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Monster Employment Index Belgium Edges Slightly Higher in June, as Opportunities in Tourism Increase

June 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Belgium edged up one percent in June following two months of decline. Year-on-year the Index dropped 20 percent, showing a stabilisation in the overall rate of decline across the first half of 2009
- All three major regions noted higher online job availability, yet all were well below their June 2008 levels

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Belgium notched a slight up-tick after two months of decline, with a one point (one percent) increase in online recruitment activity in June. On an annual basis the Belgian Index fell 25 points (20 percent). The increased demand in the healthcare and a six-month increasing trend in hospitality and tourism sector fuelled the rise in June.

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 the European Union, including Monster.

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

Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08
102	101	107	110	102	99	102	107	114	116	118	123	127

“Worker demand among Belgian companies remained muted during the second quarter as challenging economic conditions continued to weigh on hiring,” commented Diana Krieger, general manager Benelux, Monster Worldwide Europe. “Healthcare and tourism are among the few areas adding heat to an otherwise cool Belgian labour market.”

Research and development and legal sectors report gains in June; public, defence and community fall

The majority of the industry sectors monitored by the Belgian Index registered a slight uptick in online job availability, with hospitality and tourism maintaining its strong 2009 trend. Following declines in the previous month, moderate increases were noted in the research and development and legal sectors, which increased by six points (six percent) and four points (four percent) respectively.

The hospitality and tourism sector extended a sixth month period of growth in June, with online recruitment edging up two points (two percent) and reaching their highest level since September 2008. The continued increase in offerings in the sector helped slow the overall pace of decline.

However, other key sectors continued to report declines. Fewer offerings were seen in the public, defence and community sector, which fell six points or (four percent). Online demand in the sector declined 10 percent compared to year-earlier figures.

Online offerings increase for executives

Executive occupations noted strong recruitment activity in June, with managers showing a two point (two percent) gain since May as well as a year-on-year rise of three points (three percent). Elementary occupations increased the most on a monthly basis, jumping five points (five percent) with Walloon noting the most significant increase in demand.

Plant and machine operators and assemblers saw opportunities increase two points (two percent); however, year-on-year, it remained down 36 points (23 percent) amid an overall decline in Belgian manufacturing.

All regions note slight uptick

All three major Belgian regions registered a slight increase in online job availability in June, following declines in April and May; however, the regions remained down year-on-year. Despite remaining below year-ago levels, the rate of the decline in June slowed compared to Index data in May.

The Walloon region noted the healthiest monthly gain, increasing by two points (two percent), whilst the Flemish region climbed one point (one percent). The Flemish region's uptick of one point (one percent) has helped the annual rate of decline weaken, with opportunities falling a modest 21 points (16 percent) year-on-year, the most gradual decline of all regions.

Despite climbing one point (one percent) in June, the Brussels-Capital was the worst affected region by the economic crisis on an annual basis, with opportunities dropping 55 points (43 percent).

Best performing sectors

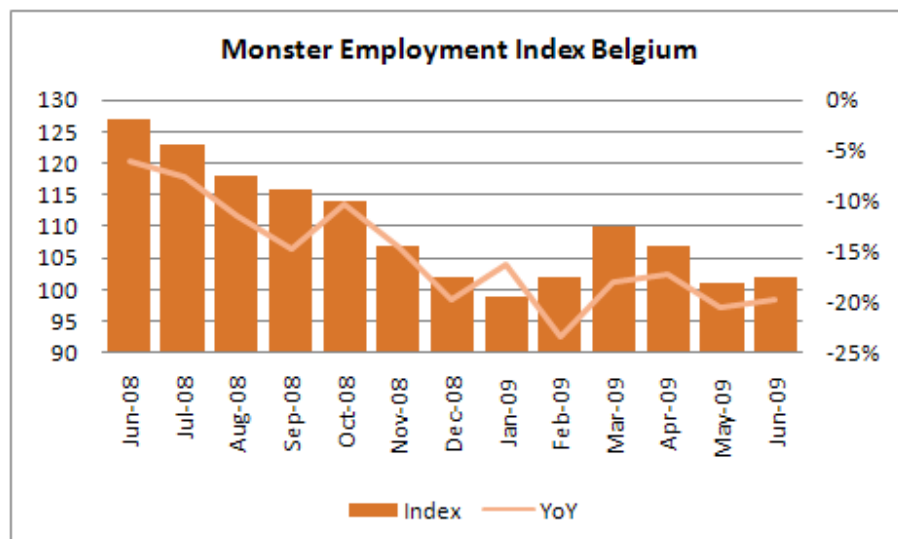
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Industry	Jun 09	May 09	%
Research and development	115	109	6%
Legal	104	100	4%
Accounting, audit, taxes	117	113	4%
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	116	113	3%
Education, training and library	165	161	2%

Year-on-year

Industry	Jun 09	Jun 08	%
Healthcare, social work	170	131	30%
Construction and extraction	120	120	4%
Education, training and library	165	165	0%
Management and consulting	116	116	0%
Environment, architecture, urbanism	111	111	0%



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

Industry	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	117	113	123	134	135	130	142	148	150	144	152	164	178
Administrative, organisation	79	81	88	91	85	87	86	89	101	105	106	118	119
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	149	156	155	151	147	141	141	142	146	148	147	147	149
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	87	94	94	96	89	80	81	90	118	134	145	161	159
Banking, finance, insurance	75	75	87	96	87	94	90	94	102	107	108	114	114
Construction and extraction	120	124	125	125	111	104	106	109	115	116	111	117	115
Education, training and library	165	161	159	166	150	154	155	153	150	164	169	161	165
Engineering	111	110	120	130	110	102	111	115	127	119	121	135	137
Environment, architecture, urbanism	111	112	118	108	106	96	98	105	107	106	105	113	111
Healthcare, social work	170	166	162	155	133	121	121	114	112	118	125	129	131
Hospitality and tourism	94	92	89	83	77	72	71	77	92	113	108	108	121
HR	84	82	87	88	89	97	102	113	122	123	132	132	143
IT	92	90	104	108	105	105	110	112	113	113	114	115	117
Legal	104	100	107	107	108	109	114	111	119	122	121	128	133
Management and consulting	116	115	118	122	112	102	104	108	109	110	111	115	116
Marketing, PR and media	85	84	88	90	90	85	96	100	113	116	114	133	135
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	116	113	117	124	104	95	95	106	113	112	113	118	121
Public sector, defence, community	163	169	192	190	175	166	173	175	182	178	173	182	181
Research and development	115	109	115	117	115	114	115	120	120	120	121	125	124
Sales	118	117	121	125	115	105	109	112	119	123	125	133	142
Transport, post and logistics	51	50	51	53	51	55	62	77	107	120	119	129	128

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

Occupation	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08
Managers	125	123	129	131	115	109	110	112	115	114	115	120	122
Professionals	97	96	106	111	108	107	111	115	117	118	120	124	127
Technicians and associate professionals	102	101	106	111	99	93	98	103	112	116	118	127	129
Clerical support workers	83	85	92	95	90	92	90	94	106	110	111	123	124
Service and sales workers	105	104	101	94	81	73	75	75	94	111	111	110	124
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	148	156	155	151	147	141	141	142	146	148	147	147	149
Craft and related workers	106	106	110	119	105	88	89	94	98	96	95	100	103
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	118	116	124	120	119	118	123	131	145	147	145	151	154
Elementary occupations	112	107	106	105	97	98	97	106	116	120	119	119	119

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

Region	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08
Brussels-Capital	73	72	80	87	84	73	85	89	104	116	120	130	128
Flemish Region	108	107	110	114	96	92	94	98	108	112	113	122	129
Walloon Region	101	99	107	110	110	108	111	116	119	116	118	122	124

Monster Employment Index Netherlands for July will be released on August 11, 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://about-monster.com/employment/index/17>.

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