



Online Recruitment Slides in May, Following Three Months of Growth, According to Monster Employment Index France

May 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index France dipped 12 percent in May, the largest decline among major European markets
- Online job availability was down 35 percent compared to year-earlier figures, largely in line with the overall European Index
- Demand fell most in the IT and the marketing, PR and media sectors. Smaller declines were seen in building-related sectors and for government workers

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index France dropped 14 points in May, partly reflecting weaker demand in the public sector as well as for IT and marketing professionals. The decline suggests a correction in previously strong government demand, which had helped boost the Index during the January to April period. On an annual basis, demand in France fell 35 percent, compared to a 37 percent drop for the EU as a whole.

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.

May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08
103	117	111	110	102	127	143	158	155	160	169	171	159

“The improvement in online job offerings during the first quarter of 2009 reflected strong public sector recruitment. However, in May we saw this activity weaken, prompting an overall decline in the French Index,” said Bruno Brémond, vice president of Monster France and Southern Europe. “France’s GDP has now contracted for four consecutive quarters, and continued sluggishness in hiring in areas such as IT and marketing suggests business confidence remains weak.”

Online job offerings decline in all sectors

Online recruitment activity slowed across all industry sectors in May. Most sectors also showed an annual decline, with the exceptions of arts, entertainment, sport and leisure; and public sector, defence and community.

The marketing, PR and media sector fell 19 Index points or 19 percent in May, the sharpest decline among sectors. Online job demand in Marketing, PR and media is now at its lowest level since January 2005, suggesting businesses are continuing to cut back on creative services spending.

Online job offerings in the IT sector fell 16 points, or 16 percent and also settled at its lowest reading since January 2005.

Online offerings in the public sector, defence and community; and education, training and library categories fell by 14 percent. The healthcare and social work sector declined 15 points, or nine percent. Despite the latest decline in vacancies year-on-year offerings in the public sector remain elevated.

Craft and related workers see significant decline in online job availability

Online recruitment activity for craft and related workers stalled in May, as the category fell 33 points (12 percent) in the Index. Despite this monthly decrease, this occupational group saw the most modest annual decline, dropping four percent.

Plant and machine, operators and assemblers fell 20 points, or 12 percent, in the Index. Opportunities in the sector increased steadily between February and April, however, the sharp decline in May indicates that manufacturers are reining in their hiring again. Opportunities for these workers declined 23 percent compared to May 2008.

Compared to year-earlier figures, all occupational groups noted fewer online job offerings. Elementary occupations saw the sharpest rate of decline, falling 110 points or 64 percent.

Online recruitment activity slows across all French regions

All French regions noted fewer online offerings in May, with opportunities declining the most in Rhone Alpes, falling 14 points, or 14 percent on a monthly basis.

Annually, Ile de France noted the sharpest fall in online job availability, dipping 66 points, or 47 percent compared to May 2008. The decline reflects weakened recruitment activity in the region among the hospitality and tourism sector.

In comparison, online job demand has held up the best in the West, with offerings declining a moderate 20 points, or 17 percent year-on-year. The region has not declined as sharply as the other regions due to increased hiring in the public sector. The region has also seen an increase for workers in the legal sector.

Best Performing Sectors

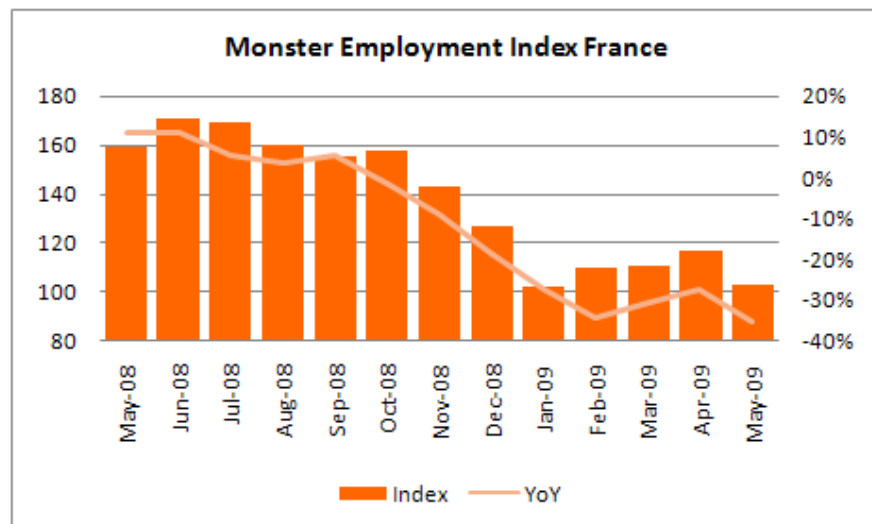
Industry sectors showing the best performance included:

Month-on-month

Industry	May 09	Apr 09	%
Engineering	107	109	-2%
Environment, architecture, urbanism	115	118	-3%
Construction and extraction	152	157	-3%
Real estate	180	186	-3%
Transport, post and logistics	74	77	-3%

Year-on-year

Industry	May 09	May 08	%
Public sector, defence, community	145	119	22%
Arts, entertainment, sport and leisure	150	136	10%
Healthcare, social work	153	167	-8%
Real estate	180	201	-10%
Construction and extraction	152	171	-11%



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

Industry	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	128	143	144	149	131	151	172	175	177	180	197	209	193
Administrative, organisation	95	106	102	109	101	116	120	125	119	128	124	126	121
Arts, entertainment, sport and leisure	150	163	156	154	152	150	148	149	151	152	151	138	136
Banking, finance, insurance	75	83	75	79	71	80	83	90	88	94	88	83	85
Construction and extraction	152	157	147	137	128	157	175	184	188	198	179	182	171
Education, training and library	76	88	83	83	82	85	87	90	87	88	91	91	89
Engineering	107	109	108	97	92	134	171	191	198	196	172	179	166
Environment, architecture, urbanism	115	118	122	111	116	116	128	140	127	130	134	138	136
Healthcare, social work	153	168	150	121	120	125	133	179	145	155	157	172	167
Hospitality and tourism	79	88	77	71	73	91	89	123	153	182	220	177	170
HR	98	105	111	115	106	123	139	155	146	152	164	177	163
IT	84	100	98	100	99	115	120	126	122	125	126	126	114
Legal	88	95	98	99	86	113	112	115	106	115	102	101	104
Management and consulting	99	112	108	113	115	148	164	177	161	165	183	174	167
Marketing, PR and media	80	99	97	97	90	96	99	104	97	101	106	104	104
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	118	135	136	133	125	137	148	158	153	164	167	184	175
Public sector, defence, community	145	168	150	130	127	139	157	151	154	159	145	138	119
Real estate	180	186	177	176	165	170	177	178	177	184	200	200	201
Research and development	129	144	140	148	138	166	185	202	180	188	196	193	192
Sales	113	121	115	122	104	132	150	173	152	151	174	179	165
Transport, post and logistics	74	77	83	86	80	103	112	130	162	180	189	194	182

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

Occupation	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08
Managers	104	121	110	121	99	129	152	176	140	148	166	164	153
Professionals	123	139	131	125	119	149	167	181	173	180	174	175	164
Technicians and associate professionals	119	130	127	130	121	141	152	166	153	153	165	167	159
Clerical support workers	63	63	70	79	69	91	104	114	119	133	127	136	123
Service and sales workers	85	95	85	73	69	69	71	82	102	126	164	124	111
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	59	69	69	68	64	68	71	73	74	76	93	95	83
Craft and related trades workers	247	280	272	256	220	213	234	251	260	279	272	275	258
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	147	167	165	152	141	149	162	174	191	214	182	201	190
Elementary occupations	62	71	76	83	87	121	127	149	115	121	148	175	172

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

Region	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08	May 08
Ile de France	75	87	82	81	67	100	122	139	133	135	156	154	141
East	82	94	93	93	91	96	100	105	103	106	106	108	105
North	106	119	118	117	113	124	130	135	133	140	139	143	137
West	96	102	99	99	96	104	110	116	113	118	118	121	116
South-West	76	87	82	82	81	87	89	93	92	96	101	95	93
Rhone Alpes	89	103	100	101	96	111	121	130	124	128	135	136	128
Mediterranean	86	97	94	93	90	97	100	104	102	105	106	106	104

Monster Employment Index France for June will be released on July 14, 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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http://corporate.monster.com/Press_Room/MEI_EU.asp.

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