



Online Employment Opportunities in France Continue to Decline in January, as Engineering Sector Reports Sharp Fall

January 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index France plummeted 25 points in January, marking its lowest level since September 2005. Year-on-year the Index fell 38 points, or 27 percent
- Engineering saw the sharpest decline in online job opportunities, whilst legal; and management and consulting also registered fewer offerings
- The transport, post and logistics sector exhibited the steepest annual decline among sectors. In contrast, the arts, entertainment, sports and leisure sector saw opportunities increase the most on an annual basis, growing 17 percent in January
- Elementary occupations; managers; and professionals registered weaker online job demand while craft and related trade workers saw opportunities increase
- Regionally, Ile de France saw opportunities decline most

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index France dropped 25 points in January, bringing the Index to its lowest level since September 2005. The decline this month in the Index reflects significantly weaker demand in the engineering; legal; and management and consulting sectors. Year-on-year the Index declined 38 points, or 27 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.fr.

Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08
102	127	143	158	155	160	169	171	159	161	160	167	140

“The downward trend in French recruitment activity continued in January as the engineering sector registered a sharp decline in opportunities. The fall in the sector reflects the overall slump in industrial activity and the lack of capital available for new engineering projects,” said Bruno Brémont, vice president of Monster France and Southern Europe. “Nevertheless, some sectors have seen increased recruitment activity, such as the arts, entertainment, sport and leisure sector, which has increased steadily for the past two months and remains up on year-earlier figures.”

Engineering sector opportunities continue to fall in January

Online job availability in the engineering sector fell 42 points in January, marking the fourth month of consecutive decline for the sector. Weaker demand was noted for skilled occupational groups; professionals; technicians and associate professionals; and managers. All regions registered weaker demand for workers in the sector, with the East and North registering the sharpest declines. Year-on-year the sector saw opportunities decline 62 points, or 40 percent.

Management and consulting opportunities slumped 33 points in January. The fall reflects weaker demand for managers. Whilst all regions exhibited weaker demand, the South West saw opportunities decline the most. Year-on-year the sector was down 32 points, or 22 percent.

The automotive industry halted its declining trend in January, with demand for workers climbing four points. Increased demand was registered for plant and machine operators and assemblers. Among the regions, the North and the West showed the sharpest increase in opportunities. Despite the increase in January, year-on-year the sector dipped three points, or two percent.

Online job offerings for elementary occupations fall for third consecutive month

Elementary occupations saw online job opportunities decline 34 points in January, marking the third consecutive month of decline for the occupational group. Weaker demand for these workers reflects fewer opportunities in the production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair sectors. All regions registered fewer opportunities. Year-on-year the sector declined 36 points, or 35 percent.

Online job opportunities for managers declined 30 points in January, bringing the occupational group to its lowest reading since October 2005. Sharp declines were noted in the administrative and organisation; marketing, PR and media; and management and consulting sectors. Conversely, the public, defence and community; and hospitality and tourism sectors registered increased opportunities. Year-on-year demand fell 30 points, or 23 percent.

Following four months of continued decline, opportunities for craft and related workers increased six points in January. The construction and extraction sector noted increased offerings, whilst regionally, the East and Mediterranean registered increased demand. Year-on-year demand in the sector increased 13 points, or six percent.

All regions register weaker online job demand

Online job availability in Ile de France fell significantly in January, falling 33 points, marking the region's lowest level since January 2005. Opportunities in the region declined significantly for the administrative and organisation; real estate; and transport, post and logistics sectors. In contrast, following two months of decline, the healthcare and social work sector saw online job opportunities increase. Among occupational groups, offerings for clerical support works noted the sharpest decline, whilst craft and related workers saw opportunities increase slightly. Year-on-year, demand in the region declined 41 points, or 38 percent, the sharpest decline among regions.

Rhone Alpes saw opportunities decline for the third consecutive month in January, falling 15 points, as opportunities in the legal sector significantly affected recruitment activity in the sector. The construction and extraction sectors also noted a sharp decline in the region. In contrast, the automotive sector saw opportunities increase, as did the arts, entertainment, sports and leisure sector. Year-on-year opportunities in the region fell 21 points, or 18 percent.

Top Industries Looking for Workers

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

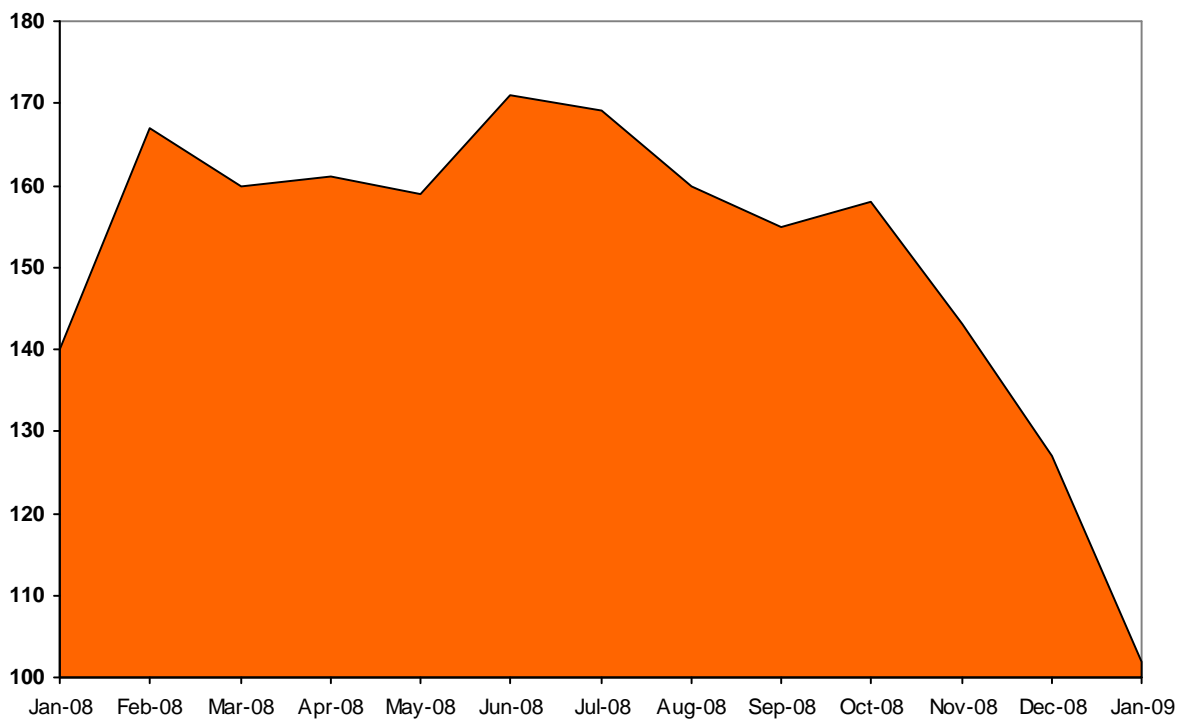
Industry	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08
Automotive	151	147	152
Arts, entertainment, sport and leisure	152	150	148

Most Wanted Occupational Experience

Occupational group showing the greatest increase in online job availability:

Occupation	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08
Craft and related workers	220	213	234

Monster Employment Index France



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

Industry	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	131	151	172	175	177	180	197	209	193	192	195	212	176
Administrative, organisation	101	116	120	125	119	128	124	126	121	130	123	130	105
Arts, entertainment, sport and leisure	152	150	148	149	151	152	151	138	136	137	136	132	130
Automotive	151	147	152	152	176	186	172	163	163	160	174	178	154
Banking, finance, insurance	71	80	83	90	88	94	88	83	85	80	76	79	76
Construction and extraction	128	157	175	184	188	198	179	182	171	167	168	172	154
Education, training and library	82	85	87	90	87	88	91	91	89	87	89	95	88
Engineering	92	134	171	191	198	196	172	179	166	169	172	178	154
Environment, architecture, urbanism	116	116	128	140	127	130	134	138	136	135	130	139	123
Healthcare, social work	120	125	133	179	145	155	157	172	167	167	170	172	141
Hospitality and tourism	73	91	89	123	153	182	220	177	170	150	175	149	121
HR	106	123	139	155	146	152	164	177	163	173	173	181	150
IT	99	115	120	126	122	125	126	126	114	118	113	120	108
Legal	86	113	112	115	106	115	102	101	104	111	127	128	109
Management and consulting	115	148	164	177	161	165	183	174	167	176	169	170	147
Marketing, PR and media	90	96	99	104	97	101	106	104	104	108	106	106	98
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	125	137	148	158	153	164	167	184	175	175	170	176	154
Public sector, defence, community	127	139	157	151	154	159	145	138	119	118	129	154	140
Real estate	165	170	177	178	177	184	200	200	201	212	190	184	172
Research and development	138	166	185	202	180	188	196	193	192	195	199	206	173
Sales	104	132	150	173	152	151	174	179	165	175	171	176	144
Transport, post and logistics	80	103	112	130	162	180	189	194	182	184	178	176	151

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

Occupation Group	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08	Apr 08	Mar 08	Feb 08	Jan 08
Managers	99	129	152	176	140	148	166	164	153	165	158	164	129
Professionals	119	149	167	181	173	180	174	175	164	169	169	178	150
Technicians and associate professionals	121	141	152	166	153	153	165	167	159	166	160	165	144
Clerical support workers	69	91	104	114	119	133	127	136	123	120	118	121	91
Service and sales workers	69	69	71	82	102	126	164	124	111	89	111	91	81
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	64	68	71	73	74	76	93	95	83	85	84	108	104
Craft and related workers	220	213	234	251	260	279	272	275	258	239	222	239	207
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	141	149	162	174	191	214	182	201	190	179	174	174	145
Elementary occupations	87	121	127	149	115	121	148	175	172	206	178	152	133

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

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

Monster Employment Index France for February will be released on March 10, 2009.

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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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