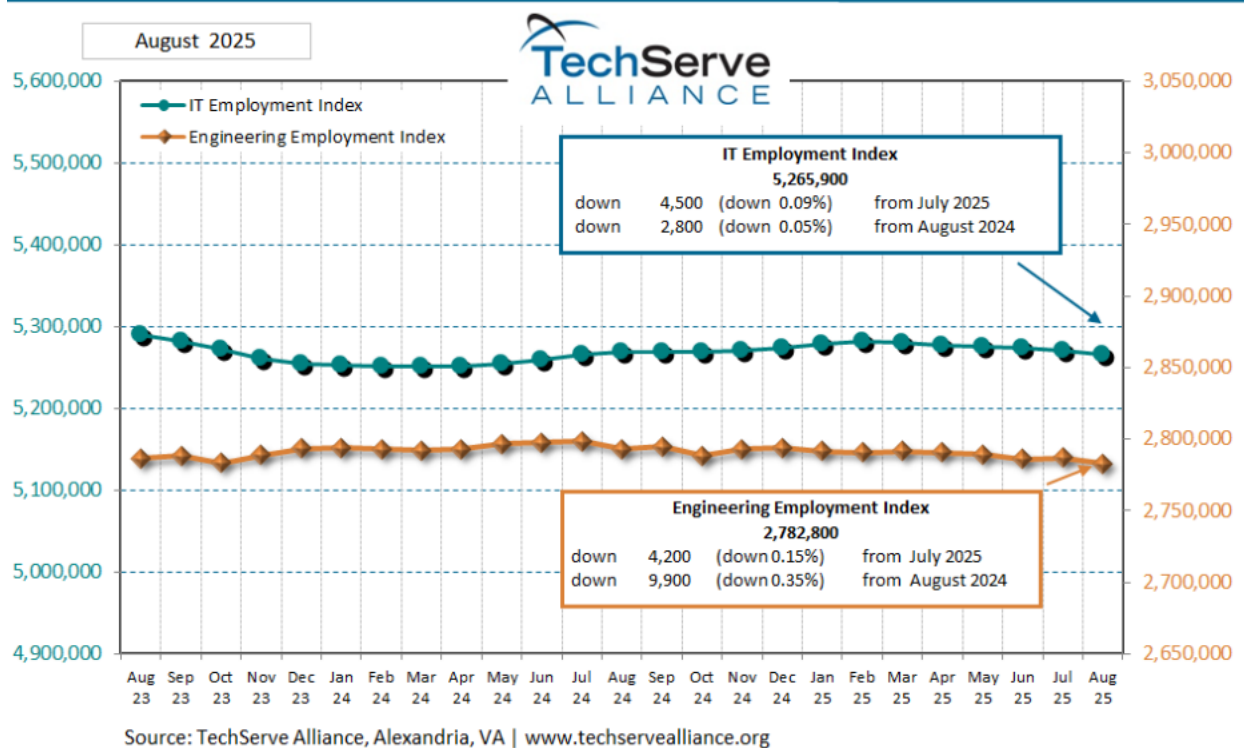




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August IT Employment Dips Along with Cooling Labor Market

IT employment declined in August, shedding 4,500 net jobs, according to TechServe Alliance, the national trade association for the IT & Engineering Staffing and Solutions Industry. The data also included slight downward revisions to employment figures for July. On a year-over-year basis, IT employment was down 0.05%, or 2,800 jobs. Engineering employment was down 0.15% in August, and down 0.35% compared to the same period last year.



“August’s decline in IT and engineering employment reflects the broader cooling we are now seeing in the labor market,” said Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. “Persistent uncertainty about the economy, interest rates, public policy including tariffs as well as the changing skill set mix driven by the rise AI and automation, continue to restrain overall hiring activity. While new skill sets will continue to emerge, demand for IT professionals will likely remain subdued in the near term apart from those with specialized highly sought after skills around AI, automation and cybersecurity,” 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									
August 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	5,265,900	2,415,400	1,879,800	484,500	2,782,800	1,001,400	10,855,300	11,503,600	159,540,000
Change from previous month	- 0.09%	- 0.14%	+ 0.16%	+ 0.02%	- 0.15%	- 0.21%	- 0.03%	- 0.17%	+ 0.01%
Change from same month, one year earlier	- 0.05%	- 1.29%	+ 0.92%	+ 0.85%	- 0.35%	- 2.39%	+ 0.25%	+ 0.07%	+ 0.93%
<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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