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Recruitment Activity Dips for the First Time in Seven? Months, According to Monster Employment Index Italy

August 2010 Index Highlights

- The Monster Employment Index Italy reported a three point (two percent) dip in online job opportunities, whilst offerings were up eight percent year-on-year
- The hospitality and tourism sector noted the steepest dip
- Sardegna reported the greatest slide within the Italian regions monitored by the Monster Employment Index

Summary Overview

Italian hiring activity decreased in August for the first time in six months. Among industry sectors, hospitality and tourism noted the sharpest dip, a result of summer seasonal hiring slowing. In contrast, significant growth was seen in research and development. In addition, while only two of the 20 regions monitored by the Monster Employment Index reported monthly growth, in most regions the decline was mild compared to the same period a year earlier.

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.it

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

Aug 10	Jul 10	Jun 10	May 10	Apr 10	Mar 10	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09	Aug 09
132	135	133	131	129	126	119	110	121	126	117	111	122

“Online recruitment activity dipped slightly in August for the first time this year,” said Nicola Rossi, country manager, Monster Italy. “Despite this, the Italian recruitment market is in a much better position than it was at the same time last year. This, coupled with continued economic recovery, is an encouraging sign for job seekers. As we now approach the winter, where seasonal hiring tends to pick up, we can only assume the long-term upward trend will continue.”

Online job opportunities decline notably in hospitality and tourism whilst research and development demand rises

August saw a dip in online hiring activity in over half of industry sectors. Following six consecutive months of improvement, hospitality and tourism noted the sharpest dip, slipping 33 points (17 percent).

The sales industry reported one of the steepest downturns, slipping 11 points (nine percent). Furthermore, the industry continued to be down year-on-year, edging down three percent from August 2009.

For a second consecutive month, research and development led all sectors in monthly growth, edging up 22 points (23 percent) in August. Similarly, the sector showed a positive year-on-year result as online recruitment activity increased 31 percent.

Year-on-year, education training and library noted the steepest dip, edging down 24 percent. In contrast, transport, post and logistics lead all industry sectors in terms of annual growth, gaining 70 percent.

Service workers and shop and market sales workers note sharpest monthly dip

Service workers and shop and market workers reported the sharpest monthly downturn in August, slipping 13 points (eight percent). Despite this, the group showed strong year-on-year growth with a two percent uptick.

The skilled agricultural and fishery workers occupational group edged down four points (four percent). The group also exhibited a year-on-year downturn, dipping 19 percent.

While only gaining one point (one percent), plant and machine operators and assemblers showed a year-on-year uptick of 41 percent.

Majority of Italian regions report a dip in online job demand in August

Sardegna exhibited the greatest slide in online worker demand, as opportunities dipped 17 points (13 percent) in August, the third consecutive month the area has reported a downturn. The region also edged down 19 percent year-on-year.

The Abruzzo region reported a dip in online recruitment opportunities for the third consecutive month; opportunities fell 15 points (11 percent).

In contrast, Sicilia exhibited the greatest uptick, gaining five point (four percent). Year-on-year the Veneto region exhibited the most solid annual growth, with a 25 percent increase.

Best performing sectors

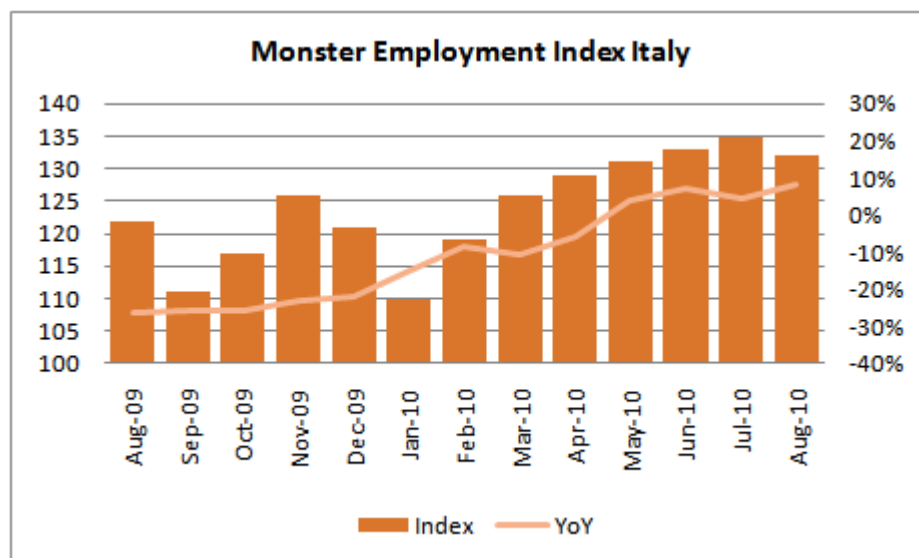
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Occupation	Aug 10	Jul 10	%
Managers	129	117	10%
Craft and related trades workers	165	159	4%
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	204	201	1%

Year-on-year

Occupation	Aug 10	Aug 09	%
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	204	145	41%
Managers	129	102	26%
Craft and related trades workers	165	141	17%



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

Industry	Aug 10	Jul 10	Jun 10	May 10	Apr 10	Mar 10	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09	Aug 09
Accounting, audit, taxes	107	111	116	120	119	115	97	96	110	113	118	110	123
Administrative, organisation	171	183	177	161	168	170	165	147	168	172	151	146	156
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	147	151	147	160	149	144	145	165	176	176	152	134	140
Banking, finance, insurance	129	121	124	123	118	116	112	97	106	103	101	95	98
Construction and extraction	116	118	115	119	116	116	112	112	116	118	119	121	126
Education, training and library	126	131	132	145	141	140	137	135	133	132	136	134	166
Engineering	166	149	159	165	154	147	129	120	135	141	129	118	129
Environment, architecture, urbanism	93	105	104	110	110	106	94	93	102	105	104	94	100
Healthcare, social work, personal care	161	186	196	181	170	169	150	138	157	169	161	165	186
Hospitality and tourism	157	190	184	171	157	139	122	116	137	139	143	148	155
HR	94	103	105	106	106	104	93	87	92	92	91	85	98
IT	103	102	103	100	100	101	98	94	98	100	97	93	97
Legal	162	160	150	137	135	140	156	150	140	131	133	125	157
Management and consulting	117	115	113	115	113	113	108	102	107	107	106	100	107
Marketing, PR and media	113	101	103	98	96	94	106	99	102	98	83	89	94
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	189	196	186	179	167	161	141	128	163	171	145	131	147
Public sector, defence, community	89	93	97	98	93	93	87	83	90	91	88	92	112
Real estate	112	107	102	99	96	99	100	95	96	95	91	89	94
Research and development	119	97	90	91	93	93	85	82	91	95	90	87	91
Sales	107	118	119	111	114	115	109	104	111	123	112	109	110
Telecommunications	83	78	77	83	95	93	88	82	89	93	89	86	83
Transport, post and logistics	196	175	166	162	151	148	137	121	131	125	121	111	115

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

Occupation	Aug 10	Jul 10	Jun 10	May 10	Apr 10	Mar 10	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09	Aug 09
Managers	129	117	116	111	108	107	100	91	102	104	102	92	102
Professionals	135	135	136	134	131	130	124	117	124	125	122	115	127
Technicians and associate professionals	96	100	103	99	102	101	98	94	98	104	96	94	95
Clerical support workers	146	154	146	135	138	139	135	125	140	142	130	126	135
Service and sales workers	152	165	159	155	148	142	133	132	144	145	144	146	149
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	110	114	120	133	135	129	127	123	126	125	123	128	135
Craft and related workers	165	159	145	160	155	147	141	131	143	147	141	137	141
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	204	201	192	177	170	167	143	132	158	159	140	128	145
Elementary occupations	104	104	107	109	108	103	102	100	102	107	104	106	102

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

Region	Aug 10	Jul 10	Jun 10	May 10	Apr 10	Mar 10	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09	Aug 09
Abruzzo	116	131	137	129	120	119	114	109	116	123	113	110	120
Basilicata	105	113	117	119	113	110	113	110	112	110	107	108	115
Calabria	102	113	115	117	110	107	107	101	104	109	102	103	115
Campania	105	114	113	110	115	110	104	98	105	111	103	99	108
Emilia-Romagna	139	145	142	141	138	138	127	115	127	133	122	119	126
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	136	135	139	138	129	126	124	120	128	130	123	122	127
Lazio	113	123	124	117	114	113	106	97	110	115	106	95	109
Liguria	121	126	128	123	121	122	118	113	118	123	115	114	120
Lombardia	135	136	128	122	125	123	113	105	118	118	113	104	118
Marche	122	134	139	129	123	121	113	107	112	118	106	104	114
Molise	103	112	112	112	107	108	110	105	107	110	103	105	110
Piemonte	136	137	137	129	128	127	116	107	117	120	111	108	113
Puglia	105	119	119	118	121	120	112	105	111	117	106	104	117
Sardinia	109	126	134	138	123	118	119	109	118	130	114	114	135
Sicilia	131	126	117	121	112	119	116	106	108	116	118	108	122
Toscana	129	136	136	129	125	116	115	107	116	123	120	111	119
Trentino Alto-Adige	116	121	125	123	122	117	112	108	116	118	117	111	115
Umbria	117	122	123	127	121	113	114	108	109	115	117	115	118
Valle d' Aosta	102	112	118	125	115	112	117	111	113	116	115	108	114
Veneto	134	137	134	142	129	130	117	107	120	123	119	108	110

Monster Employment Index Italy for September will be released on October 12, 2010.

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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