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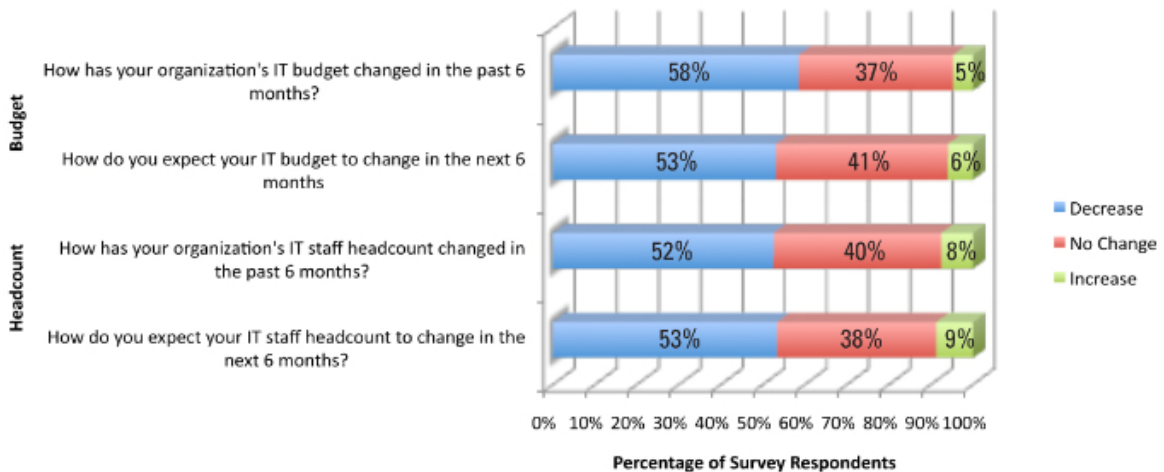
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ConsultNet Study Finds Orange County Managers Expect IT/Engineering Budget and Headcount to Stabilize

ConsultNet Technology Staffing Outlook Survey Finds Job Opportunities Improving for IT & Engineering Workers in Second Half of Year

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. – July 1, 2009 – [ConsultNet](http://www.consultnet.com), a leading technology and engineering staffing provider, announced today the release of the [2009 Technology Staffing Outlook](#), which includes a survey of Orange County hiring managers for IT- and engineering-related workers. The report reveals that despite the economic recession, local companies are expecting a stabilization and slight improvement in IT and engineering department headcounts and budgets in the second half of 2009. The 2009 ConsultNet Technology Staffing Outlook is available for free by visiting www.consultnet.com.

California IT & Engineering Industries



Findings from the 2009 Technology Staffing Outlook include:

- 58 percent of hiring managers experienced a budget decrease during the past six months, but only 53 percent expect a budget decrease over the next six months – a five percent improvement.
- While 37 percent of respondents saw no budget changes in the past six months, 41 percent expect no changes in the next six months, showing more signs of improvement.
- Headcount expectations remained stable, with nine percent of IT and engineering Hiring Managers expecting to increase headcount, 38 percent expecting no change in headcount, and finally 53 percent expecting a headcount decrease over the next six months.

“Stabilization is good news for the IT & engineering industries in Orange County. ConsultNet is still experiencing a growing number of orders for technology professionals, which shows there is still a strong demand for experienced, talented IT pros,” said [Spencer Shaffer](#), president of ConsultNet. “Hiring managers with increasing or stable budgets will reap many rewards during the next six months because there are more qualified candidates available in Southern California, so they can assemble a strategic team to help grow their business.”

In addition to shedding light on the local IT and engineering staffing needs in Orange County, the ConsultNet report includes information to help workers align their skills with upcoming IT trends, and explains how a supplemental workforce can help companies keep projects moving during an economic slowdown.

“The image portrayed today is one of extreme economic hardship, but the reality is that many businesses and industries are stabilizing – an increasing number of businesses actually expect some growth,” said Shaffer. “The 2009 ConsultNet Technology Staffing Outlook will help both individuals and Orange County businesses understand each others’ needs and requirements for success.”

For more information about ConsultNet and to download the ConsultNet 2009 Technology Staffing Outlook, visit www.consultnet.com.

About ConsultNet

ConsultNet is an information technology and engineering staffing services firm specializing in temporary, contract-to-hire, and direct hire placements. With a core focus on Information Technology, Business Applications, Telecommunications, and Engineering staffing, ConsultNet has become one of the most reputable staffing augmentation providers to Fortune 1000 and mid-sized clients nationwide.

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