

# This is where the jobs are

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Computer whizzes continue to be the in crowd when it comes to the job hunt.

Despite the national unemployment rate rising to a five-year high of 5.7 per cent earlier this month, recruitment agencies say there's still plenty of jobs going — if you're in the right field.

Ben Wood, managing director of IT recruitment specialists Clicks, says there are opportunities for skilled IT workers, particularly in the public sector.

But Wood says despite the positive job outlook for the IT industry, the market has slowed.

"IT job advertisements have probably halved from where

they were a year ago," he says.

"But we probably have four times the number of applicants applying for jobs."

He says technical specialists who have proven experience in a particular product or software package are most sought after.

"Jobseekers who have specialties should be going to the market and trying to convince prospective employers of why they are the best at their particular specialty," he says.

Sarina Russo Job Access CEO Kevin Ayre says along with IT positions, jobs in the child care, aged care, health and food retail industries continue to be

in hot demand.

"Aged care is one of the growing industries and they've been calling out for more trained staff for quite a while and, of course, in health, with your hospital medical services, there is a lot of demand," Ayre says.

He also predicts building and construction industry jobs will start to pick up following recent announcements by federal and state governments about increased infrastructure spending.

"I think we're hearing about the doom and gloom, but our unemployment rate is still quite low by historical standards — 94.5 per cent of people are em-

ployed and there's still reasonably strong job demand," he says.

"Our thinking is we'll probably see recruitment pick up towards the end of the year."

Bucking the trend, Domino's Pizza has been on the hunt for new workers all year, with the company launching its own online recruitment site, looking for up to 2500 new workers.

Chief executive Don Meij says consumers are purchasing cheaper food products, such as pizza, resulting in higher demand for workers in the food industry.

"Our stores (need) additional staff to fulfil orders and deliveries," Meij says.



Despite the wobbly economy, IT workers are among the professions on the right road when it comes to job opportunities