



Monster Employment Index Belgium Falls Back in April, After Two Months of Growth

April 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Belgium declined three percent or three points in April, following a moderate increase in online recruitment activity in the previous two months
- All major Belgian regions registered a decrease in online job opportunities with Brussels-Capital once again showing the steepest fall in demand
- The Index level of 107 is down 17 percent from April last year, but marks a second month of improvement in annual terms – suggesting the slowdown in Belgian online job demand has stabilized

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Belgium noted a three-point, or three percent decline in April after experiencing two months of increased opportunities. Year-on-year, the Index fell by 22 points, or 17 percent. The decline in online job availability seen in Belgium in April was in line with the overall drop for the European Union as a whole, falling one point or one percent; where increased demand in France and the UK was offset by decreases in Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands.

The Monster Employment Index Europe is a monthly analysis of millions of online job opportunities culled from a large, representative selection of corporate career sites and job boards across Europe, including Monster.be.

Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
107	110	102	99	102	107	114	116	118	123	127	127	129

Bernard Hensmans, country manager for Monster explained, “The slight correction in this month’s Index follows two months of robust recovery, and partly reflects the early start of the Easter holidays. Though the moderate improvement in Belgian consumer confidence in April is another encouraging sign, one should remember that unemployment is still rising and that many companies remain cautious about adding jobs amid sustained uncertainty about the economy.”

Transport, post and logistics continues to register sharpest annual fall among sectors

The transport, post and logistics sector noted a two-point, or four-percent decline in April, as worker demand continued to fall. With the global recession causing a drop in shipping and general trading activity, the sector has noted sharp contraction, falling 85 points or 63 percent in the Index.

Bucking the overall trend, public sector, defence and community increased by two points, or one percent in the Index, reaching another historical high, boosted by new jobs created in the government sector. Meanwhile, healthcare and social work jumped seven points or five percent and also showed the highest rate of increase among industry sectors on a year-on-year basis. The 29 point, or 22 percent, annual rise indicates accelerating demand for skilled healthcare workers.

In contrast, manufacturing, maintenance and repair registered a seven-point or six-percent decline in online advertised jobs this month and on a year-on-year basis the sector fell six percent, mirroring reports of further falls in industrial production.

Demand for craft and related workers falls, yet shows positive annual growth

Craft and related workers displayed a nine-point, or eight-percent fall in opportunities following last month's 13-percent jump. However, the category remains up five percent from a year-on-year perspective, suggesting sustained long-term momentum in this area.

All of the major white-collar occupational categories saw declines in various degrees this month whereas demand for factory workers such as plant and machine operators, and assemblers improved slightly for the third consecutive month.

Service and sales workers saw online job demand rise by seven points, or seven percent, increasing for the third consecutive month in April, helped by a seasonal hiring drive in the hospitality and tourism sector. Year-on-year, demand for this occupational group is down by 25 points, or 20 percent.

All major regions note decline

Brussels-Capital registered the largest decline among regions showing a seven-point, or eight-percent reduction from March. On a yearly basis the region showed a 40 percent drop in online job opportunities, signalling an above-average decline in demand for workers in and around Belgium's largest city.

The Flemish Region and the Walloon Region also saw online job availability decrease in April, falling four and three percent respectively. Both regions also noted significant declines on an annual basis.

Top Industries Looking for Employees

Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability month-to-month included:

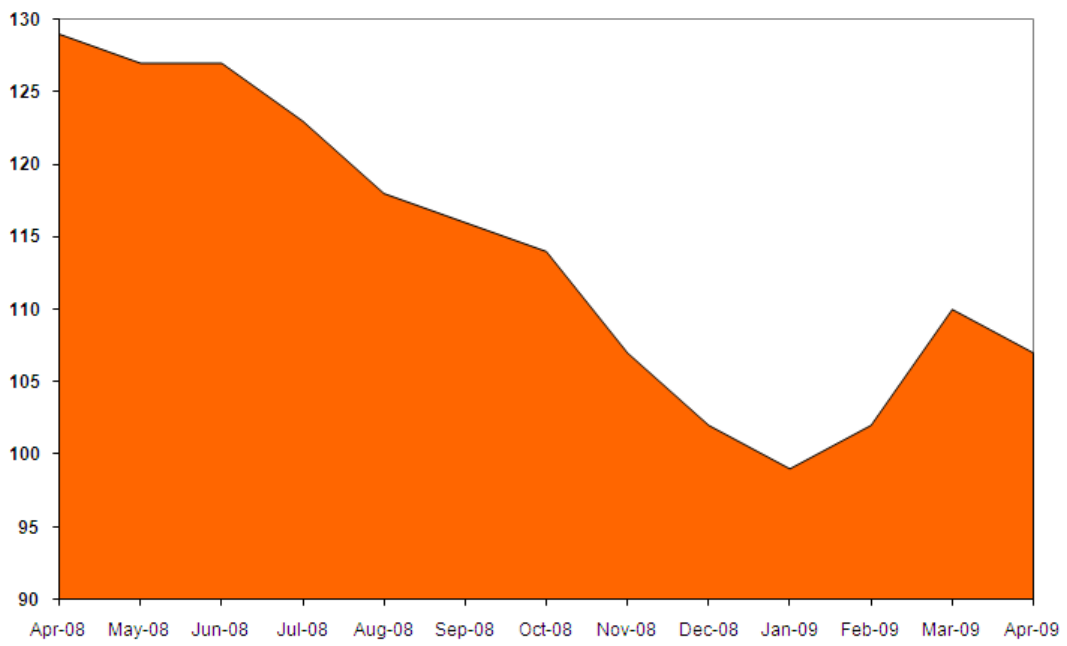
Industry	Apr 09	Mar 09	Apr 08
Environment, architecture, urbanism	118	108	123
Healthcare, social work	162	155	133
Hospitality and tourism	89	83	120
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	155	151	138
Public sector, defence, community	192	190	171

Most Wanted Occupational Experience

Occupational groups showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability month-to-month included:

Occupation	Apr 09	Mar 09	Apr 08
Service and sales workers	101	94	126
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	124	120	156
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	155	151	138
Elementary occupations	106	105	120

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Monster Employment Index Belgium findings across industry sectors for the past 13 months are as follows:

Industry	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	123	134	135	130	142	148	150	144	152	164	178	176	175
Administrative, organisation	88	91	85	87	86	89	101	105	106	118	119	119	123
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	155	151	147	141	141	142	146	148	147	147	149	141	138
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	94	96	89	80	81	90	118	134	145	161	159	152	156
Banking, finance, insurance	87	96	87	94	90	94	102	107	108	114	114	123	123
Construction and extraction	125	125	111	104	106	109	115	116	111	117	115	114	115
Education, training and library	159	166	150	154	155	153	150	164	169	161	165	169	165
Engineering	120	130	110	102	111	115	127	119	121	135	137	131	140
Environment, architecture, urbanism	118	108	106	96	98	105	107	106	105	113	111	113	123
Healthcare, social work	162	155	133	121	121	114	112	118	125	129	131	131	133
Hospitality and tourism	89	83	77	72	71	77	92	113	108	108	121	119	120
HR	87	88	89	97	102	113	122	123	132	132	143	152	143
IT	104	108	105	105	110	112	113	113	114	115	117	118	119
Legal	107	107	108	109	114	111	119	122	121	128	133	129	125
Management and consulting	118	122	112	102	104	108	109	110	111	115	116	118	119
Marketing, PR and media	88	90	90	85	96	100	113	116	114	133	135	128	134
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	117	124	104	95	95	106	113	112	113	118	121	120	125
Public sector, defence, community	192	190	175	166	173	175	182	178	173	182	181	155	171
Research and development	115	117	115	114	115	120	120	120	121	125	124	126	130
Sales	121	125	115	105	109	112	119	123	125	133	142	141	144
Transport, post and logistics	51	53	51	55	62	77	107	120	119	129	128	129	136

Monster Employment Index Belgium findings across occupational categories for the past 13 months are as follows:

Occupation	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Managers	129	131	115	109	110	112	115	114	115	120	122	123	125
Professionals	106	111	108	107	111	115	117	118	120	124	127	128	130
Technicians and associate professionals	106	111	99	93	98	103	112	116	118	127	129	128	133
Clerical support workers	92	95	90	92	90	94	106	110	111	123	124	125	128
Service and sales workers	101	94	81	73	75	75	94	111	111	110	124	126	126
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	155	151	147	141	141	142	146	148	147	147	149	141	138
Craft and related workers	110	119	105	88	89	94	98	96	95	100	103	102	105
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	124	120	119	118	123	131	145	147	145	151	154	151	156
Elementary occupations	106	105	97	98	97	106	116	120	119	119	119	119	120

Monster Employment Index Belgium findings across regions for the past 13 months are as follows:

Region	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Brussels-Capital	80	87	84	73	85	89	104	116	120	130	128	128	133
Flemish Region	110	114	96	92	94	98	108	112	113	122	129	129	133
Walloon Region	107	110	110	108	111	116	119	116	118	122	124	125	127

Monster Employment Index Belgium for May will be released on June 9, 2009.

About The Monster Employment Index Europe

The Monster Employment Index Europe provides monthly insight into online recruitment trends across the European Union. Launched in June 2005 with data from December 2004, the Index is based on a review of millions of employer job opportunities culled from a large, representative selection of corporate career sites and job boards, including Monster. The Monster Employment Index's underlying data is validated for accuracy by Research America, Inc. – an independent, third-party auditing firm – to ensure that measured online job recruitment activity is within a margin of error of +/- 1.05%.

The Index monitors online job opportunities across all European Union member countries.

The monthly reports for Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Europe are available at:

http://corporate.monster.com/Press_Room/MEI_EU.asp.

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