MAY 2020 REPORT



KC vs US JOB POSTINGS

KC | 2,539

US | 411,712

-1,146 since Apr '20

-120,604 since Apr '20

TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS

Top Occupations May '20	# of Positions	Change from Apr '20
Project Manager	880	2
Software Engineer	879	-2
Senior Software Engineer	687	-1
Network Engineer	624	-13
Java Developer	603	-14
.net Developer	583	1
System Administrator	583	-8
System Engineer	415	1
Software Developer	391	-1
Application Developer	347	-19
TOTAL	5,992	

TOP 10 Certifications

# of ob Postings	Change from Apr '20
180	-13
96	-44
93	11
60	-31
52	-19
46	-6
46	-10
40	-32
35	Returning
52	-7
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TOP 10 Skills

Top Skills May '20	# of Job Postings	Change from Apr '20
Analysis	1108	-517
Architecture	883	-385
Security	827	-335
Science	814	-397
Computer Science	782	-379
Testing	775	-398
Implementing	646	-847
Operations	634	-342
Integrations	625	-392
Databases	600	New

TOP 10 Hirers of Tech Talent

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Top Hirers May '20	# of Job Postings	Change from Apr '20
Avacend, Inc.	262	0
Oracle	178	-169
Cerner	120	24
Deloitte	88	-80
GARMIN	60	-66
Humana Inc.	58	14
H&R Block	45	New
Sprint Corporations	40	-10
Honeywell	38	-8
MobileComm Professionals Inc	27	New



DATA TREND REPORT

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DATA INSIGHT

Following the trends of April, May continues to show the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The United States' economic downfall has directly correlated with a decrease in open job postings for the months of April and May. April decreased by 3.2% from March and May has seen a drastic decrease of 22.7%. In the Kansas City Metro alone, job postings have now decreased by 31.1%.

The Top 10 Occupations for this month had an array of variances from April. Only Project Manager, .net Developer, and System Engineer had a positive delta from April to May while all others showed a decrease in positions. Software Engineer has now moved to number two with 879 postings, and Project Manager with 880 now holds the number one position as one of three occupations with positive yields between April and May. The profession that showed the steepest reduction for May is Application Developer with a reduction in 19 postings as compared to April.

May's Top 10 Certifications continues to be led by Security Clearance (180). The Secret Security Clearance certification experienced a change of -13. The least amount of change from April with a -7 was CCNP. CISSP had the highest drop in certifications with -44 for the month of May. The average change in Top Certifications for May was -18.

The Top 10 Skills for the month of May is the only category that had triple digit decreases across the board for all recurring skill sets, except for 1 new skill, Databases, making the Top 10. Analysis continues to lead the Top 10 with 1,108 postings with Architecture in second at 883. The skill that showed the highest decrease for May was Implementing with -847. The average change in Top Skills was -399.

The Top 10 Hirers of Tech Talent for May showed many reductions apart from two Hirers, Cerner and Humana Inc. There were two new Hirers added to the Top 10 status for the month of May, MobileComm Professionals Inc., and H&R Block. The average change in Top Hirers for May was -37.

EMERGING IT MARKET TRENDS

As the world continues to feel the ripple effects of COVID-19, more and more of life has integrated into the digital realm. From teleworking to virtual doctors' appointments, many facets of life that were once thought to require in-person interactions, can now be completed with the click of a button. The U.S. and the world have shifted into what many are calling "the new normal" and while we contend with COVID-19, many companies are unprepared for the emerging threats at hand: phishing and scams.

Within the recent weeks, the uptick in computer usage has also led to an increase in phishing and cyber scams. Sectors at the greatest risk for scamming attempts are currently: health, banking, universities, and security. Predominantly sectors responding to COVID-19 have seen the most scamming attempts to date.

According to an article published on "Bloomberg News", "...cyber criminals have attacked with ransomware, and suspected nation-state actors have targeted World Health Organization officials. Hackers have also sought to capitalize on the pandemic, by using lures related to the crisis in "phishing" emails and espionage campaigns" (Sebenius, 2020). Companies that lack the proper cyber protection carry the greatest risk as more and more scams become as equally elusive as they are efficient.

To combat these emerging virtual risks, ECCO Select is available to be your virtual shield. ECCO Select has been providing IT Solutions for 25 years across the United States and we can support you throughout the lifecycle of your technology needs. ECCO Select can help your organization build and sustain a healthy security program while reducing risk and protecting your organization's privacy and proprietary data. ECCO Select is ready and equipped to help you overcome these emerging threats and bridge the gap between now and the future.

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