is posted is 14 days. This means two things to me. First, employers continue to be serious about hiring and can find the right people if they know where to look. And second, top IT professionals with the right skills can find positions quickly.

In the Top Tech Metro Areas, we've noticed a growth in postings in certain cities, such as Boston, Philadelphia, Seattle and Denver. Among the skills most in demand, we continue to see Oracle database and programming languages such as C, C++, and C#. But we're also seeing an increased demand for Project Management in the past year, with 17,906 job postings, up from 15,823 a year ago.

Enjoy this month's issue of The Dice Report.

Tom Silver  
Senior Vice President  
Marketing and Customer Support

Dice can provide specific and targeted data, including geographic information, at your request. For past issues of The Dice Report, visit Marketplace Trends at <http://about.dice.com>.

Media Contact: Jason Chudoba  
(203.682.8332 / [jchudoba@icrinc.com](mailto:jchudoba@icrinc.com))

©Dice 2008.

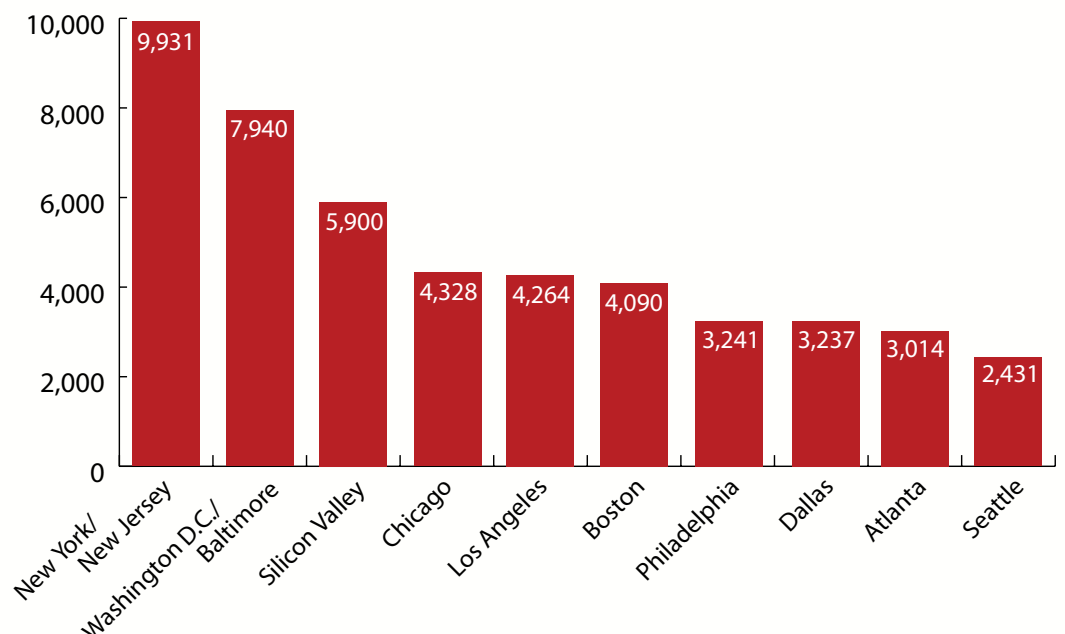
## Dice by the Numbers

Number of jobs posted on Dice as of March 3, 2008

Available Tech Jobs: 91,080  
Contract Jobs: 36,544  
Full-Time Jobs: 63,781

## Top Tech Metro Areas

Number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of March 3, 2008



## Dice Tech Topic Poll

What is your IT department doing to prepare for the potential economic slowdown?

- 30% We're making serious cutbacks to budget, staffing, you name it.
- 13% We're pulling back here and there, but nothing too drastic yet.
- 16% We're starting to evaluate non-essential projects that can be delayed.
- 40% We're not doing anything. Why rock the boat, right?