



Online Job Opportunities in France Rally as Demand in Sales; and Accounting, Audit and taxes Jumps

February 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index France saw a solid increase in February, climbing eight points. Despite this, the Index's annual growth rate sank 57 points, or 34 percent
- Sales; and accounting, audit and taxes saw significant increases in online job demand, however, both registered annual declines. Meanwhile, opportunities in the environment, architecture and urbanism; and hospitality sectors fell in February
- Among occupational groups, craft and related workers; and managers exhibited increased online job offerings, while elementary occupations saw a dip
- All regions saw increased online job offerings, with Ile de France registering the steepest rise

Summary Overview

The uptick in French recruitment lifted the Monster Employment Index France by eight points in February, halting its declining trend. However, on an annual basis, the Index fell 57 points, or 34 percent, suggesting that employers as a whole are wary of the uncertain economic future. This correlates with INSEE's latest forecast of at least a one percent contraction in the French economy during 2009. 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.fr.

Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08
110	102	127	143	158	155	160	169	171	159	161	160	167

“The upturn in the Index this month was driven by an increase in the accounting, audit and taxes sector as businesses prepare for the end of the financial year. It also suggests that a considerable number of organisations are trying to fill staff deficiencies despite the current economic climate,” said Bruno Brémond, vice president of Monster France and Southern Europe. “Although recruitment levels remain down year-on-year, all French regions showed increased job opportunities, suggesting that some employers are still keen to recruit.”

Sales; and accounting, audit and taxes see increase in online recruitment activity

Online job offerings in the sales sector jumped 18 points in February, halting a three-month declining trend. The increase was prompted by stronger demand for technicians and associate professionals; managers; and professionals. Ile de France registered the sharpest increase in offerings following three months of weak recruitment activity in the sector. Despite the increase, the sector was down 54 points, or 31 percent.

Accounting, audit and taxes climbed 18 points in the Index, following seven months of continued decline. Increased job opportunities for professionals was the primary driver for the sector, whilst other increases were also noted among managers; and technicians and associate professionals. Regionally, the West saw opportunities increase significantly; Ile de France and the South West also exhibited stronger demand. Year-on-year the sector was down 63 points, or 30 percent.

Online job demand in the hospitality and tourism sector dipped two points, marking the second consecutive month of decline for the sector. The drop was driven primarily by falling opportunities for service and sales workers. The South West exhibited the sharpest decline, whilst Rhone Alpes, the East and Ile de France also noted fewer online offerings. Year-on-year the sector was down 78 points, or 52 percent in February, the steepest fall among sectors.

Upsurge in online offerings noted for craft and related workers

Craft and related workers soared 36 points in February, reflecting increased online opportunities in the construction and extraction sector. The production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair sector also saw offerings jump following three months of decline. Regionally, Ile de France saw the sharpest increase in opportunities. Craft and related was the only occupational group to exhibit an annual increase, climbing 17 points, or seven percent.

Online offerings for managers increased 22 points as demand in the real estate; and sales; and the research and development sectors jumped. All regions registered increased demand with Rhone Alpes show the sharpest rise in demand. However, year-on-year the group fell 43 points, or 26 percent.

Elementary occupations job offerings dipped four points in February. The production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair sector saw the sharpest decline in opportunities.

All regions halt declining trends, with increased online job offerings in February

Ile de France registered strong growth in online job opportunities in February, climbing 14 points. The region noted growth in the administrative and organisation; real estate; marketing, PR and media; and production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair sectors. However, the automotive sector continued to decline, marking the third consecutive month of decreased opportunities in the region. All occupational groups exhibited increased online job demand, with clerical support workers showing the largest gain. Online job opportunities also increased significantly for craft and related workers. Still, Ile de France is showing the worst long-term slump among regions, dropping 56 points, or 41 percent over the past 12 months.

Online job availability in Rhone Alpes climbed five points, halting the regions declining trend. Opportunities increased the most in the public, defence and community; marketing, PR and media; administrative and organisation; and accounting, audit and taxes sectors. February marked the third month of increased opportunities for the arts, entertainment, sports and leisure sector, whilst the healthcare and social work sector halted its declining trend. Managers showed the sharpest level of increase among occupational groups, whilst craft and related workers also saw gains. Year-on-year, demand in the region fell 30 points, or 23 percent.

Top Industries Looking for Workers

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

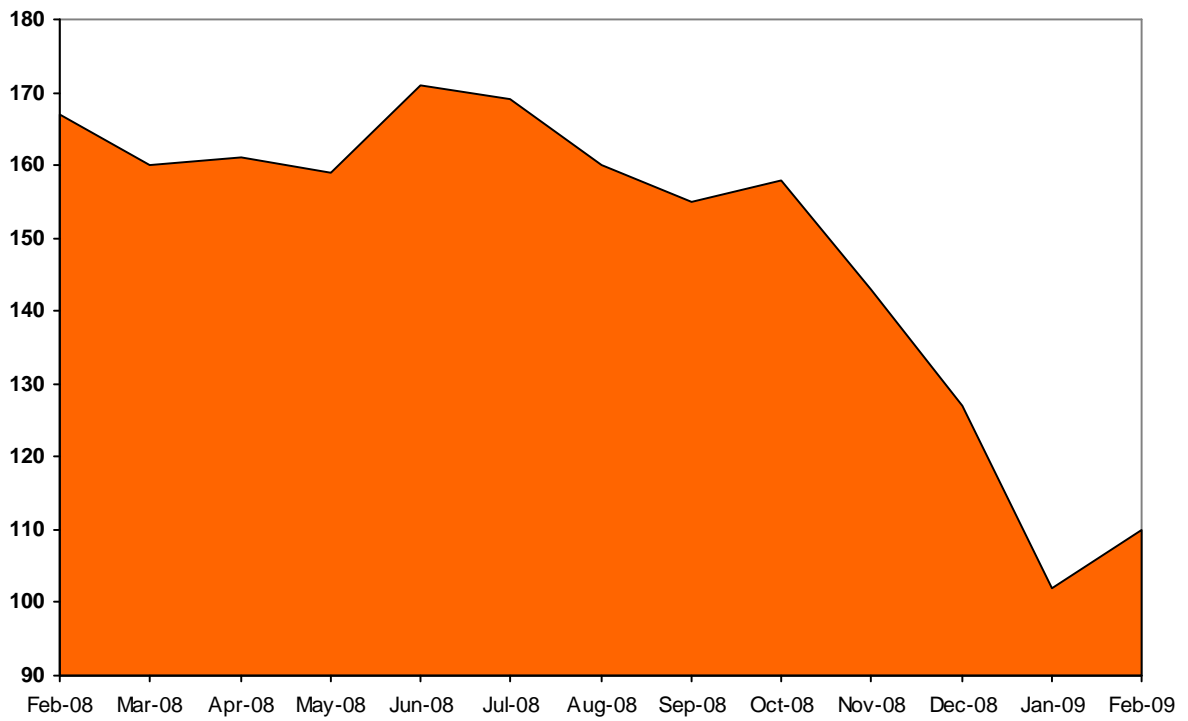
Industry	Feb 09	Jan 09	Feb 08
Sales	122	104	176
Accounting, audit, taxes	149	131	212
Legal	99	86	128
Real estate	176	165	184
Research and development	148	138	206

Most Wanted Occupational Experience

Occupational groups showing the greatest increase in online job availability:

Occupation	Feb 09	Jan 09	Feb 08
Craft and related workers	256	220	239
Managers	121	99	164
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	152	141	174
Clerical support workers	79	69	121

Monster Employment Index France



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

Industry	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	149	131	151	172	175	177	180	197	209	193	192	195	212
Administrative, organisation	109	101	116	120	125	119	128	124	126	121	130	123	130
Arts, entertainment, sport and leisure	154	152	150	148	149	151	152	151	138	136	137	136	132
Automotive	153	151	147	152	152	176	186	172	163	163	160	174	178
Banking, finance, insurance	79	71	80	83	90	88	94	88	83	85	80	76	79
Construction and extraction	137	128	157	175	184	188	198	179	182	171	167	168	172
Education, training and library	83	82	85	87	90	87	88	91	91	89	87	89	95
Engineering	97	92	134	171	191	198	196	172	179	166	169	172	178
Environment, architecture, urbanism	111	116	116	128	140	127	130	134	138	136	135	130	139
Healthcare, social work	121	120	125	133	179	145	155	157	172	167	167	170	172
Hospitality and tourism	71	73	91	89	123	153	182	220	177	170	150	175	149
HR	115	106	123	139	155	146	152	164	177	163	173	173	181
IT	100	99	115	120	126	122	125	126	126	114	118	113	120
Legal	99	86	113	112	115	106	115	102	101	104	111	127	128
Management and consulting	113	115	148	164	177	161	165	183	174	167	176	169	170
Marketing, PR and media	97	90	96	99	104	97	101	106	104	104	108	106	106
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	133	125	137	148	158	153	164	167	184	175	175	170	176
Public sector, defence, community	130	127	139	157	151	154	159	145	138	119	118	129	154
Real estate	176	165	170	177	178	177	184	200	200	201	212	190	184
Research and development	148	138	166	185	202	180	188	196	193	192	195	199	206
Sales	122	104	132	150	173	152	151	174	179	165	175	171	176
Transport, post and logistics	86	80	103	112	130	162	180	189	194	182	184	178	176

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

Occupation Group	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08
Managers	121	99	129	152	176	140	148	166	164	153	165	158	164
Professionals	125	119	149	167	181	173	180	174	175	164	169	169	178
Technicians and associate professionals	130	121	141	152	166	153	153	165	167	159	166	160	165
Clerical support workers	79	69	91	104	114	119	133	127	136	123	120	118	121
Service and sales workers	73	69	69	71	82	102	126	164	124	111	89	111	91
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	68	64	68	71	73	74	76	93	95	83	85	84	108
Craft and related workers	256	220	213	234	251	260	279	272	275	258	239	222	239
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	152	141	149	162	174	191	214	182	201	190	179	174	174
Elementary occupations	83	87	121	127	149	115	121	148	175	172	206	178	152

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

Region	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08
Ile de France	81	67	100	122	139	133	135	156	154	141	135	133	137
East	93	91	96	100	105	103	106	106	108	105	107	106	109
North	117	113	124	130	135	133	140	139	143	137	139	137	142
West	99	96	104	110	116	113	118	118	121	116	118	121	125
South-West	82	81	87	89	93	92	96	101	95	93	93	91	94
Rhone Alpes	101	96	111	121	130	124	128	135	136	128	129	126	131
Mediterranean	93	90	97	100	104	102	105	106	106	104	106	105	108

Monster Employment Index France for March will be released on April 14, 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.

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

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