

IT Tops North Dakota HOTJOBS

In 2008, Job Service North Dakota (JSND) identified two information technology (IT) occupations as the hottest jobs in North Dakota based on projected growth and wages.

1. Computer software engineers, systems software - \$68,111
2. Computer and information systems managers - \$77,280

"IT is at the top of the list due to wages that exceed the state average and a high demand for IT-related positions across all industries."

- Maren Daley, JSND executive director

"The number of jobs and the wages available in the IT field are tremendous and constantly growing. Unfortunately, many people aren't aware of the numerous opportunities in North Dakota, which is causing a severe workforce shortage."

- Gary Inman, State Bank & Trust and ITCND

Interesting Facts

- Between 2006 and 2016, it's expected that the number of computer software engineering positions in systems software will grow by 45 percent.
- This year, the typical employee in this position will make \$68,111, which is more than double the state's average wage of \$31,316.
- Computer and information systems managers will make even more, averaging \$77,280.

IT Occupations in JSND's Top 40 HOTJOBS

<u>2008 Occupation Title</u>	<u>2008 Typical Wage</u>
Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	\$68,111
Computer and Information Systems Manager	\$77,280
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	\$55,703
Computer Systems Analysts	\$50,513
Database Administrators	\$48,378
Network and Computer Systems Administration	\$47,416
Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	\$46,655

Job Service North Dakota - Labor Market Information Center

For More Information

Students, teachers and parents interested in more information on IT careers are encouraged to contact Deana Wiese, Information Technology Council of North Dakota (ITCND) executive director and IT Career Awareness Program coordinator, at 701-355-4458 or office@itcnd.org.

ITCND is developing an IT Career Awareness Program, with the help of public and private partners, to address workforce needs. The program will inform students, parents and educators of IT career opportunities in North Dakota; encourage students to enroll in IT-related classes and program degrees at the secondary and post-secondary education levels; and ultimately develop a world-class IT workforce for the future. The program is scheduled for implementation in September 2009.