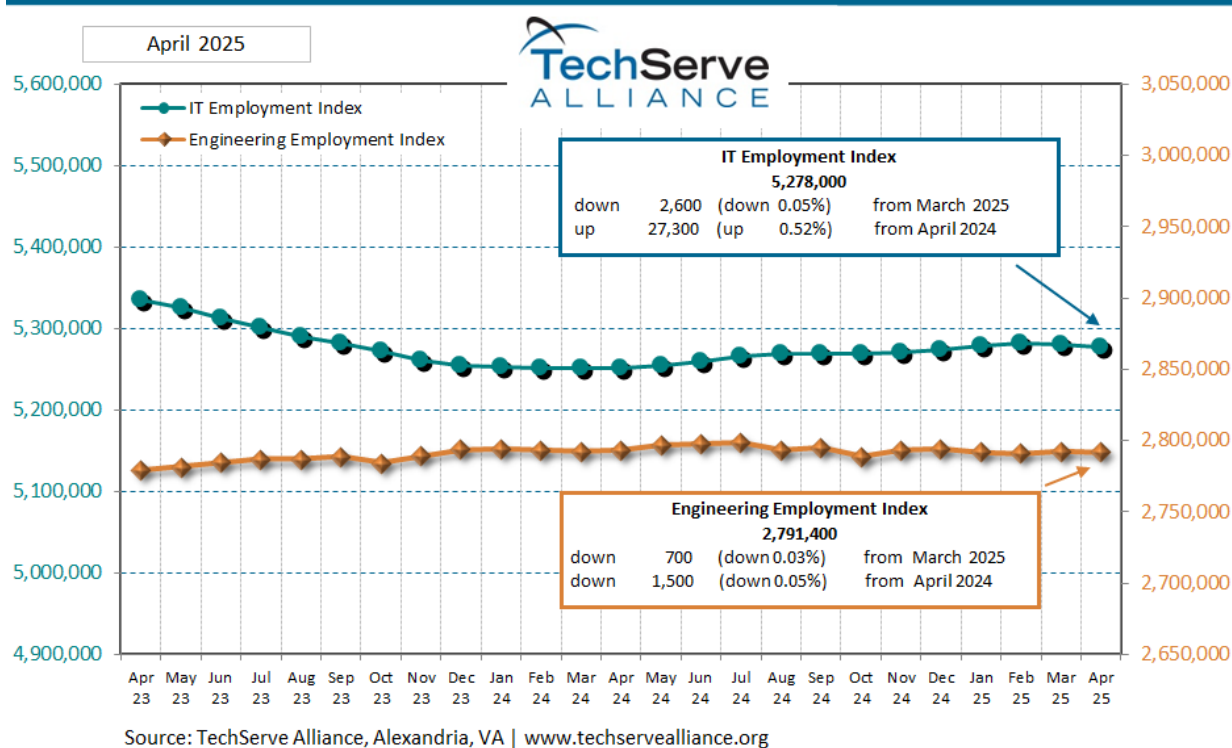




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IT Jobs Tick Down Amid Broader Job Market Gains

While the overall job market continued to show resilience, adding 177,000 jobs in April and beating analyst expectations, IT employment ticked down 0.05%, according to TechServe Alliance, the national trade association for the IT & Engineering Staffing and Solutions Industry. On a year-over-year basis, IT employment grew by 0.52%, adding 27,300 jobs. Meanwhile, engineering employment inched down 0.03% month-over-month and down 0.05% compared to the same period last year.



“Despite small ticks down in March and April, IT employment has nevertheless stayed in a narrow range the last 10 months. While the dramatic shift in economic policy has certainly slowed decision-making and, in some cases, caused projects to be paused, we don’t yet see the direct impact of those changes in the employment data,” observed Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. “While there continues to be strong demand for talent in areas such as AI integration, cloud infrastructure, cybersecurity, and data analytics, a broader recovery will be dependent on the overhang of uncertainty dissipating among other factors. The robustness of any eventual rebound is also likely to be unevenly distributed across industries and geographies,” added Roberts.

The following table presents information about the total number of jobs in certain sectors that provide a significant amount of employment for IT and engineering professionals.

Comparisons of TechServe Alliance's IT Employment Index to employment in some key sectors with significant numbers of IT jobs as well as to all non-farm jobs									
April 2025	TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index	Computer systems and design services	Management and technical consulting services	Data processing, hosting and related services	TechServe Alliance Engineering Employment Index	Computer and electronic product manufacturing	Professional and technical services	Federal, State, and Local Government (excluding state and local schools and hospitals)	Total non-farm jobs
Number of jobs	5,278,000	2,432,100	1,879,600	485,200	2,791,400	1,007,200	10,865,300	11,559,400	159,517,000
Change from previous month	- 0.05%	+ 0.05%	- 0.03%	- 0.66%	- 0.03%	- 0.40%	+ 0.03%	+ 0.01%	+ 0.11%
Change from same month, one year earlier	+ 0.52%	- 0.43%	+ 1.23%	- 0.08%	- 0.05%	- 2.17%	+ 0.57%	+ 1.27%	+ 0.23%
<i>Note: All figures are subject to revision</i> Sources: Department of Labor/U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and TechServe Alliance									

Technical note: TechServe Alliance's IT Employment Index and Engineering Employment Index are the first specific measurements of IT and engineering employment. These unique measurements of total IT and engineering employment are created monthly by studying the ongoing staffing patterns of a dozen IT and computer related occupations in 22 industries and industry sectors employing significant numbers of IT workers and nearly two dozen engineering occupations in 30 select industries and industry sectors employing significant numbers of engineering workers. Both the monthly IT Employment and Engineering Employment Indices are based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data, which is subject to monthly revisions, and is revised accordingly. Both indices are also subject to periodic revisions and annual revisions / benchmarking that includes revisions to several years of employment data, which also may incorporate new occupational definitions. Both indices were revised / benchmarked going back several years released on February 7, 2025. In addition, both indices are subject to minor revisions to March and April data of this year. The next major revision will be released and published in February 2026.

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