SignalHire records 73.05% decrease in Information Technology searches in H1 2026

SignalHire compared search activity across 66 categories and found declines in several technical fields.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, UNITED STATES, October 21, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SignalHire has compared first-half search activity for 2025 and 2026 across 66 categories. Information Technology searches fell 73.05%, moving from second to seventh place in the table.

> The decline in technical searches is a reason to review sourcing plans. Employers still need to define each role clearly and check candidates against the work it requires.”
> *Ruslan Farakheiev, SignalHire*

Search changes by category

Information Technology searches fell 73.05%. Software Engineering searches fell 61.17%. Data & Analytics searches fell 57.81%. Engineering searches fell 69.10%.

What the data shows

Software Engineering searches fell 61.17%, Data & Analytics searches fell 57.81%, and Engineering searches fell 69.10%. Total recorded search activity fell 36.62%. IT accounted for 21.3% of the overall decrease.

About the comparison

The figures count recorded SignalHire searches for January through June in each year. Categories include industries and job functions. Searches can have different purposes, and the table does not identify each user's intent. The analysis does not measure job postings, completed hires, or national employment.

Advice for candidates and employers

Job seekers can use the findings to review how they describe their work. Name the languages and systems used, then explain a task completed with them. A developer who built warehouse software can describe that work when approaching logistics employers. The dataset does not prove that such a move will produce more interviews.

Employers with approved technical openings should check their own applicant numbers and

response rates before changing sourcing plans. Lower category search activity does not prove candidates are easier to hire. Separate the required skills from optional preferences, and search for evidence of those skills in previous work.

SignalHire provides professional profile search and available verified contact details, supported by a database of more than 900 million contacts. Read the analysis for the full category comparison, candidate advice, and related reports.

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