

IT JOBS TOP U.S. EMPLOYMENT GROWTH LIST THROUGH 2016

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistic's (BLS) 10-year economic and employment predictions, some IT professions will top the fastest-growing occupations list through 2016, while other IT professions will decline considerably.

FASTING GROWING IT JOBS

BLS data indicates that network systems and data communications professionals are in the top spot on the U.S. employment growth list with a combined, estimated increase of 53.4 percent over the next eight years. Computer software engineers in application development are close on their heels with an estimated 44.6 percent increase, landing them fourth on the overall U.S. employment growth list.

In addition to the aforementioned groups, seven other computer-related occupations are expected to have strong growth: computer systems analysts, at 29 percent growth; computer systems software engineers, at 28 percent growth; database administrators, at 27 percent growth; network and computer systems administrators, at 27 percent growth; computer and information scientists, at 22 percent growth; computer and information systems managers, at 16 percent growth; and computer support specialists, at 13 percent growth.

IT JOBS IN DECLINE

Unfortunately there isn't good news all around for IT professionals. The BLS listed computer programmers as one of the 30 occupations that will experience the largest declines through 2016. Overall, it's predicted that computer programmer jobs will decrease 4.1 percent during that timeframe.

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