In the first quarter of 2015, the tech unemployment rate averaged 2.3 percent, the lowest rate recorded since the second quarter of 2008, when the unemployment rate was 2.1 percent. Moreover, the unemployment rate declined over the course of the quarter, from 2.5 percent in January to 2.0 percent in March.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the unemployment rate in the first quarter of 2015 declined for all of the following: Web developers, computer-systems analysts, computer support specialists, network and systems administrators, software developers, computer & information systems managers, database administrators and network architects. This follows on steady declines in the unemployment rate for all of these professions throughout 2014.

The one exception to these general declines, programmers, saw their collective unemployment rate climb from 2.5 percent to 6.5 percent between the fourth quarter of 2014 and the first quarter of 2015.

Data processing, hosting and related services saw 6,800 jobs added in the first quarter of 2015. Computer and electronic product manufacturing also enjoyed a slight rise with 2,300 jobs added during the quarter. Tech consultants added 19,000 jobs, signaling that sector is as robust as ever.

“It’s a great time to be in tech. The unemployment rate for the technology industry dipped to the lowest rate since the second quarter of 2008, and tech pros are feeling very confident as the number of voluntary departures rises to historical highs, setting up a perfect storm for the tech-hiring environment.”

— Shrvan Goli, President of Dice