

Salary Trends of IT Staff

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ABSTRACT

With the economic downturn that began prior to the new millennium, an increase of outsourcing, a lot of dramatic changes have taken place in businesses. The pay for the information technology (IT) professionals hit rock-bottom in 2002. Since then, the pay levels seem to be up for most categories of IT professionals. This study examines the salary trends of the different types of IT professionals for the years 2003 through 2007. The jobs examined are all entry-level staff categories that are responsible for the daily operations of their organizations. While there are various surveys done on salary by different organizations, the data set for this study was obtained from the Computerworld Website (www.computerworld.com). Fifteen job titles, that have 5-year data available, are selected for the study. The job categories are 1) Database Administrator, 2) Help Desk/ Technical Support Specialist, 3) Information Security Specialist, (4) Technology/ Business Analyst, 5) Network/ Wireless Network Engineer, 6) Network Administrator, 7) Programmer/Analyst, 8) Project Leader, 9) Quality Assurance Specialist, 10) Senior Systems Analyst, 11) Software Developer, 12) Software Engineer, 13) Systems Administrator, 14) Systems Analyst, and 15) Technician.