

## A Note from Tom Silver

There are five cities in the U.S. where tech job listings have ballooned by more than 20% year over year, and you won't find the traditional strongholds of Silicon Valley and New York on the list. There are five more cities where the number of tech listings jumped by at least 9% during that time.

These cities are the unexpected bright spots in a choppy economy that is also buffeting tech employment. In bucking the macro environment, the gains in these cities – by comparing job listings on Dice year to date 2008 vs. the same period in last year – are even more remarkable.

The top city for growth is Hartford, Conn., which had a 30% jump in tech job listings, albeit off a small base. Among companies in the area looking for talent: Stanley Works, a manufacturer of tools and hardware, and insurers, which make up a substantial part of the city's economy.

Listings for tech jobs in Cincinnati grew 28%, with consulting positions accounting for half of the Queen City's current demand. A small tech market with a hot reputation, Miami's tech job listings were up 23%, with companies looking for expertise in SAP, Oracle and ERP.

Number nine on the list, Denver is increasingly defined by its tech bent as it has become home to both startups and the IT operations of big companies. Last but not least, Seattle has always been a technology hot spot, but what's surprising is the level of growth: 9%, from an already large base. In the market for talent are big names such as Boeing and Microsoft, along with startups like Zillow.com.

As this data illustrates, technology professionals can find valuable job opportunities across the country in bright spots which may have been previously overlooked

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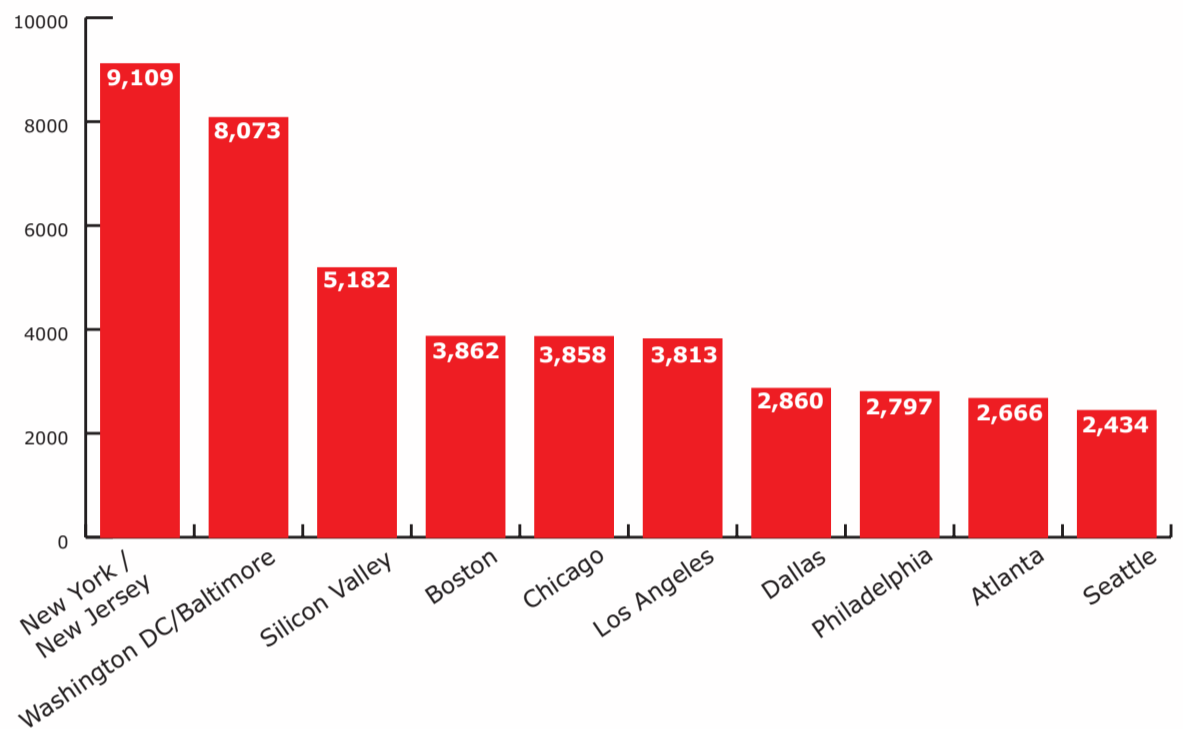
## Dice by the Numbers

As of September 2, 2008\*

Available Tech Jobs: 85,585  
Full-time Positions: 61,239  
Contract Positions: 33,629  
Part-time Positions: 1,621

## Top Tech Metro Areas

Based on number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice as of September 2, 2008\*



## Top Tech Skills

Based on number of jobs posted by tech skill on Dice as of September 2, 2008\*

### Operating Systems

1. Windows – 15,530
2. Unix – 12,625

### Databases

1. Oracle – 18,446
2. SQL – 13,365

### Programming Languages

1. C, C++, C# – 16,673
2. J2EE/Java – 16,063

## Fastest Growing Tech Metro Areas

Based on number of jobs posted by zip code on Dice YTD 2008 vs. YTD 2007\*

1. Hartford	<b>30%</b>	6. Cleveland	<b>14%</b>
2. Cincinnati	<b>28%</b>	7. Detroit	<b>12%</b>
3. Miami	<b>23%</b>	8. Minneapolis	<b>12%</b>
4. Pittsburgh	<b>22%</b>	9. Denver	<b>9%</b>
5. Charlotte	<b>21%</b>	10. Seattle	<b>9%</b>

\* A single job posting may reflect more than one skill, location or type of position; therefore, total figures for these attributes may be greater than total jobs posted.