Individuals with strong information technology (IT) skills are greatly needed in many government agencies. The federal government hires information technology specialists, programmers, cyber security specialists and software developers in a wide variety of positions. For example, developers use information technology to design databases used in the storage of business intelligence systems at the Federal Reserve, technical support specialists maintain and enhance data sharing networks at the Department of Defense and cyber security specialists develop complex systems to secure the U.S. Air Force.

This guide will give you a glimpse of the type of IT jobs available in the government. For more information about searching and applying for positions in the federal government, visit gogovernment.org

### Percentage of IT Positions by Region

- **Northeast**: 1.8%
- **Mid Atlantic**: 6.2%
- **South Atlantic**: 48.9%
- **Pacific West**: 9.6%
- **East South Central**: 4.6%
- **West South Central**: 8.4%
- **East North Central**: 7.6%
- **West North Central**: 4.8%
- **Mountain West**: 6.9%
- **Northeast**: 1.8%
- **Mid Atlantic**: 6.2%
- **South Atlantic**: 48.9%
- **Pacific West**: 9.6%
- **East South Central**: 4.6%
- **West South Central**: 8.4%
- **East North Central**: 7.6%
- **West North Central**: 4.8%
- **Mountain West**: 6.9%
- **Positions Overseas**: 0.01%

### Top IT Fields

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IT Field</th>
<th>Number of Current Employees</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IT Management</td>
<td>77,848</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IT Trainee</td>
<td>255</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Top Agencies with Employees in IT

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Agency</th>
<th>Number of Current Employees</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Army</td>
<td>11,872</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Navy</td>
<td>8,807</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Treasury</td>
<td>6,835</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Air Force</td>
<td>6,701</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Defense</td>
<td>6,649</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Veterans Affairs</td>
<td>6,408</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Social Security Administration</td>
<td>3,888</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Agriculture</td>
<td>3,583</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homeland Security</td>
<td>3,147</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Commerce</td>
<td>3,118</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SOURCE: fedscope.opm.gov
SEARCH FOR IT POSITIONS

With so many opportunities to use your IT skills, it may be helpful to sort positions by job category. The most common categories are listed below. You can search USAJOBS.gov using these keywords or by using the job series code, a four-digit number corresponding to a government job category.

**Job Categories**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Category</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2210</td>
<td>Information Technology Management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2299</td>
<td>Information Technology Trainee</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Search Tips**

As the nation’s largest employer, the federal government has thousands of positions open at any one time. Here are our top tips for finding the right job announcements for you:

1. **Do Your Research.**
   * Explore a variety of positions and agencies, then focus your search to a few that align best with your interests and skills.

2. **Visit Agency Websites.**
   * Learn more about an agency’s mission, structure and current hiring on their website.

3. **Create an account on USAJOBS.gov**
   * Save your job searches, build your resume and search for positions at USAJOBS.gov

**Did You Know?**

- There are nearly 80,000 federal employees in IT fields.
- More than 78 percent of IT employees in the government are over the age of 40.
- More than 82 percent of IT employees in the government earn $70,000 or more per year.

**Examples of Job Positions**

**Job Title: IT Specialist (2210)**
Department: Department of the Treasury
Agency: Internal Revenue Service
Salary Range: $54,032–$140,008/year
Location: Washington, D.C.

As an IT Specialist, you will:
- Design and manage information technology security systems
- Synthesize novel energetic ingredients
- Develop contingency plans to ensure the availability of technical networks
- Analyze and evaluate network and data vulnerability.

**Job Title: Technology Enhancement Manager (2210)**
Department: Department of Homeland Security
Agency: United States Coast Guard
Salary Range: $89,033–$115,742/year
Location: Washington, D.C.

As a technology enhancement manager, you will:
- Develop and monitor knowledge databases
- Assist with the creation of reports and forms
- Design, implement and perform quality control audit procedures and practices

Visit us online at gogovernment.org/it

Learn more about finding a government job or internship in information technology and about:

- The Application Process
- Federal Agencies
- Pay and Benefits
- Writing a Federal Resume
- Security Clearances
- Searching for Positions
- USAJOBS.gov
- Internships
- Employee Profiles