



Online Hiring across Belgium Remained Flat During June, According to Monster Employment Index

June 2008 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Belgium held steady at 127 in June. Year-on-year, the Index down eight points, or six percent
- Public, defence and community sector reported the strongest growth in June, while banking, finance and insurance saw the sharpest monthly decline
- Opportunities for skilled agricultural and fishery workers rose sharply, reflecting higher demand in the agriculture, fishing and forestry sector.
- Meanwhile plant and machine operators also saw growth, driven by a moderate increase in the production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair sector
- Only the Walloon region registered a slight decline in demand, while the Flemish region and Brussels-Capital saw no overall change

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Belgium held steady in June at a level of 127, but continued showing a negative year-on-year trend. While especially the goods-producing sector is seeing slower hiring, demand in the public sector has been surging. 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.

Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07
127	127	129	134	133	118	127	125	127	136	133	133	135

“Following two months of decline, the Monster Employment Index Belgium remained flat in June, suggesting employer confidence remains low. This is in-line with data from the National Bank of Belgium, which also indicates that there is some unease among employers,” commented Bernard Hensmans, country manager Monster Belgium. “One of the main reasons for this is that price inflation in the Eurozone is at four percent, the highest inflation rate since statistics began in 1997. We’re at crossroads at this point in time, where business decisions such as hiring policy will highly depend on what happens in the next months to come.”

Public, defence and community sector reports strong growth in June, as banking, finance and insurance shows sharp fall

There was a 26-point jump in demand for workers in the government, defence and community sector, recovering swiftly from a dip in May and reaching a new Index-high. Regionally, Brussels-Capital saw the highest rate of increase, while demand in the Walloon and Flemish regions registered a decrease. Year-on-year growth in the public sector was 44 points, or 32 percent, the highest on record for the category and among all sectors.

Marketing, PR and media also recovered by seven points in June, following three consecutive months of decline, leaving the sector unchanged in the Index from a year ago.

In contrast, a sharp drop in demand for workers in the banking, finance and insurance came as a result of fewer online opportunities for clerks and professionals. This left the sector down 11 points year-on-year. The HR sector fell by the same margin, with lower demand for clerks; and technicians and associate professionals leaving the sector down four points, or three percent.

Plant and machine operators show growth, driven by an increase in the production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair sector

Plant and machine operators saw demand rise by three points, following a slight decline in April and May. The growth was mainly due to an increase in the production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair sector. Regionally, online hiring rose in the Walloon region, while Brussels-Capital and the Flemish region saw declines.

Service, shop and market sales workers saw online demand drop two points in June, following three months of stability. The most considerable decreases were seen in the healthcare and social work; and sales sectors. Brussels-Capital saw a third consecutive month of growth, while year-on-year, the category was down six points, or five percent.

Walloon shows slight dip in online demand; Brussels and Flemish region unchanged

Online worker demand in the Brussels-Capital remained stable during June but fell two points, or two percent, year-on-year. The highest rate of increase in June was noted in the hospitality and tourism sector, which edged upwards for the second consecutive month. By contrast, opportunities in the transport, post and logistics; and sales sectors dipped for the fourth continued month.

The Walloon region reported a one point dip in online worker demand as it fell for the third consecutive month. The greatest decline was reported in the production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair; and construction and extraction sectors.

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

Region	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07
Brussels-Capital	128	128	133	141	144	105	126	129	131	152	131	132	130
Flemish Region	129	129	133	142	139	119	133	129	129	136	131	132	133
Walloon Region	124	125	127	130	128	116	122	123	126	128	130	127	128

Top Industries Looking for Employees

Industries showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

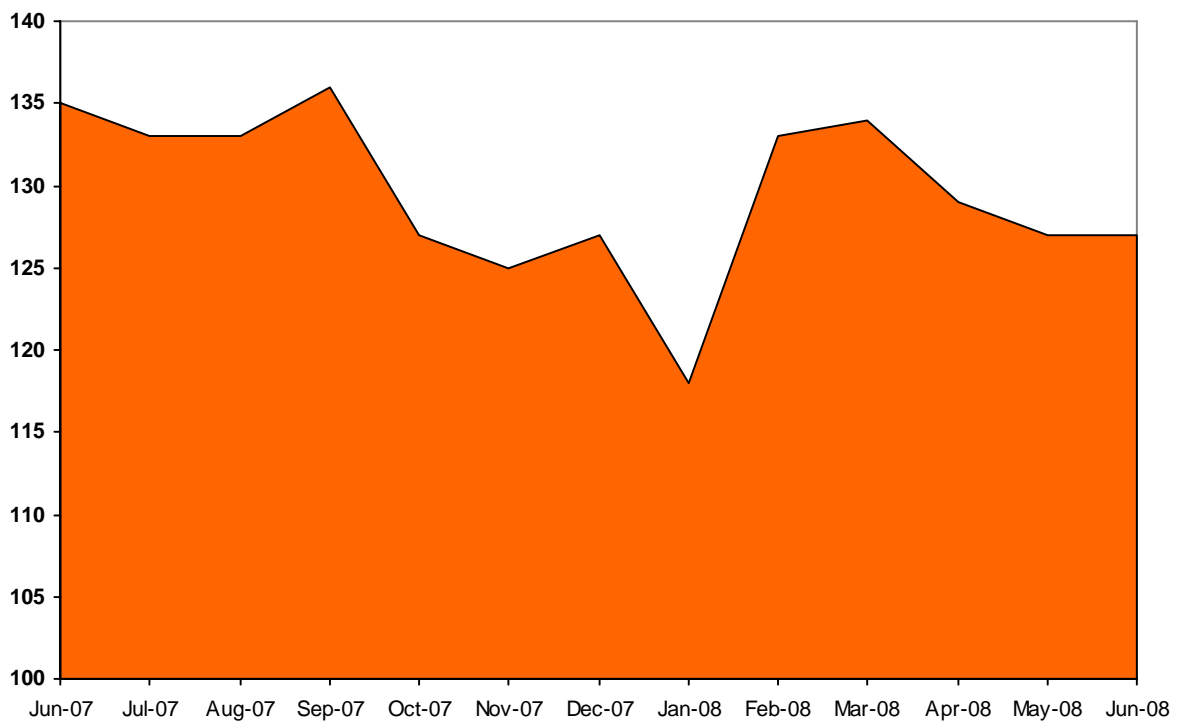
Industry	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Public sector, defence, community	181	155	171
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	149	141	138
Marketing, PR and media	135	128	134
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	159	152	156
Engineering	137	131	140

Most Wanted Occupational Categories

Occupational categories registering significant increases in online job demand included:

Occupation	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	149	141	138
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	154	151	156
Technicians and associate professionals	129	128	133
Craft and related workers	103	102	105

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Industry	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07
Accounting, audit, taxes	178	176	175	182	182	151	162	162	173	181	178	174	166
Administrative, organisation	119	119	123	129	123	107	114	113	113	136	136	139	143
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	149	141	138	133	132	129	123	129	137	114	121	122	127
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	159	152	156	152	154	137	157	138	144	136	130	124	131
Automotive	137	137	138	137	137	136	138	136	138	117	123	131	130
Banking, finance, insurance	114	123	123	131	127	94	117	122	119	123	114	126	125
Construction and extraction	115	114	115	115	115	109	114	113	115	132	126	130	134
Education, training and library	165	169	165	171	159	155	151	144	152	137	133	134	139
Engineering	137	131	140	145	145	123	143	137	140	148	136	136	135
Environment, architecture, urbanism	111	113	123	119	117	110	119	112	113	115	115	115	117
Healthcare, social work	131	131	133	135	144	131	136	134	136	136	134	138	131
Hospitality and tourism	121	119	120	120	122	118	120	118	123	128	125	127	128
HR	143	152	143	154	151	133	150	148	141	156	149	145	139
IT	117	118	119	121	120	112	115	116	119	124	123	120	126
Legal	133	129	125	147	155	127	149	146	149	154	147	160	157
Management and consulting	116	118	119	123	124	115	132	119	120	147	145	139	143
Marketing, PR and media	135	128	134	143	146	116	129	136	128	143	140	140	135
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	121	120	125	136	138	117	129	128	127	129	122	128	129
Public sector, defence, community	181	155	171	163	171	143	145	154	158	129	124	132	137
Research and development	124	126	130	133	131	119	127	128	131	134	131	131	130
Sales	142	141	144	151	150	131	141	138	139	144	138	139	138
Transport, post and logistics	128	129	136	144	142	121	127	128	124	130	129	131	130

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Occupation Group	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07
Legislators, senior officials and managers	122	123	125	128	130	121	139	125	125	152	150	143	145
Professionals	127	128	130	135	133	118	126	127	130	135	132	130	133
Technicians and associate professionals	129	128	133	139	139	119	128	127	128	135	129	131	132
Clerks	124	125	128	134	129	111	119	117	118	135	135	139	142
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	124	126	126	126	130	116	125	123	125	132	129	129	130
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	149	141	138	133	133	129	123	129	137	114	121	122	127
Craft and related workers	103	102	105	112	110	101	106	107	107	107	108	108	123
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	154	151	156	159	159	142	150	150	149	151	148	152	133
Elementary occupations	119	119	120	124	123	117	122	121	123	136	130	134	136

Monster Employment Index Belgium for July will be released on August 12, 2008.

About The Monster Employment Index Belgium

Providing a broad, comprehensive monthly analysis of online job demand, the Monster Employment Index Belgium is an extension of the Monster Employment Index Europe, which is compiled each month by researchers at Monster Worldwide Europe.

Launched in June 2005, the Monster Employment Index Europe provides monthly insight into recruitment trends across the European Union. The Index report is based on a real-time review of millions of employer job opportunities culled from Web sites across Europe, including Monster®. The Index is audited by Research America, Inc. and provides analyses of online job demand within occupational categories, industry sectors and regions.

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