

- 10-year Bureau of Labor Statistics projections for highest growth:
 - **top 3 industries:** "Management/scientific/technical consulting services" (77.9%), "home health care services" (55.4%), and "computer systems design & related services" (38.3%).
 - **top 6 more specific occupations:** "Network systems and data communications analysts" (53.4%), "Personal and home care aides" (50.6%), "Home health aides" (48.7%), "Computer software engineers, applications" (44.6%), "Medical assistants" (35.4%), and "Computer systems analysts" (29.0%).
 References: <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecopro.t02.htm>,
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecopro.t05.htm>
- Computing-related jobs constitute **5 out of the 10 highest paid jobs from among the 30 fastest growing jobs** in an analysis of slightly older BLS statistics.
 Reference: <http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/Careers/01/26/cb.top.jobs.pay/index.html>
- Chicago Sun Times article 11/4/08 on **top 10 recession-proof jobs** based on the book *150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs* lists the top 3 as **Computer systems analyst, Network systems and data communications analyst, and Network and computer systems administrator.**
- Computing and math-related jobs are **5 out the 10 best in CareerCast.com ratings.**
 Reference: http://www.careercast.com/jobs/content/JobsRated_10BestJobs
- **Computer science grads in consistently high demand by employers** at all degree levels.
 References: <http://www.jobweb.com/studentarticles.aspx?id=1219>,
<http://www.graduatingengineer.com/futuredisc/compsci.html>
- **Offshoring is probably good for the economy and computing professionals in the U.S.;** there are more IT jobs here today than at the height of the "dot.com boom" in the late 1990s.
 Reference: <http://www.acm.org/globalizationreport/summary.htm>
- **College enrollments in computer science are down** nationally, creating increased opportunity for students who pursue education in this area. A survey in 2005 found that just 1 in 75 college students planned to major in computer science, down from 1 in 30 in year 2000. Enrollments are just beginning to tick back up after 5 years of declines.
 References: http://www.cra.org/CRN/articles/march09/Bizot_taulbee.html,
<http://www.cra.org/CRN/articles/may05/vegso>
- **Recent data shows job openings far exceeding degree production.**
 References: <http://usacm.acm.org/usacm/weblog/index.php?p=542>,
 updated graphic at <http://www.cs.luc.edu/~rig/cscareers/degreesvsjobs.jpg>
- Studying computer science leads to a **wide variety of career possibilities** in a very diverse set of industries and agencies.
 References: <http://www.cs.luc.edu/~rig/cscareers/forrester.html>,
<http://www.khake.com/page17.html>,
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<http://www.luc.edu/career/pdfs/computer.pdf>,
<http://www.cs.luc.edu/jobs#placement>