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Technisource Survey: IT Worker Confidence Returns, Suggests Renewed Optimism Heading into 2012



BOSTON, January 30, 2012 – The IT Employee Confidence Index, a measure of overall confidence among U.S. technology workers, showed a positive uptick in confidence from 47.3 to 52.0 in the fourth quarter of 2011, according to a recent online survey, conducted by Harris Interactive on behalf of [Technisource](http://Technisource.com)[®]. Showing some much needed signs of recovery, the survey of 3,721 U.S. adults, among which 246 are employed in information technology, denotes the return of positive confidence levels (above 50) amongst IT professionals.

The increase in IT professionals' confidence in the economy was largely led by a perception of more jobs being available and an increased ability to get those new jobs. Mirroring this increase in confidence is a decreased belief that IT pros will lose their jobs within the next 12 months.

Results from the Q4 IT Employment Report:

- In this survey, IT professionals demonstrated a spike in confidence in the overall economy, with 22 percent now believing the economy is getting stronger, up nine percentage points from Q3 2011.
- Eighteen percent of respondents believe that more IT jobs are now available (up seven percentage points from the previous quarter), although those believing fewer jobs exist remain steady at 56 percent.
- Forty-two percent of respondents are confident in their ability to find a new job, up two percentage points from the previous quarter.
- IT professionals remain very confident in the future of their current employer, increasing slightly to 63 percent this quarter.
- Of those surveyed, only sixteen percent believe they are likely to lose their job. A full 70 percent believe they are not likely to lose their present position.

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“With the demand for IT professionals steadily increasing, I am pleased to see that confidence amongst US IT workers is rising once again,” said Andrew Speer, president of technology solutions for Technisource. “We are seeing great demand for project managers, analytics professionals and .NET application developers, showing that companies are opening their budgets and embracing technology implementation. While our survey showed no change in the number of tech professionals looking to actively seek out new employment, it is still one third of the workforce keeping their eyes open and it remains critical to focus on your current IT teams in order to mitigate unnecessary hiring and re-training costs.”

Survey Methodology

This survey was conducted online within the United States by Harris Interactive on behalf of Technisource from October 10-12 and November 14-16 and December 12-14, 2011, among 3,721 adults ages 18 and older of which 246 are employed in IT. This online survey is not based on a probability sample and therefore no estimate of theoretical sampling error can be calculated. For complete survey methodology, including weighting variables, please contact Katherine Van Pelt at KathyVanPelt@technisource.com.

[Survey Background Information](#)

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