



Second Month of Reduced Online Job Demand Suggests Belgian Employer Confidence Still Low, According to Monster Employment Index

May 2008 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Belgium dipped two points to a level of 127 in May as job availability fell for the second consecutive month
- The public and community sector registered the steepest monthly downturn, but remained up strongly year-on-year
- Drops were also seen across most industries while HR saw a sharp rise in opportunities. There were also gains among the legal; and education, training and library sectors
- Occupational groups falling most in May included technicians and associate professionals; and plant and machine operators
- All three major regions registered monthly and annual declines in May. Year-on-year, the Flemish Region has held up the best while Brussels-Capital was down by the biggest margin

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index Belgium fell two points in May to a level of 127, extending a second month of decline following a drop in April. Year-on-year, the Index was down eight points, or six percent. 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.

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

“The decline in online job availability demonstrated by the Monster Employment Index Belgium could corroborate broader concerns in the business community of a widespread economic downturn across Europe,” commented Bernard Hensmans, country manager Monster Belgium. “However, although the Index reveals that employer confidence is muted, the rate of unemployment remained at a near seven year low in April, suggesting that the slowdown in online hiring activity has not translated into broader layoffs.”

Public sector hit most, while HR sector recovers from April fall

Although the public sector was the exception to the general downturn during April with a strong rise in online opportunities, the sector noted a seasonal correction in May, with all occupational groups reporting lower demand. The decline was driven by lower demand for technicians and associate professionals. Despite the fall, year-on-year growth was 27 points, or 21 percent.

Environment, architecture and urbanism also fell sharply, following three months of continued growth. The fall was due to fewer positions being available for professionals; and technicians and associate professionals.

In contrast, demand for HR sector workers increased sharply by nine points in May, following a sharp decline in April. Clerks saw noticeably higher levels of online job availability, while Walloon saw the more growth regionally. The education, library and training sector also reported strong growth.

Technicians and associate professionals; and plant and machine operators see online job opportunities fall as hiring in heavy industries slows

Technicians and associate professionals saw online job demand decline for the second consecutive month in May, with a five point fall driven in-part by lower online recruitment activity in the transport, post and logistics sectors. Plant and machine operators also saw a five-point drop, in a second consecutive month of lower hiring. This came as hiring for workers in the transport, post and logistics sector fell, while there were also lower levels of demand for construction and extraction workers. The Flemish region saw the sharpest dips for both occupational categories. While demand for technicians and associate professionals was down year-on-year, plant and machine operators saw the overall level of online job availability grow by 19 points, or 17 percent, the strongest among occupational groups.

The only occupational group showing higher month-on-month demand was skilled agricultural and fishery workers, which saw online job availability rise for the fifth consecutive month.

All regions show lower demand with considerable decreases in Flanders and Brussels

Flanders and Brussels saw a second and third consecutive month of decline respectively, as their negative trends continued into May. In the last two months alone, the Flemish and Brussels regions have each seen online demand fall 13 points, with the Walloon Region showing a far less pronounced downward trend. The Walloon region went

down 5 points over the two months. This is mainly because this region has traditionally lower figures in terms of online job demands.

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

Region	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	May 07
Brussels-Capital	128	133	141	144	105	126	129	131	152	131	132	130	138
Flemish Region	129	133	142	139	119	133	129	129	136	131	132	133	132
Walloon Region	125	127	130	128	116	122	123	126	128	130	127	128	132

Top Industries Looking for Employees in May

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

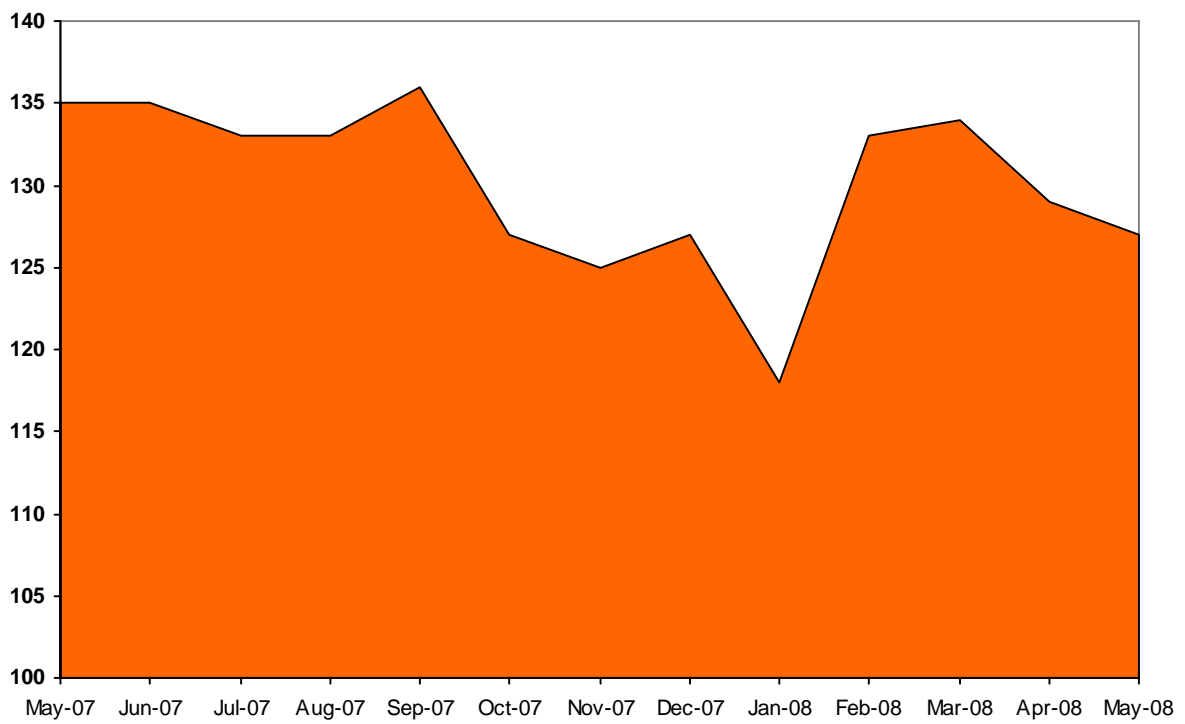
Industry	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
HR	152	143	154
Education, training and library	169	165	171
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	141	138	133
Legal	129	125	147
Accounting, audit, taxes	176	175	182

Most Wanted Occupational Categories in May

Occupational categories registering significant increases in online job demand included:

Occupation	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	141	138	133
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	126	126	126

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

Industry	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08	Dec 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Sep 07	Aug 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	May 07
Accounting, audit, taxes	176	175	182	182	151	162	162	173	181	178	174	166	153
Administrative, organisation	119	123	129	123	107	114	113	113	136	136	139	143	137
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	141	138	133	132	129	123	129	137	114	121	122	127	128
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	152	156	152	154	137	157	138	144	136	130	124	131	129
Automotive	137	138	137	137	136	138	136	138	117	123	131	130	130
Banking, finance, insurance	123	123	131	127	94	117	122	119	123	114	126	125	130
Construction and extraction	114	115	115	115	109	114	113	115	132	126	130	134	133
Education, training and library	169	165	171	159	155	151	144	152	137	133	134	139	132
Engineering	131	140	145	145	123	143	137	140	148	136	136	135	134
Environment, architecture, urbanism	113	123	119	117	110	119	112	113	115	115	115	117	124
Healthcare, social work	131	133	135	144	131	136	134	136	136	134	138	131	132
Hospitality and tourism	119	120	120	122	118	120	118	123	128	125	127	128	124
HR	152	143	154	151	133	150	148	141	156	149	145	139	134
IT	118	119	121	120	112	115	116	119	124	123	120	126	130
Legal	129	125	147	155	127	149	146	149	154	147	160	157	151
Management and consulting	118	119	123	124	115	132	119	120	147	145	139	143	145
Marketing, PR and media	128	134	143	146	116	129	136	128	143	140	140	135	134
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	120	125	136	138	117	129	128	127	129	122	128	129	130
Public sector, defence, community	155	171	163	171	143	145	154	158	129	124	132	137	128
Research and development	126	130	133	131	119	127	128	131	134	131	131	130	130
Sales	141	144	151	150	131	141	138	139	144	138	139	138	139
Transport, post and logistics	129	136	144	142	121	127	128	124	130	129	131	130	132

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

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

Monster Employment Index Belgium for June will be released on July 8, 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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